The new policy, approved by the Tribal Council, will have particular impact for fathers who are currently not eligible for maternity leave. Qualifying fathers can receive up to two weeks of paid time off for a birth or adoption.

“We continue to provide benefits that help us attract and retain the best and brightest to be in public service to the Cherokee people,” Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. said.

Cherokee Nation citizen Winifred Dudley was part of the groundbreaking Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps during World War II. She served in the Women’s Army Corps during World War II.

Prior to receiving the mobile MRI unit, W.W. Hastings patients had to travel to a place for patients to receive an MRI at the hospital, where previously they had to access these services off-site.

**NEWSTIME HONORED**

Cherokee Nation citizen Winifred Dudley, 100, of Owasso, was honored with the tribe’s Medal of Patriotism on Aug. 15. She served in the Women’s Army Corps during World War II.

The centenarian was dubbed a “Cherokee Warrior” and awarded the tribe’s Medal of Patriotism at the monthly Tribal Council meeting.

“Shes from what we refer to as the Greatest Generation,” CN Secretary of Veteren Affairs Joe Crittenden said. “In 1944 at the height of World War II, she enlisted in the newly-formed Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps. One year later, this auxiliary unit was changed to the Women’s Army Corps, which granted official military status to these women volunteers … a groundbreaker for women in U.S. active service.”

“Prior to World War II there were no women enlisted in the military of the United States. But they had already used up all of the boys in the U.S. basically. There was a need for certain jobs in the military operation they needed to fill, so they began enlisting women for the first time ever.”

According to the U.S. Army, the purpose of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps was to help bring this to Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation Health Services Executive Director Dr. R. Stephen Jones said “patient care and satisfaction” would be increased.

“The unit will decrease the length of time from order placement to exam completion, providing results more efficiently, and will increase capacity of daily in-patients and emergent MRI scans performed,” Jones said.

While the unit will operate faster and quieter, General Electric Territory Manager Mark Soto said it is also larger is because of patient comfort. We serve a great God. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He’s going to take care of me. I don’t care if I am 100 years old.”

While the unit will operate faster and quieter, General Electric Territory Manager Mark Soto said it is also larger is because of patient comfort. While licensed to practice law in Oklahoma and Idaho, Earls is currently a stay-at-home mother of a 3-year-old daughter. She moved to Idaho in 2016 when her husband was recruited for a job, she said.

Earls has received the ACLU’s Youth Activism Award and the National Civil Liberties Bill of Rights Award. A member of the CN Election Commission from 2011-2013, she was also a 2016 Smith Robertson Bill Under 40 award recipient through the National Cen-