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**Susan E. Bryhan appointed Wellness Center Manager
at Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, DC**

Susan E. Bryhan, Captain, U.S. Navy, (Ret), has been appointed Wellness Center Manager at the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) in Washington, DC, the premier retirement community for America's veterans.

In her new position, Bryhan will provide professional supervision and technical leadership in all facets of Resident ambulatory care, including onsite healthcare screenings and interventions for up to 450 Residents of the Home.

She joins AFRH-Washington following a thirty-year career in the U.S. Navy. In her most recent assignment, Bryhan served as executive officer and instructor at the Naval Leadership and Ethics Center in Newport, R.I.

A native of Red Lion, Pennsylvania, Bryhan received her Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from the Pennsylvania State University in 1983. She also earned a Masters of Business Administration in 1993 and a Masters in Educational Administration in 1994 from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

In 1985, she received her commission as an ensign in the Medical Service Corps, and for the next twelve years served in a variety of director, department head and administrative officer positions at Naval Dental Center, Norfolk, Va.; Naval Medical Command, Mid-Atlantic Region, Norfolk, Va.; Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.; Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit #2, Norfolk, Va.; and, Naval School of Health Sciences, Portsmouth, Va.

In 1997, Bryhan reported to USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20) as the administration department head/director for administration, and qualified as a surface warfare medical department officer after completing Baltic Challenge 1999.

That year, she reported to Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill. and served first as the department head, USS RED ROVER Medical Clinic, where she was responsible for the annual medical in-processing of 55,000 recruits. She subsequently became head of USS TRANQUILLITY Medical Clinic, an acute care clinic with 18,000 peak monthly visits, caring for recruits and staff members from five tenant commands.

In January 2003, Bryhan reported as officer in charge of the David R. Ray Health Center (Branch Medical Clinic) in Everett, Wash., where she was responsible for the healthcare of over 7,000 enrolled active duty and family members.

In November 2005, she returned to Naval Hospital, Great Lakes to serve as deputy director and then director of healthcare operations, with a primary role of administering the integration of the command with the North Chicago VA Medical Center.

In March 2007 she became executive officer at Great Lakes, where she was responsible for a staff of over 1,550.

Bryhan assumed command of Naval Hospital Oak Harbor, Wash. in April 2010, and after a successful command tour, reported in September 2012 to Command Leadership School (now Naval Leadership and Ethics Center) in Newport, R.I.

A Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, Bryhan's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2) and various unit and service awards. She retired from active duty in January 2016.

[The Armed Forces Retirement Home – Washington, DC](https://www.afrh.gov) offers residents an affordable lifestyle on a scenic, wooded campus just minutes from downtown Washington, DC. Eligible veterans choose to live at AFRH for superior medical, dental and vision care and numerous amenities, including a private room, daily meals and numerous activities. For further information or to request an application, visit: <https://www.afrh.gov/apply> or contact the Office of Public Affairs at: public.affairs@afrh.gov 1-800-422-9988