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VA Announces New Medical Center Director Annette P. Walker, M.S.H.A, B.S.N. *Walker brings proven leadership, experience to the Atlanta VA Medical Center*

ATLANTA (Duluth, Ga.) – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Annette P. Walker as the new director of the Atlanta VA Medical Center with the main hospital in Decatur, campuses at Fort McPherson and in Carrollton, as well as clinics in Atlanta, East Point, Oakwood, Austell, Stockbridge, Lawrenceville, Newnan, Rome, and Blairsville, Georgia. Ms. Walker will oversee health care delivery to more than 102,000 Veterans with a workforce of over 4,700 employees. Atlanta VA Medical Center is a Joint Commission and Magnet[®] accredited 371-bed tertiary care facility with an operating budget of over \$700 million.

“Ms. Walker has a proven track record as a leader in Veteran health care,” said VA Southeast Network Director Leslie Wiggins. “She’s held progressively responsible leadership positions within VA and brings both clinical and administrative experience with her in service of our Nation’s Veterans.”

Currently, Ms. Walker is the Associate Director at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan, a position she has held since March 2013. Beginning in January 2016, Ms. Walker served a four month term as Interim Director at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Walker has over 22 years of experience with VA beginning as a staff nurse and having held roles in nursing management, medical administration, and seamless transition (OEF/OIF) coordination, as well as serving as the current advocate for former Prisoners of War. Ms. Walker’s appointment as the Atlanta VA director begins on September 4, 2016.

Prior to her VA service, Ms. Walker worked in a variety of community emergency departments as a staff nurse and emergency department director. Ms. Walker also proudly served as a Flight Nurse in the United States Air Force Reserves and is a Veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

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