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New Medical Center Director Named for San Diego VA

LONG BEACH, CA — The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeffrey T. Gering, FACHE, as the new Director of the VA San Diego Healthcare System. Gering will oversee delivery of health care to more than 72,000 Veterans and an operating budget of \$537 million.

“We are excited to bring Mr. Gering on board as the new director of VA San Diego Healthcare System. His sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the facility, the employees and volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve,” said Stan Johnson, MHA, FACHE, VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network Director. “We anticipate he will arrive at the medical center within the next 45 to 60 days to begin his appointment.”

Gering joined the VA more than 22 years ago; most recently he served as Director of the Chillicothe VA Medical Center. He received a Masters of Health Administration degree from the Saint Louis University School of Public Health and a Bachelors of Science in Management of Organizations from the Indiana University School of Business. Gering is board certified as a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives.

Gering has worked several special assignments for VA Central Office including ones focusing on improving Veteran telephone access and redesigning business systems throughout VA.

With more than 2,700 staff and facilities in Chula Vista, Escondido, Imperial Valley, Mission Valley, and Oceanside, the VA San Diego Healthcare System is an acute care teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services, with state-of-the-art technology as well as education and research. The facility has 164 beds with an additional 39-bed skilled nursing home and 29-bed domiciliary. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary care, secondary, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, oncology, dentistry, geriatrics, and extended care.

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