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## **News Advisory**

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### **Jewish War Veterans Post 167 Donate Wheelchairs to the Baltimore VA Medical Center**

**(Baltimore, MD)** The Jewish War Veterans Post 167, Maryland Freestate, from Owings Mills, Md., have donated \$5,000 worth of Staxi Wheelchairs to the Baltimore VA Medical Center on Tues. Jan. 14. The Staxi chairs, state-of-the-art transport chairs designed specifically for patient-comfort and easy transport, each cost approximately 1,500 and are coveted for their ability to stacked and easy maneuverability, including turning while in use. Representatives from the 70-year-old post, including Post Commander Erwin Burtnick , and leadership members Stephen Mintz, Michael Zippert, and Richard S. Udoff, delivered three chairs to the downtown medical center, the VA Maryland Health Care System's acute care facility.

“We are thrilled with the donation of the Staxi wheelchairs and appreciate the Jewish War Veterans remembering Veteran inpatients and the VA Maryland Health Care System with their generous donation,” said Dennis Smith, director of the VA Maryland Health Care System.

The Jewish War Veterans Post 167 Maryland Freestate are longtime supporters of the VA Maryland Health Care System.

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Photo Caption:

From left to right: Member of the Jewish War Veterans Post 167 Maryland Freestate in Owings Mills, Richard S. Udoff, Erwin Burtnick Stephen Mintz, and Michael Zippert, deliver three Staxi Transport Chairs, worth nearly \$5,000 to the Baltimore VA Medical Center.

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