VETERAN AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

2020 – 2021

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PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE MONTHLY BULLETINS FOR UPDATES. IF YOU PERSONALLY DO NOT RECEIVE THESE SEE YOUR UNIT PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY. AS BOTH RECEIVE A COPY AND THE BULLETINS ARE NOT JUST FOR THEM, SO THEY SHOULD BE PASSING THE INFORMATION ON TO UNIT MEMBERS.

The two VA Medical Centers that Units service are Manchester, NH and White River Junction, VT. We also have the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton. All three are always looking for volunteers. One of your goals as VA&R Unit Chairman is to work with the three representatives from these hospitals/homes to see what is needed at any given time, if it be toiletry items, crafts, or whatever.

Department President Dupont’s theme this year is

“Unique Members Working for our Veterans”

Her project this year is to start a fund for the Creative Arts Festival at the Manchester VA.

Mid-Year Report

By December 15, 2020 I will need narrative report on the activity your unit, or what any member has done for Veterans.

Year-End Reports

This report is due to me by April 1, 2021. Please fill out the attached Report Form and if you wish, submit a narrative report. Be sure all volunteer, hours, total items, expenses, and any other number are on the report form and not just included in the narrative, this makes it much easier for the committee when we are judging the reports.

The purpose of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation: To initiate, sponsor, and participate in programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans, and their families, thus ensuring restoration and/or transition to normal, functioning lives in all ways – physically, mentally, socially and vocationally.

OBJECTIVE 1: To increase the number of Auxiliary members and community members who provide regular volunteer service to veterans and their families at VA Medical Centers, Homes, and Hospitals, community settings and from their homes. To this end units should:
a. Work with your VA&R Department Chairman and your VA Volunteer Service Representative (VAVS Rep) to learn how you can volunteer at a VA Hospital and perform Field or Home Service.
b. Recruit volunteers from within your unit and from other community organizations.
c. Be sure to track all the hours of Service To Veterans. Report these hours.

Volunteers provide service to veterans, service members and their families outside of a VA Medical Center (VAMC) facility. This includes hospice, transportation, yard work, assistance with tax preparation, etc. Volunteer activities is work done in your own home for the benefit of homebound, sick, or injured veterans/service members and their families. This could include sewing, babysitting, baking, making quilts/ lap robes or going shopping.

OBJECTIVE 2: To raise awareness in your communities about the ever-increasing numbers of homeless veterans, especially women with children in your community. Units should work with other community partners. Make an appointment with your VAMC homeless coordinator, maybe invite them to a unit meeting.

a. Work with local transitional housing centers such as Liberty House, or any transitional home in your area.
b. Work with your VA&R America Legion Post’s Chairman and the Sons of The American Legion to triple your efforts.

OBJECTIVE 3: Support rehabilitation of veterans through art therapy by fulfilling the Auxiliaries annual financial obligation as presenting co-sponsor of the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Also, support the Department President’s project to start a fund for the Creative Arts Festival at the Manchester VA Medical Center.

NOTE:

a) The Gift Shop is held in December at the Manchester VA Medical Center. Watch the Monthly Bulletin for information.
c) The Veterans Fund is the fund that assist veterans in need. If the veteran qualifies, he or she can receive assistance with their heating bill, keeping the lights on and other help. We are always looking for monies to go into this fund which is handled by the Department Auxiliary Treasurer. Send all donations to the Department mark the check ‘Veterans Fund’ may be add a cover letter.
Department Awards:

DISTRICT 1 VA&R PLAQUE – To a Unit in District 1 submitting best Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report.

MARION LECIUS – To a Unit in District 2 submitting the best Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report.

SHIRLEY CALVERT – To a Unit in District 3 submitting the best Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report.

EUNICE LACZ – To a Unit in District 4 submitting the best Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report.

LEIGHTON TASKER – To a Unit in District 5 submitting the best Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report.

DANE-GRANT – To a Unit in District 6 submitting the best Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report.

DISTRICT 7 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION AWARD – To a Unit in District 7 submitting the best Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report.

COWELL – To a Unit in District 8 submitting the best Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report.

EILEEN REHM AWARD – To the Unit in Department submitting the best Veteran’s Affairs and Rehabilitation report in their classification:

    CLASS I – 10 to 100 members
    CLASS II – 101 to 200 members
    CLASS III – 201 plus members

COOK – To the Unit in Department submitting the best Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report. (Winner is picked from one of the three (3) Eileen Rehm Class winners).

PERRY SERVICE TO VETERANS - To the Unit in Department submitting the best year round Field Service report (no VAVS included).

HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE TROPHY – To the Unit in Department who has the best report on what they have done for a VA Hospital. Winner submitted by VAVS Representatives.

Resources:

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers