

Service to Veterans

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“The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched, they are felt with the heart.” ~The Little Prince

Hello ALA members,

Service to Veterans volunteers are American Legion Auxiliary members who provide service to veterans outside a VAMC. Whether organizing a stand down, assembling care packages/tray favors/greeting cards, assisting with a veteran’s burial or gravesite upkeep, sewing, cooking, or shopping for active-duty military/veterans and/or their families, member volunteers are at the heart of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Program structure

★Visit with veterans and remember them on special occasions. ★Offer to drive veterans to doctor appointments. ★Offer to stay with a veteran while his/her primary caregiver goes shopping or out for a break. ★Take a veteran for a Sunday drive, picnic, or maybe to see one of his/her friends. ★Treat veterans to tickets for sporting events or movies

Anything done directly for a veteran outside of a VAMC is considered Service to Veterans.

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is more important than ever to continue to reach out to our Veterans. Remember that we do not need a special occasion to visit them, send a card or just a 5-minute phone call. Reaching out can save them from the wintery post-holiday blues. Anything you can do; they will appreciate it. Just let them know, they are remembered and that they haven’t been forgotten.

Please send me your hours monthly so I can keep track and stay up to date. If you have questions on what hours count, please do not hesitate to call, text, or email me with them. These hours are so very important to report. Remember, any hours you send me are reported to Congress..

Remember, you can now include spouses in these hours. Please download the Service to Veterans monthly reporting page for members and for units on our department website, ALADEPTAZ.ORG you can email me or send in snail mail to me or to Department. Please give these to your members to fill out at your monthly meeting. Thank you for all you do!

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