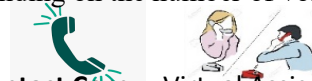




Please watch for future notices on volunteering as some areas in VA medical and non-medical facilities start opening up and request current volunteer needs. In the meantime, the Veterans have no where else to go outside of their room, and still remain a challenge while waiting for VA hospitals (facilities) to fully reintegrate Volunteers. Thank you to all the Representatives, Deputies and current volunteers for transportation, escort, cards, letters, sewing items, donations of money and other. A lot was accomplished through the year on how to serve our Veterans; with ideas, programs, etc. This means a lot to the Veterans to know that we are thinking of them! “You know they are detached from their family because of their hospitalization, and that card or letter maybe that bright spot that they need, and if that’s the case; mission accomplished.”

Zablocki VA medical center has been working diligently to create a new virtual volunteer opportunity. The VA facility is trialing the **new VA program call the Compassionate Contact Corps (CCC)**. This will allow you to have some Veteran interaction. **The Compassionate Contact Corps (CCC)** is a program that volunteers provide socialized phone calls to Veterans that have been referred to the program. The phone calls are typically 2x per week and last generally 15-60 minutes. The schedules are based on the Veterans needs and the volunteer’s availability. The volunteer engages with the Veteran in conversation providing a “friendly phone call” with NO medical or home care duties. Depending on the number of volunteers and Veterans some volunteers may be paired with more than one Veteran.



Tomah hospital **current volunteer needs list: Compassionate Contact Corp**— Virtual Assignment. Volunteers to call assigned Veteran 1 day/week for a social chat over the phone; minimum 15 minutes. Scheduled for a time that works for both Veteran and Volunteer • **DAV Drivers**—call Jen for availability. • **Vaccine Clinics** —if interested in helping, please call Jen about availabilities. • **Golf Course**—Golf Course will be open May 2021, looking for volunteers 7 days/week 8:00am-6:00pm

Tomah Current Needs List • Clothing Items: NEW Men's Sweatpants (Small, Medium, Large); NEW Pocket t-shirts (Size Large), Tennis Shoes size 9-12, Men's underwear (Medium & Large Boxer Briefs) • Sunglasses — hopefully Veterans will get outside with the warmer weather • HUD-VASH—Standard bed bug proof pillow case covers, queen size bed bug proof mattress covers, bed bug and flea laundry additive and sprays <https://www.hopkinsmedicalproducts.com/bagstotes/c/bed-bug-flea-spray> • HUD-VASH— baking pans, small & Large garbage cans, pizza cutters, strainers, plastic cups, pizza pans, ice cube trays, water & Juice pitchers, Disposable Salt & Pepper Shakers (full), table top fans • Stress balls • Sensory Balls



Remember the following dates: Please send (hospitalized Veterans medical and non-medical facilities): emails, phone calls, video chat, letters, cards, blessing bags, painted stones, gift bags, totes, plan drive throughs, etc.	
1. <i>Memorial Day</i> => May 31, 2021- visit the cemeteries, lay wreaths/local VA	4. <i>Flag Day</i> => June 14, 2021 – A day to celebrate the adoption of the U.S. flag
2. <i>Armed Forces Day</i> => May 15, 2021 (Saturday)	5. <i>Army Birthday</i> => June 14, 2021
3. <i>Anniversary of the World War II Allied</i> => June 6, 2021 invasion in Normandy, France, now known as D-Day	6. <i>Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday</i> => June 23, 2021

* *National PTSD Awareness Day* => June 27, 2021 A day to bring awareness about issues related to PTSD. **Find resources here for PTSD** <https://www.hfotusa.org/top-ptsd-resources-for-military-veterans/> and/or check Department Hospital site under resources. *National Ambassador Linda Roloff info: Continue to fulfill Veterans facilities’ wish lists via Amazon, GrubHub and Uber Eats, among others • Involve new volunteers who can’t or don’t volunteer on-site at a facility • Finding, and reaching out to veteran rehab patients in our own communities.

Honoring our Mission to Serve veterans “Soar Like an Eagle for Veterans.”



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