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New Medical Center Director Named for Loma Linda VA

LONG BEACH, CA — The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of Barbara Fallen, FACHE, as the new Director of the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. Fallen will oversee delivery of health care to more than 65,000 Veterans and an operating budget of \$463 million.

“We are excited to bring Ms. Fallen on board as the new director of VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. Her 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. “She will begin her appointment on July 1, 2013.”

Fallen joined the VA more than 30 years ago; most recently she served as Deputy Network Director of the VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network. She received a Masters of Public Administration and Health Administration degree from Arizona State University and a Bachelors in Food and Nutrition from San Diego State University. Fallen is board certified as a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives.

With more than 2,400 staff and facilities in Blythe, Corona, Murrieta, Palm Desert, Rancho Cucamonga and Victorville, the VA Loma Linda 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 159 beds with an additional 81-bed skilled nursing home. 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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