

## Great News For Area Veterans – VA Intends to Acquire Joliet, Illinois Silver Cross Facility

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Via E-Mail:

Dear Elizabeth:

I wanted to make sure you saw the great news.

After over two years of hard work among all involved, the VA recently confirmed it intends to acquire parts of the soon-to-be-vacated Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet to convert into an expanded veteran's health facility.

Having grown up in a military family, the needs of veterans are never far from my mind. I can remember driving my dad, a veteran, to Chicago for health care services – and for area veterans far from Chicago, this can be a long and difficult commute.

For the past two years, speaking with local veterans, I've heard from them just how critical it is that we convert parts of Silver Cross into a veteran's health facility. And now veterans can expect expanded local services for to be a reality.

[Click here to read the Joliet Herald News story](#)

We've worked hard over the past two years to convince the VA to acquire Silver Cross. I will continue to work on this issue and advocate that veterans in our area have full access to the medical services that they need.

Furthermore, I have a full-time veterans caseworker dedicated to assisting veterans throughout the 11th District access the services they need from the Department of Veterans Affairs or other federal agencies. If you are a veteran or know of a veteran needing assistance please call my Joliet office at 815-726-4998. Also, feel free to contact me again in the future regarding any matter of concern to you and please visit my website, <http://halvorson.house.gov>.

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson