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## **VA Long Beach Celebrates Veteran Survivors of Cancer**

LONG BEACH, Calif. – VA Long Beach Healthcare System (VALBHS) and more than 200 Veteran cancer survivors, as well as those currently in treatment, will celebrate life after cancer on February 3, 2016.

The formal ceremony will start at 2 p.m., including remarks from Michael W. Fisher, Medical Center Director, and comments from a Veteran survivor of cancer, who will share his story. After the formal ceremony, the event will advance to an information fair, with Yoga, Tai-Chi and Healing Touch demonstrations, from 2 to 4 p.m. A live band will play while appetizers are served from 4 to 6 p.m.

VA Long Beach Cancer Program is accredited by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons and provides health care services to Veterans who served during periods from World War II to Global War on Terrorism. Over half of current cancer patients represent the Vietnam Era.

In recent years, prostate, lungs and melanoma were the most common types of malignancies detected.

Subject matter experts will be available for interviews.

WHAT: VA Long Beach's Veterans Cancer Survivorship Celebration  
WHEN: February 3, 2016 from 2 to 6 p.m.  
Formal ceremony starts at 2 p.m.  
WHERE: VA Long Beach Healthcare System  
Pantages Theatre, building 2, Second Floor  
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