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## **Veterans Administration Volunteer Service**

## "V.A.V.S." Program

## WHAT DOES A V.A.V.S. VOLUNTEER DO?

- ❖ Volunteer assignments vary depending on the needs of the facility and, at the direction of the facility's Voluntary Service Program Manager.
- ❖ Once accepted, volunteers will be required to complete orientation and receive information concerning assignments, polices and procedures, infection control, fire and safety and liability. Each volunteer will be entered into the Voluntary Service System (VSS) which is used to record volunteer program hours.

## TYPES OF V.A.V.S. VOLUNTEERS

- Regularly Schedule (RS) Volunteers: RS volunteers ar individuals who participate in the VAVS program on a regularly scheduled assignment under VA supervision.
- Occasional Volunteers: occasional volunteers are those individuals serving under the VAVS program who do not meet the requirements of RS volunteers. Individuals frequently volunteer with a group or organization on an occasional basis.
- Sponsored Volunteers: Non-members of the VFW Auxiliary who wish to serve under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship and supervision as volunteers at VA and non-VA facilities or in VA community-based programs. They must be interviewed and screened in the same manner as VFW Auxiliary members. Upon acceptance, sponsored volunteers are governed by the same ethics and rules prescribed for the members.
- Student Volunteers: Student volunteers are under the age of 18 and must have written parental or guardian approval to participate in the VAVS program. They must also have written authorization for diagnostic and emergency treatment if injured while volunteering. The minimum age for volunteers is determined by the facility.

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