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GALLOWAY – There's nothing like a happy face greeting you and thanking you for your military service. Except maybe 10 happy faces.

Seven members of Rolling Thunder Chapter 4 New Jersey were accompanied by four staff members on a tour of AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center – Mainland Campus here. They visited more than 20 veterans who were patients on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11.

"It was very much appreciated by the patients and family members, and nursing staff we interacted with," said AtlantiCare Vice President of Strategic Planning said Ira R. Peezick. "We visited approximately 25 patients during the course of the morning in such areas as The Heart Institute, Joint Replacement Institute, the Cardiovascular Critical Care Unit, the Intensive Care Unit, and the Oncology Unit."

AtlantiCare's Military Employee Resources Group had tables set up Sunday and Monday outside the City and Mainland Campus cafeterias where veterans information was distributed and fundraising activities took place.

"We just want to cheer them up with a bit of conversation," said Paul Berenotto, Rolling Thunder president. "We want to thank them for their service. We want them to know that it's not been forgotten."

The patients were glad to chat with their visitors.