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Most of the VA facilities do not have as many volunteer needs at this time. Tomah has increased the use of volunteers at their facility. See the list below for Tomah. **Current Volunteer Needs at Tomah:** \*\*All Volunteer assignments require Flu and COVID Vaccines.

- Benetravel—Volunteers to assist Veterans with signing up and submitting claim using ipads (Monday – Friday 8-2pm or as volunteers available)
- Recreation— Volunteers to visit, read, play cards, take Veterans for walks, fishing, etc.
- HONOR ESCORTS — when a Veteran passes, Volunteers are notified of scheduled Honor Escort \* Outside—No masks required if > 6 feet from others \* Inside—waiting for escort, escort to morgue — MUST stop for screening and wear mask
- CLC (inpatient) Volunteers — Escorts, Recreation activities (fishing, gardening, walks around campus, etc., No Veteran Dies Alone (NVDA), family visits, etc. \* Volunteers must wear Face Shield AND Medical Mask on units. \* Will comply with COVID screening/testing requirement — may change week by week — screening only, swabbing, etc.
- Compassionate Contact Corp— Virtual Assignment. Volunteers to call assigned Veteran 1 day/week for a social chat over the phone; minimum 10 minutes. Scheduled for a time that works for both Veteran and Volunteer
- DAV Drivers — all locations, Driver Physical required.

✚ **Current Needs List** - Winter Hats, Winter Gloves/Mittens, Pre-Paid VISA Gift Cards (used for welfare requests), Clothing Room Items: Men's Sweatpants (M-2XL); Men's t-shirts (M—L), Men's long sleeve t-shirts (M -XL), Tennis Shoes size 8-11.5, Men's sweatshirts (M, L, XL), Men's underwear (M, L), Winter Boots (Men's 9-11), sports bras (L- 2XL 

✚ From Robyn Kuznik – National Ambassador - Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs facility nearest you. Ask for the CDCE (formerly Voluntary Service) office. Tell their staff of your interest in becoming a VA Volunteer. The staff will take care of everything else including your interview, orientation, and assignment. **Locate the VA facility nearest you.** Fill out the Volunteer Now! form on the VA website's CDCE Portal by selecting **Volunteer or Donate**. Someone from your local CDCE office will contact you with additional information.

✚ If you haven't donated to Hospital projects please consider at this time! Please send your donations to Hospital Projects and mail to Lenore Otto at – **write check out to VFWA – WI; earmark Hospital Projects**, and **mail** the check to Lenore Otto 1383 W Wisconsin Ave Oconomowoc, WI 53066. The money will go for needed items per Reps/Dep. Remember this will help with programs, events, and gifts for veterans with Valentine's Day coming up! Make out those cards, coloring pictures, drive thru's and letters to send to Veterans for valentine's Day which is **National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans week!**



**Remember** the “Hope box” is something you can do at any VA facility for Veterans. The “Hope Box” for Veterans who feel depressed or suicidal, alone, or feel they haven't accomplished anything during their life. The “Hope Box” has paraphernalia of their life accomplishments, that they can look at and see what their have done throughout their lives. The paraphernalia are obtained from their home, family, friends, and placed in the box, for them to go through and review. This could be medals, trophies, letters, cards, games, cherished items, a gift given them to recognize a good deed, etc. Hope boxes established already have given the veteran a great sense of hope and meaning and the will and faith that there is hope for their continued future.

**Reminder** to continue looking at your year-end checklist for your reports to be sure you completed what is on the form. Thank you!



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