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Days of Caring: SAVAHCS will be participating in the United Way “Days of Caring” in October. We are looking to match with an organization to help support our Patriot Pantry with a food drive and bag assembly day prior to the October 16, 2026. Those interested can sign up utilizing this link:

<https://my.unitedwaytucson.org/v/tucson-va-patriot-pantry>.

The Week of Veterans Day – November 8-14, 2026:

Veterans Day week is a meaningful opportunity for our VAVS organizations to show support and strengthen engagement across our wards, clinics, Community Living Center, Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program, Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center, and Community Based Outpatient Clinics. We encourage each organization to sponsor an activity—whether hosting a coffee-and-treats social, organizing comfort cart rounds, offering a creative arts or hobby mini-session, coordinating a small appreciation visit in outpatient clinics, facilitating a game or music hour, leading a wellness activity, or providing patriotic tokens and “thank you for your service” cards to Veterans. Even simple gestures like snack stations, root beer floats, craft sessions, or small-group visits can brighten someone’s day. Your involvement reinforces our shared mission of honoring, uplifting, and connecting with the Veterans we proudly serve.

Support needed for the Gathering of American Indian Veterans: This is a vital day-long outreach program that connects Native American Veterans many of whom reside in rural, harder-to-reach areas with essential medical screenings, speaker presentations, and a full room of resource tables coordinated in partnership with numerous community organizations. As this event enters its 17th

year, it continues to grow in impact and concludes with a deeply meaningful blessing ceremony that is consistently appreciated by attending Veterans. VAVS Members can make a powerful difference by supporting volunteer roles such as escorting Veterans, assisting with meals, and providing general event help, as well as contributing raffle or door prize donations that keep attendees engaged throughout a full day of programming featuring 6–8 speakers. By lending their support, VAVS Members help ensure that Native American Veterans receive dignified, culturally respectful outreach and meaningful connection to the services they deserve. This event will take place on Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Casino of the Sun, Sunset Room. [7406 S Camino De Oeste, Tucson, AZ 85746](#)

Military Mothers Baby Showers: The Women's Clinic will be hosting a special Military Mothers Baby Shower on November 20, 2026, celebrating and supporting the growing families of our women Veterans and active-duty mothers. This meaningful event will provide expectant and new mothers with helpful resources, wellness information, and thoughtful baby items, all in a warm and welcoming environment. We invite our VAVS organizations to help make this day even more memorable—whether through volunteering, contributing baby essentials, or sharing supportive messages for the mothers we serve. Your partnership ensures these families feel honored, encouraged, and connected as they embark on this new chapter. See attached Women Veterans Needs List.

Holiday Stocking Event: The Holiday Stocking Stuffing Event is a wonderful opportunity for our VAVS members to bring joy and comfort to Veterans during the holiday season, and we warmly encourage every organization to take part. We plan to assemble the stockings on Tuesday, December 22, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Auditorium, Bldg 4. Your participation whether through donating items from the Holiday Gift List, helping assemble stockings, or supporting the event through volunteer engagement directly contributes to creating meaningful holiday moments for Veterans across our wards, clinics, Community Living Center, Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program, Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center, and Community Based Outpatient Clinics. Even small contributions make a lasting impact, and your involvement ensures our Veterans feel appreciated and remembered during this special time of year. Attached is the Holiday Gift List. Please consider selecting one or more items to take responsibility for the donation and deliver to the Tucson VA by the deadline of December 11, 2026.