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Long Beach VA Named for Orange County Medal of Honor Recipient

LONG BEACH, Ca – At 10 a.m. May 10, the VA Long Beach Medical Center will officially be renamed the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center in honor of Holocaust survivor and Medal of Honor Recipient, Corporal Tibor Rubin.

The ceremony will take place in parking lot J and is open to the public.

“We are honored to carry the name Tibor Rubin and carry on his lifelong commitment of service to our nation”-
Walt C. Dannenberg, Medical Center Director.

Congressman Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach introduced legislation to rename the medical center and it was signed into law by President Barrack Obama 16 December, 2016.

Born to a Jewish family in Hungary, Rubin and his entire family were sent to a Nazi concentration camp in Austria during World War II. His parents and sisters died but Rubin survived 14 months until the U.S. Army liberated his camp, inspiring him to serve.

Immigrating to the United States, Rubin joined the U.S. Army and was attached to Company I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division as a rifleman, deploying in support of the Korean War. He was designated a Medal of Honor recipient for his role in protecting his regiment while they retreated to the Pusan Perimeter. He stood alone and protected the Taegu-Pusan road inflicting casualties on attacking forces and held his position for 24 hours, slowing enemy advance, allowing for the regiments successful withdrawal. Later, when Rubin and fellow soldiers were taken prisoner he risked his life to sneak out of camp and gather food and medical supplies to bring back to the wounded and starving.

Rubin was a loved and cherished patient at the Long Beach VA Medical Center and received care there up until his death in December, 2015.

The Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center is one of the most diversified health care systems in VA. Located along the Southern California coast, the facility provides comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, and extended care programs.

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