STARTING JULY 27

BOISE VA MEDICAL CENTER PARKING GARAGE

⭐ Estimated Completion - Early 2019
⭐ 222 new parking spaces
⭐ Budget $8.5M

Please be aware of the restricted area that will be under construction while the parking garage is being built.
The Boise VAMC would like to welcome our new employees who came aboard:

David Leatherbury, FMS  
Rogelio Rojas, Nutrition and Food  
Colton Zamora, Nursing  
Carter Edmiston, Nursing  
Jeremy Jordan, Nursing  
Oscar Johnson, FMS  
Katherine Andersen, Telehealth  
Cassandra Gardner, Nursing  
Jesse Kruis, Telehealth  
Kevin Manning, Police Service  
Travis Maxwell, Nursing  
Jennifer Petersen, Nursing  
Vanessa Potoski, Nursing  
Nicholas Andersen, MSO  
Mayra Blankenship, Fiscal  
Destynee Dougherty, HAS  

Jerri Looney, MSO  
Tracy Rhodes  
Rebecca Syltie, Nursing  
Tamara Mullins, HAS  
Angela Battle, Nursing  
Raelene McDonough, MSO  
Steven Mullins, EMS  
Darlene Prince, Nursing  
Alyssa Rice, Nursing  
Melisa Rios Hauth, Nursing  
James Stewart, MIS  
David Tompkins, COS  
John Young, Nutrition and Food  
Karl-Johan Grimes, Nutrition and Food  
Caroline Davis, MSO  
Paul Visscher, MSO
The Boise VAMC would like to say goodbye to the employees who left us:

- James Streicher, Police
- Vicki Marti, Vets Home
- Anni Wall-Ferguson, Nursing
- Sharlene Green, Psychology
- Frank Dale, Logistics
- Peggy Lynne, Psychiatry
- Max Badesheim, HAS
- Sharman Badesheim, HAS
GET TO KNOW YOUR PSYCHIATRY RESIDENTS

2017 - 2018 UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON - BOISE

Jonathan DeHaan, MD
R-4 (Chief Resident July - Dec. 2017)

Alison Krause, MD
R-4

Merrill Velez, MD
R-4 (Chief Resident Jan. - June 2018)

Uday Aloka, MD
R-3

Carl (Andy) Astbury, DO
R-3

Ryan Billington, MD
R-3

T.J. Orthmeyer, DO, MBA
R-3
Mark and Cindy are Florida transplants and love living in Boise. They were tired of the hot humid weather with the lack of seasons and were ready to make the move out West.

Mark is a retired Navy Submariner and did two five year tours at the INL in Idaho Falls, so he is familiar with the area and all that Idaho has to offer. They call Idaho the “Hidden Gem” state, explaining that it has something for every type of enthusiast whether it's indoors or out. Cindy and Mark will also tell you that people here are the friendliest you will ever meet and family values are still a prominent part of life here.

Cindy managed a photo lab in downtown Jackson, Mississippi. She is from a family of 6 children, her parents operated a farm in Madison Mississippi. Cindy earned a BS in Business Administration from Daytona State College in 2007.

They have always tried to find ways to help others, especially veterans wherever they lived, so becoming volunteers was the next logical step for them. Mark had a post Navy career as an Instructor at Daytona State College in FL and was able to use his knowledge and experience from the Navy to mentor and guide his students towards meeting or exceeding their career goals.

Mark has been volunteering since October 2015 and has 750 hours. He currently volunteers in the MRI building helping the patients with check-in and paperwork. Cindy has been volunteering since January 2016 and has 500 hours. She volunteers with the Move Program helping with check-ins and getting the patients where they need to go.

They always feel they are the lucky ones and receive more than they give from the Veterans they assist. Mark has made the statement that once he was immersed in the VA system in Boise, it was “Like coming home”. We are very fortunate to have Mark and Cindy as part of our team!
Special thanks to everyone who helped ‘Keep a Lid On It’ for privacy awareness at the Boise VA Medical Center
GET TO KNOW YOUR INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENTS

University of Washington Boise Internal Medicine Residency

Boise VAMC - Saint Alphonsus - St. Luke's
Our brother ‘Bill Smilie’ received care from the VA for many years, from routine medical exams, emergency care, hospitalization, cancer treatment, and finally, his last days at the CLC. I began to accompany him after he was diagnosed with cancer 8 years ago on his frequent trips to the VA and other appointments as his nearest relative. We learned the routine from figuring out the maze of buildings, knowing where one could find a cup of coffee, and even how to find a parking spot on busy days. But one thing was consistent throughout: the dedicated staff and volunteers who work there, always providing great care, compassion, kindness, professionalism, good humor, sound advice, effective treatment and everything else that a veteran could need in a time of need: you provided it for him. And you paid attention to his family (me, my wife, and his cousins) when we sat nervously in the waiting areas or treatment rooms.

We would be honored if you would forward this to some of those who cared for him, especially the Orange Team and the CLC.

- R. Steve Smylie
2017 Employee/Volunteer BBQ
Knights of Columbus Risen Christ Council 12854 making a donation to the VA Homeless Program of $300.
Where Old Medicine Meets the New!

Come Take a Peek! See how one of the oldest buildings in Idaho is now the Hub for the pioneers of Telehealth!
See what is new with Telehealth - Locally, Regionally, and Nationally.
Hands on exhibits showing how new technology helps care for our Veterans.

Building 4 Open House
August 3rd, 2017 from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m.
HISTORIC FORT BOISE SURGEONS QUARTERS RESTORATION

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th ★ 10AM - 4PM

Preservation Idaho is pleased to host an open house to view the completed Surgeon’s Quarters on Saturday August 5th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The historic sandstone and brick building dating from 1864 has been rehabilitated and is again supporting veterans’ health needs. The building (4) is located on Officer’s Row accessible from north 5th Street on the Boise VA Medical Center grounds located at 500 W. Fort Street, Boise, ID.

For more information please contact John Bertram at (208) 921-9130
Emily received two nominations from the Caldwell CBOC staff. One specifically from RN Julie Suiter Nurse Manager of Caldwell CBOC stated, “Emily Schneider is new to HAS and the VA. She is a member of the Caldwell CBOC team. In that I say she is a member of the ‘team’ . She gives outstanding customer service. She is highly professional at all times with a positive sunny attitude. She strives towards excellence every day. She asks questions, follows up and advocates for the best care for our veterans. She has been working diligently on a team that has had a provider change over that has been a slow and difficulty process. She has risen to the challenge. She searches for the answers and questions answers that she does not feel are correct.  As the nurse manager of the Caldwell CBOC if feel Emily has been an excellent addition to this clinic and is greatly appreciated. Emily is a definite asset to the VA.”

The second nomination was from a variety of clinical staff at the Caldwell CBOC which stated, “Since starting at this clinic Emily has shown the upmost care for our patients. She consistently goes above and beyond with scheduling, clearing back logs, and seamlessly does this while manning the front desk. Every patient is greeted immediately upon entering the front door or first rounding the corner and done so with a huge smile and a “I am here to help you” attitude. She thoroughly completes every HAS task sent to her with speed and accuracy unmatched by any other here in this clinic. She greets all staff, nursing, medical, volunteers with the same positive and grateful approach she gives our Veterans. She takes personal ownership of her duties always willing to take them on without complaint regardless of her current workload. She is sought after as the “go to” MSA by the staff at this clinic. Her work is to be trusted to be done correctly, quickly, and with little to no rework needed. Her tireless efforts have helped us overcome the challenges of a patient panel that has been less than perfect. The staff indicate we wish we have more like her. She is the example of what a top-notch MSA should be.”