

## FACTS ABOUT DEPLOYMENT

- *During recent disasters VA and VHA were called upon to provide assistance in meeting local and state emergency medical needs.*
- *Emergency response and support are dynamic; no two deployments are the same.*
- *The magnitude of devastation and many variables directly affect the conditions one may face when deployed.*
- *Adequate accommodations may be available in some areas, others may be more primitive and challenging.*
- *Flexibility and personal preparedness are key elements for success as a VA DEMPS volunteer.*
- *You will continue to receive VA pay.*
- *Deployments are generally fourteen days, including two travel days.*

***Receive the charge of a lifetime,  
become a part of the Magnet Force.***

## Disaster strikes without warning Become a VA DEMPS NURSE VOLUNTEER



***Contribute the most valuable  
gift of your profession: Yourself***

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## VOLUNTEER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE VA DISASTER RESPONSE NURSING TEAM

***Helping Veterans and our Nation...  
When they need it the most***

**DISASTER  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
PERSONNEL SYSTEM  
(DEMPS)**



***Can you  
"Turn on a dime"  
and leave everything behind?***

***We Need You !***

***SERVE*** your country and our nations veterans.

***RECOGNIZE*** your nursing and emergency management skills, and ability to assist with emergency response or recovery missions.

***MAKE A DIFFERENCE*** in the lives of others during national emergencies by volunteering.

***Medical Response Personnel*** are one of the most critical elements during the first 12 hours of a major disaster.

***Nurse Volunteers*** are needed to assist state/local authorities in the delivery of patient care under rigorous field conditions.

***DEMPS is a data base*** that stores the names of Veterans Health Administration (VHA) staff who volunteer and have been approved by their Medical Center Director to Deploy in the event of a disaster.

***How does a nurse volunteer?  
It's simple!***

- ***Complete the "DEMPS Volunteer Data Sheet"*** providing general demographic and background information which is maintained in a database for national and local responses.
- ***Secure approval from both your Supervisor and Facility Director.***
- ***Commit to prepare, practice and stay ready*** by participating in initial and ongoing emergency management training, preparedness, and readiness activities.
- ***Read the DEMPS Deployment Guide on EMSHG websites.***

***[vaww1.va.gov/EMSHG](http://vaww1.va.gov/EMSHG)  
click on DEMPS***



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Department of  
Veterans Affairs 4<sup>th</sup>  
mission. Volunteer  
to help provide  
medical support  
and assist local  
government within  
disaster regions.***