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Lovell FHCC Director Patrick Sullivan to retire; Capt. José Acosta will serve as acting director

NORTH CHICAGO, Ill. – The Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center’s director, Patrick Sullivan, is retiring effective April 2, 2014.

Prior to serving as the first director of the Lovell FHCC, Sullivan served as director of the North Chicago VA Medical Center from 2003 to 2010. Sullivan will retire with 35 years at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, having also worked at VA Medical Centers in Oregon, California and Arizona.

Sullivan served as the first director of the nation’s only fully integrated medical facility between the VA and the Department of Defense. The Lovell FHCC first integrated in 2010, combining the former North Chicago VA Medical Center and the former Great Lakes Naval Hospital. Sullivan oversaw the integration of the two hospitals and led the facility as it created the model for federal health care for active duty patients, their families and our nation’s Veterans.

Sullivan received many commendations throughout his years of service, including the Distinguished Presidential Rank Award in 2011 and the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award in 2008.

“I will miss all of the great staff and volunteers we have here at Lovell FHCC. I will especially miss our patients – Veterans, our Sailors and their families. After more than 30 years of service to the VA, I am looking forward to the next chapter in my career and spending more time with my family,” Sullivan said in his retirement announcement.

Capt. José Acosta, current deputy director and commanding officer of Lovell FHCC, will serve as acting director until a new director is competitively selected.

About the Lovell FHCC: Lovell FHCC is the nation’s first fully integrated medical facility between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense that serves active duty military personnel, their families and Veterans. Lovell FHCC, which is located in North Chicago, operates four Great Lakes Naval Station clinics and three community based outpatient clinics in McHenry and Evanston, Ill. and Kenosha, Wis.