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Veterans send thanks to the troops overseas with OPERATION: THANK YOU banner

Carl's Jr. restaurants throughout Maricopa County recently launched OPERATION: THANK YOU, an initiative that gave Arizonan's a voice and a chance to say thank you to our veterans and troops currently serving in the Middle East and abroad. Everyone was invited to visit one of the 20 Carl's Jr. restaurants throughout the county and write a personalized message or greeting on the OPERATION: THANK YOU banner hung in the store. Happy Star, the official mascot of Carl's Jr., helped to display these banners.

The Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center had the Carl's Jr. OPERATION: THANK YOU banners hung at the information desk in the Ambulatory Care Center for veterans and employees to sign and express their appreciation and thanks to the troops in the Middle East. Over 300 veterans, from the VA Medical Center signed the banner.

On January 7th, The Arizona National Guard Family Assistance Center and Soldier Support Center, located at 5636 East McDowell Road, are sending the banners out via U.S. mail to the troops.

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The Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center has been serving veterans in Maricopa County since 1951. We are a level one tertiary care facility that offers a variety of services to more than 60,000 veterans. We currently have 132 inpatient beds for medical and surgical patients, 102 beds for nursing home patients and 48 inpatient beds for mental health patients. We are actively involved in training new medical and surgical residents to become certified physicians and are committed to medical research to help find cures for illness and disease. We are honored to serve our veterans.