



A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

**Welcome to the VA
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To our American Legion Auxiliary Members welcome to our VA Medical facilities as a Volunteer. As a VA volunteer you will work side by side with paid employees to provide seamless service to our important veterans.

Keeping the promise to American’s veterans can start with you-right in your VA Medical facilities. No matter who you are or how you choose to help, you can stand by America’s veterans. There are so many ways to volunteer and support those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) is an umbrella team that encompasses Volunteer Service. VAVS Volunteers are a priceless asset to the Nation’s Veterans. The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary’s (ALA) mission to enhance the lives of veterans, military, and their families, ensuring restoration and/or transition to normally functioning lives. During the upcoming months there is much Auxiliary members can do for veterans and their families. Contact your VA&R Department Chairman or local VAVS Representative and ask for ways units can help.

As a new generation of disabled veterans return from service, and the numbers of World War II, Korean, and Vietnam era veterans who need assistance increases, our nation’s heroes need your help.

To prepare you for your new adventure and challenges, you are requested to review and become knowledgeable about the material presented in the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Guide for Volunteers Handbook. You will be working directly with the staff of the Center for Development & Civic Engagement (CDCE) for assistance and guidance. The handbook is designed to assist you in performing your assigned duties. You can obtain a copy of the VA&R Guide for Volunteers Handbook by downloading it from the alaforveterans.org website.

As a volunteer, you are considered a valuable member of the VA healthcare team, and you will function as a part of that team under the direct supervision of a staff member. You do not replace paid personnel; however, you will perform many useful services that are beyond the scope of the regular staff.

Through volunteer service, you not only provide very necessary and worthwhile assistance to the veteran and staff, but you can also gain valuable experience. If nothing else, we hope it will give you huge satisfaction in helping our veterans and their families.

The American Legion Auxiliary has a VA&R program and many service programs dedicated to volunteering for our veterans and/or their families at the VA Medical facilities. No matter what your volunteer interests may be, there is a role you will enjoy.

The VA welcomes all VOLUNTEERS, “If Not You, Then Who.”

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