

Department Of Veterans Affairs

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



NEWS RELEASE

- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

#20091228001

December 28, 2009

VA Clinics open in Franklin and Bogalusa

NEW ORLEANS, LA – The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (SLVHCS) is expanding patient services to better serve Veterans in outlying communities by opening two new clinics in Franklin and Bogalusa.

“Since the early days following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, SLVHCS has pursued an innovative and model approach to bringing healthcare back to Southeast Louisiana,” said SLVHCS Director Julie Catellier. “It is our privilege to provide health care to our military men and women who have defended and protected our nation and VA is now able to offer quality medical care closer to home.”

SLVHCS will open its doors to Veterans in Franklin and the surrounding area on Jan. 25 and in Bogalusa on Feb. 1. With the opening of these two clinics, VA will have opened eight full service healthcare clinics in outlying areas to better serve Veterans nearer to their homes.

“The great thing about opening these clinics in Franklin and Bogalusa is that this will bring more than 90% of our Veteran patients to within 30 minutes of their primary care team,” said Dr. Jamie Buth, Associate Chief of Staff for Clinics.

Doors will open for Veteran care on the dates listed above.

VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic
603 Haifleigh Street
Franklin, La 70538

VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic
319 Memphis Street
Bogalusa, LA 70427

For further information please contact Pete Scovill, SLVHCS Public Affairs by email at peter.scovill@va.gov or phone at 504-565-4988.