

## ***Impact of Volunteers***

America's Veterans are of varying ages, backgrounds, and lifestyles, but all share a common need: to spend quality time with others. Many reside in or are cared for in VA medical centers, clinics, and nursing homes.

Volunteers assist in bettering the lives of Veterans. Without the help of the volunteers, our community of partners, our work at VAVS would not be possible. The future of VAVS, and the care of our nation's Veterans, relies on the continued dedication of our network of allies.

Volunteers at these facilities provide important interactions with America's Veterans and we invite you to join us! Together, you and your family can volunteer your time and talents toward helping our Veterans.

## ***Contact VAVS***

If your family is interested in volunteering, or you would like more information about volunteering, contact the Voluntary Service staff at a VA facility near you, or visit our website at [www.volunteer.va.gov](http://www.volunteer.va.gov).

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# AN INVITATION FOR **Family Volunteering**





## Welcome

The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) program is one of the largest volunteer programs in the Federal government. Our mission is to enhance the Veterans' health care experience through the utilization of volunteers and donations.

The generosity of the volunteer's time allows us to provide many of the additional niceties that otherwise would not be accomplished by the paid staff on a day-to-day basis.

VAVS offers volunteer assignments that fulfill volunteers' desires to make a difference in a Veteran's life. The VAVS program can be tailored to meet your family's needs in terms of interests and availability. Family volunteering also provides an opportunity to give back to those who served, while spending quality time together as a family.



## Our Invitation

VAVS would like to extend an invitation for family volunteering at local VA facilities.

The strength and diversity of the American family has long supported the ever-changing needs of our society and now VAVS invites families across the country to volunteer locally to support our nation's Veterans.

## How Your Family Can Help A Veteran



- Share a meal! Have breakfast, lunch, or dinner with a Veteran.
- Bring the family pet to visit a Veteran (pet must be certified through an official pet therapy program—please call for requirements).
- Read a newspaper to a Veteran.
- Call a Veteran just to say hello.

## Volunteer Assignments

We have many volunteer opportunities for you and your family. Assignments may vary from facility to facility, but your involvement can make a real difference in the life of a Veteran patient.

With the continuing need for volunteers, VA Voluntary Service invites your family to join us in lending a helping hand to those who served our great nation.

## Mission of VA Voluntary Service

To provide a structured volunteer program under the management of VA compensated employees in cooperation with community resources to serve America's Veterans and their families with dignity and compassion.

## Mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan."

These words, spoken by Abraham Lincoln during his Second Inaugural address, reflect the philosophy and principles that guide VA in everything we do, and are the focus of our endeavors to serve our Nation's Veterans and their families.

