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Veterans Affairs Adds AeroMD To List Of Air Ambulance Providers To Serve USVI Veterans

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In an effort to continually improve services to military veterans in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the VA Caribbean Healthcare System (VACHS) and the USVI Office of Veterans Affairs announced today the inclusion of AeroMD in the authorized list of air ambulance providers of the VACHS. This effort expands alternatives for veterans of the Virgin Islands in need of air ambulance services.

AeroMD is an air ambulance service based in St. Thomas that provides high acuity critical care patient transports from the Caribbean.

"Thanks to the leadership of Mr. Patrick Farrell, USVI State Director of Veterans Affairs, the VACHS was able to enter in this collaboration with AeroMD for the benefit of all Veterans living in the US Virgin Islands" said Dr. Antonio Sanchez, acting director of the VA Caribbean Healthcare System.

VA said its goal is to provide veterans VA health care with the care they need at the right time, at the right place, from the right provider, according to the release. In some cases, Veterans may need to receive care from a community care provider, coordinated by VA. By collaborating with community providers such as AeroMD, VACHS said it can have alternatives to better serve Veterans. "For the Veterans of the Virgin Islands, this is a win-win situation. I am happy that we have brought this to fruition. This is a Life -Saving and Quality of Life issue" Mr. Farrell said.

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