

The Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center

- Located in Marion, Indiana
- Project Description: Renovate Buildings 15, 16, & 17 involved the development of a Design Program for the renovation of approximately 70,000 s.f. for 69 extended care beds, 31 acute psychiatric beds, a mental health clinic, a physical medicine and rehabilitation service clinic, and a kinesitherapy clinic. The scope of services included a functional assessment and development of a space program, utility and building systems assessment, development of schematic plans and preparation of a project budget.



240-Bed Geropsychiatric Facility

Initially OMS completed a technical and functional deficiencies evaluation survey of the 100 year old V.A. facility consisting of over 100 structures. Site and historic objectives were identified and prioritized. Three

strategies were developed with cost. One strategy was refined into an immediate action plan, a five year plan and two long range plans. The first phase of implementation of the plan was design of a new 240-Bed Geropsychiatric Facility consisting of two floors with four 30-bed nursing units per floor. The central core also includes areas for recreation and rehabilitation functions and grand two-story entry atrium. The facility is designed for a future third floor for 120 additional patients, and will ultimately serve as a prototype for future Veterans Administration hospitals for geropsychiatric patients. An integral part of



the design involved a new one-story Dietetic Services Building incorporating food preparation, storage, a dining room and a loading dock for the complex. Food for all patients on the campus will be prepared at this location. Also unique to the design of this 280,000 square foot structure is a three-level corridor system, including underground tunnels that will interconnect six existing buildings with the new Geropsychiatric Facility and the new Dietetic Services Building. All movement of supplies, dietary carts, patients and staff will be through this corridor system. The design of a new electrical building with diesel generators and switch gear for emergency power and distribution will greatly enhance the efficiency of the facility.

