

## **AZ STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON**

### **FALL CONFERENCE**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2022**

I'm Bonni Distler, Chair for the Tucson State Veteran Home and I'm from Unit 131. Thank you, Madame President White, for this opportunity to Chair this worthwhile program.

One of the areas needing assistance is in the **library** where they have over 3,000 books and movies. Since COVID there has been no one to assist with keeping everything organized or to help in checking books/movies out and in so they have been placed on shelves in no particular order. If anyone is willing to donate some time, please let me know.

The **Gift Shop** is another area where volunteers are needed. At this time, it is only open 2 days a week due to lack of volunteers. If you are able to assist on any day of the week, please let me know.

Assistance is also needed for **Bingo**. This would be on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bingo is one of the times that the residents are allowed to gather together as a group, with the wearing of masks.

If someone wishes to donate some time at the Home, there is a need for escorts to walk residents over to the VA so they can visit the Cantina.

I still need Units to step up and volunteer to bring cupcakes and ice cream cups for the monthly birthday party at the Home. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. They appreciated the cupcakes and ice cream in October, thank you Unit 36, but I have no one to bring anything for November! Please contact me if you can help with any of those months.

There are approximately 90 residents at the Tucson State Veteran Home at this time. They are starting to take applications to get back to full capacity (which is 120 residents). In the past 6 months they have enjoyed a trip to the Zoo and the Tucson Museum of Art. They also love to go out for a meal at places like the Silver Saddle Steakhouse, Church's Fried Chicken, various Mexican Restaurants and various Italian Restaurants. Please consider purchasing gift cards to help offset the cost of these outings. Walmart cards are always appreciated so the residents can do some personal shopping and pick up some items that they might enjoy. ALL gift cards are very much appreciated.

Remember if you send your donation into Department to mark which State Veteran Home you wish your donation to be sent – Tucson, Phoenix, Yuma and soon Flagstaff. These donations help these Veterans with so much. Don't forget the State Homes are separate from the President's Special Project.

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