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Richard and Francis Eirich are honored to be assigned as the Elks VAV Representatives at the First Federal Health Care Facility in the United States. This facility is named after Captain James A. Lovell and is now combined with the North Chicago Veterans Medical Center.



The Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center is now complete. This is the nation's first fully integrated Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs health care center and is located in North Chicago, Illinois.

A \$13 million VA renovation and modernization project to expand the Emergency and Surgery Departments was completed in 2006 for Phase 2 of the integration. One of the major tasks has been construction. To accommodate the clinics currently at Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes, Naval Facilities Engineering Command renovated more than 40,000 square feet on the west campus and constructed a new 209,945-square-foot Ambulatory Care Center.