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Memorial to Laud Medal of Honor Recipients

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The VAMC in Martinsburg will be the site of the second Medal of Honor Wall of Memory in West Virginia.

"I want all VA medical centers in West Virginia to have Medal of Honor walls," Williams said. "In West Virginia, there is no central place where all the Medal of Honor recipients are listed. I thought maybe they could be listed at the VA medical centers."

In January 2013, Williams dedicated the first Wall of Memory at the Louis A. Johnson VAMC in Clarksburg.

There also are VA medical centers in Beckley and Huntington.

Sarah Tolstyka of the Martinsburg VAMC public affairs office learned of Williams' efforts to establish a Wall of Memory at the VA medical centers in West Virginia.

"He has a dream, a vision, so we started researching how we can help him realize his dream," she said.

The Medal of Honor Wall of Memory at the Martinsburg VAMC will be 60 feet long by four feet tall and installed in a corridor off the main lobby of the center, where some renovation work already had been planned, she said.

Clarksburg artist Jim Crim has designed the wall and the Martinsburg VAMC is working with Brews Custom Displays of Inwood on the exhibit. Brews is a disabled veteran-owned small business.

The display will feature the 44 Medal of Honor recipients from the four states that the Martinsburg VAMC serves. Honorees range from the Civil War to Vietnam.

The wall should be installed by April 2015.