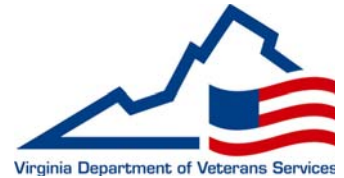


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Portraits of Colonels Barfoot and Sitter to be unveiled at veterans care center

RICHMOND—Portraits of Colonel Van T. Barfoot, USA, retired, and Colonel Carl L. Sitter, USMC, deceased, will be unveiled at the Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center on May 6, 2009 at 2 p.m. Both men were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, and the care center was named in their honor.

The Congressional Medal of Honor is the nation's highest honor recognizing valor in action against an enemy force. Colonel Barfoot was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during World War II when, on May 23, 1944 near Carano, Italy, he single-handedly destroyed two German machine gun nests, took 17 prisoners, and disabled an enemy tank. Colonel Sitter was awarded the Medal for his leadership during a two-day battle in November 1950 at Hagaru-ri, Korea. Despite having been wounded by hand grenades, he continued to lead his men through bitter combat, sometime hand-to-hand, successfully repulsing an enemy counterattack.

The Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center was dedicated September 26, 2007 and began accepting residents in January 2008. The Center is Virginia's second state-operated veterans care center. The facility features 160 single-occupancy rooms and offers skilled nursing care and a secure Alzheimer's/dementia unit. The facility provides long-term care as well as short-term stays for rehabilitation and recovery from illness and injury.

The portraits were made possible by generous contributions from individuals, veterans service organizations, and the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation. They were painted by Martha Dick, a Virginia artist whose work can be found in private and public collections throughout the southeastern United States as well as in other parts of the country and abroad.

The unveiling ceremony will be followed by a reception.

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