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### **New Program Manager Reaches Out to Women Veterans**

Jill Barrett LaMantia, RN MSN NP is the new women Veterans Program Manager at VA Western New York Health Care System. Her responsibilities include strategic planning and coordination of comprehensive care for women Veterans. Services for women Veterans include primary care, gynecology, mammography, bone density testing, and domestic violence consultation, all available through VA Western New York Healthcare System. At the Buffalo site, there is a gender specific comprehensive care center called the Helen G. Jacob women's primary care wellness center.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has responded to the growing number of women veterans by establishing a women Veterans Program Manager at each medical center to advocate for women Veterans. Women constitute 14 percent of today's active duty soldiers and VA expects the number of women Veterans who seek care at VA health facilities to double in the next five years.

"I am proud to be able to serve the women Veterans of WNY who have unselfishly served their country. Here in WNY we are committed to providing every woman Veteran with the highest quality comprehensive health care," stated Ms. Barrett LaMantia.

Prior to being appointed Women Veterans Program Manager, Ms. Barrett LaMantia served as the Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo Nurse Manager at Hodge Pediatrics for Kaleida Health Services.

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