We need heroes. One hero who lives in our district is Capt. James A. Lovell, Jr., the famous astronaut who commanded Apollo XIII, bringing his crew safely home. On Friday, Emmy-award winning actor Gary Sinise, VA Secretary Gordon Mansfield and I were proud to announce that our new combined VA/Navy hospital will be named after Jim. With assistance from Abbott Labs, Gary and his Lt. Dan Band marked the event with a concert for 4,000 sailors at Great Lakes. It was quite a day marking the rescue of our veterans hospital, now caring for 100,000 sailors, veterans and their dependents.

Congressman Kirk and Jim Lovell unveil the new logo for the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center as Gary Sinise looks on

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Gordon Mansfield congratulates Jim Lovell