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### **Meritorious Unit Commendation presented to Lovell FHCC**

NORTH CHICAGO, Ill. -- The former Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes (now Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center) was recently awarded its first Meritorious Unit Commendation from the Chief of Naval Operations for efforts leading up to the Oct. 1, 2010, integration.

The commendation was presented to the facility by the Rear Adm. Alton Stocks, Commander, Navy Medicine East and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Mar. 17 during a Town Hall and Admiral's Call in North Chicago, Ill.

"This commendation is not easily achieved," said U.S. Navy Capt. David Beardsley, Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center Deputy Director. "It is truly a representation of the extraordinary effort made by Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes' staff to arrive where we are today."

The award was earned for meritorious service from 2006 to 2010 and for the exceptional care provided to 225,800 recruits, students and eligible beneficiaries at the former Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes. Since the clinic's integration with the former North Chicago VA Medical Center in October of last year, those same beneficiaries are now cared for at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

"As the citation notes in the commendation, we're serving as a model for future partnerships of this kind," said Beardsley. "This is why I couldn't be more proud of this accomplishment and the dedication it took to attain it."

As part of the award, military members at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center are authorized to wear the associated ribbon and the Meritorious Unit Commendation pendent will be flown.

**About the Lovell FHCC:** The Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center is the nation's first fully integrated medical facility between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense. Established on Oct. 1, 2010, the facility integrates all medical care into a federal health care center with a single combined VA and Navy mission, serving military members, Veterans, military family members and retirees.

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*(From left) Rear Adm. Alton Stocks, Commander, Navy Medicine East and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, and Dr. Jeffery Murawsky, Network Director of Veterans Integrated Service Network 12, reply to questions at a Town Hall meeting Mar. 17. During the meeting, Stocks presented the facility its first Meritorious Unit Commendation. (Photo by Mary Waterman)*

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