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### FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

#### **VHA GLA OFFERS NEW AND EXPANDED SERVICES FOR FAMILIES OF POST-911 VETERANS**

**LOS ANGELES, CA., November 07** - Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) recognizes November as National Caregivers Month. To honor this occasion, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLA) staff are setting up a Caregiver Corner in the main hospital facility, building 500 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on the West Los Angeles campus to provide resources and support to Veterans and family members.

“We at GLA understand the challenges that our Veterans and their caregivers face,” said Marianne Hunt, License Clinical Social Worker and Caregiver Support Coordinator at GLA.

“We acknowledge the sacrifices made by caregivers of our nation’s Veterans.”

Family Caregivers are full partners with the VA helping ensure Veterans receive the top-quality care they deserve and earned. VA Caregiver services support family providers improve their self-care, training and help them connect with each other for support and encouragement.

Comprehensive Caregiver Benefits are available to approved family caregivers of eligible Post 9/11 Veterans. New benefits include monthly stipends, health insurance for caregivers who are uninsured, respite care, mental health services, and comprehensive caregiver training.

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Caregivers can also locate additional support information on the new caregiver website, [www.caregiver.va.gov](http://www.caregiver.va.gov). The interactive site features descriptions of more than two dozen programs offered to qualified Caregivers, training tips, advice on care giving, and links to existing VA social media.

Caregivers are also encouraged to utilize the National Caregiver Support Line, **1-855-260-3274**. Trained professionals staff the Support Line and provide information and referral to VA and community resources, and offer supportive counseling to callers from across the nation. They will also connect you to your local VA medical center's Caregiver Support Coordinator who stands ready to offer support and assistance as you navigate this journey of being a Family Caregiver.

According to Hunt, "the stipend and other caregiver benefits is a way of saying, 'Thank You' and to let the Caregivers know, they are not alone."

For more information about GLA Caregiver programs, please contact Marianne Hunt at 310-478-3711 extension 49019.

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