

VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
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Good morning Auxiliary members! First of all I would like to thank all of the Units supporting the programs at SAVAHCS (Southern Arizona VA Health Care System). These are the current requests as voiced at the quarterly VAVS meeting on October 26, 2022.

Thank you Onita Davis for serving as Deputy Representative to the VAVS Committee for the past several years. As always your willingness to step up when needed is greatly appreciated. Onita requested that she be removed when the new Deputy was certified. Welcome new Deputy Representative Dawn Davidson who was certified by National in October.

Patriot Pantry is up and running at is currently supporting 40 to 50 Veterans with food insecurities. The current monthly cost for this program is estimated at \$1,000. Since VA funds cannot be used to purchase the food, different donors are shopping and delivering the items to SAVAHCS. Our new Deputy Representative Dawn Davidson and I had a wonderful time shopping for and delivering the donation from the American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you to Units 131 and 132 for their generous contributions to this program.

Ward W2 (Dementia Ward) in Building 60 is currently seeking twin size blankets for their patients. They request that the blankets be different colors/patterns so each patient will recognize their personal blanket. They are also requesting clothing donations (sweatshirts and sweatpants all sizes especially size small in “girly” colors for the two female Veterans, socks and shoes men’s sizes 9 and above). Many of the Veterans they serve come in with no clothing.

Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center (SWBRC) is continuing going on outings where they are invited. They would like to request support for outings which are not direct donations such as going to the movies, Pima Air & Space museum, Botanical Garden, etc. These outings must be financed by donations of either gift cards or the purchase of tickets directly by the sponsor. They currently have a population of twenty.

My report with numbers on monetary donations, material donations and volunteer hours credited to the American Legion Auxiliary is in the packet each month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative