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Ribbon cutting for the new Veterans medical center

NEW ORLEANS – Louisiana area Veterans will soon be able to receive a wide range of health care services at a new state-of-the-art Veterans hospital. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, at 9 a.m., to open the facility and allow the public to tour the new hospital.

Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Bob McDonald will head a long list of dignitaries that include Senator Bill Cassidy, Gov. John Edwards and Mayor Mitch Landrieu. The ceremony will take place on the Galvez Street side of the Veterans medical center at the main entrance.

“The opening of this medical center is a story of a remarkable effort that started with a flooded 50-year-old medical center and ends with the construction of this magnificent new Veterans medical center,” Fernando O. Rivera, director of the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System. “Our legacy is building health care, honoring Veterans, keeping the promise and restoring hope for the future.”

The new medical center will serve an estimated 70,000 Veterans throughout the Gulf Coast region and will handle about half a million outpatient visits annually.

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