

Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation

ACTION PLAN 2024-2025

The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation program promotes our mission to enhance the lives of Veterans, military and their families.

One of our foundational programs is Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

In general, we can promote our mission by:

1. Volunteering at VA Health Care Facilities:

- Auxiliary members can volunteer at VA hospitals and clinics. Their assistance can make a significant impact on veterans' lives.
- Activities may include companionship, organizing recreational events, or helping with administrative tasks.

2. Assist Veteran Caregivers and Family Members:

- Recognize the vital role played by caregivers and family members in supporting veterans.
- Offer emotional support, respite care, and resources to help them cope with the challenges they face.

3. Support Rehabilitation and Healing:

- Encourage veterans to participate in arts, crafts, and hobbies. These activities can provide therapeutic benefits, foster creativity, and aid in their healing process.
- Consider organizing workshops or events where veterans can engage in artistic expression or learn new skills.

4. Promote Job Fairs for Veterans:

- Collaborate with organizations like the American Legion, State Department of Veterans Affairs, and local Chambers of Commerce.
- Spread the word about job fairs specifically tailored for veterans and their families. These events can connect them with employment opportunities.

5. Serve Veterans in Your Area:

- Look for opportunities to directly serve veterans within your community.
- Consider volunteering at shelters, food banks, or programs that support homeless veterans.

6. Raise Awareness About Mental Health Assistance:

- Educate veterans and their families about available mental health resources.
- Encourage them to seek help when needed and provide information on crisis hotlines and counseling services.

7. Be the One to Make a Difference:

- As individuals, we can take action. Start by initiating a veterans program or project within your local American Legion Unit or District.
- Whether it's organizing a fundraiser, creating a support group, or advocating for policy changes, every effort counts.

Remember, small acts of kindness and advocacy can collectively create a positive impact on the lives of veterans. Let's honor their service by standing with them and ensuring they receive the care and support they deserve.

Resources:

[Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAVAR/>

Reports:

End-of-Year Reports are due

Units to Districts April 1, 2025

Districts to Department April 15, 2025

Department to Division with a copy to National Chairman May 15, 2025

- Department and Unit Award Nomination Form Completed and Submitted: June 1.
- NVCAF Award: NVCAF Support Award — Send donations to the ALA Foundation to National Headquarters for the current calendar year by Dec. 31.

If you need further assistance or have any other questions, feel free to ask!

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