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### **VNA President & CEO Re-Elected as Vice Chair of National Board** *James C. Summerfelt serves as Vice Chair for Visiting Nurse Associations of America*

**Omaha, NE – May 8, 2008** – The Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA) re-elected VNAA member, James C. Summerfelt, to its Board of Directors at the group's Annual Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee on May 1. Summerfelt is the President and CEO of the Visiting Nurse Association in Omaha, Nebraska, which serves residents in Omaha, Council Bluffs, and surrounding communities.

Summerfelt was elected for a second term of Vice Chair for 2008-2009.

Summerfelt has worked in the health care industry for over 25 years, starting at the Chicago VNA. He had his own physical therapy company that operating in several states, served as a home care management consultant and served as President of the American Physical Therapy Association's Section for Home Care and Community Health.

Summerfelt's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Education from Northwestern, and Master of Arts in Education and Master of Science in Physical Therapy from the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

#### **About VNA**

The Visiting Nurse Association supports the dignity and well-being of Omaha and Council Bluffs residents by delivering the highest quality home care, IV therapy, hospice, and community/public health services wherever our clients call home. Our compassionate staff provides care to all individuals regardless of age, color, creed, neighborhood, or ability to pay. For more than 100 years, the VNA remains true to its mission to develop and maintain innovative programs that bring comfort and healing to the sick, frail, young, injured and the dying. Our overall goal is to provide peace of mind, quality of life, and independence for the client, their family, and their loved ones.

#### **About VNAA**

The Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA) is the official national association for the nation's 400+ Visiting Nurse Associations, the country's premier, not-for-profit, community-based home health organizations. VNA's employ more than 90,000 highly trained nurses and clinicians, and care for more than four million patients nationwide each year. VNAA is located in Boston, Massachusetts.

For more information about the VNA of Omaha, call (402) 342-5566, or visit [www.vnaomaha.org](http://www.vnaomaha.org).

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