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WE LOVE VETERANS!

Not only does this month include Valentine's Day on February 14th this date also marks the day we honor and recognize all hospitalized veterans in our nation's VA Medical Centers. "*National Hospitalized Veteran's Week*" is a great opportunity for senior and junior members to do something special for these veterans by making Valentine's cards and deliver them to the patients. Contact your Hospital Representative so she can assist you with your visit or perhaps she can deliver the cards for you. It is important we let these special patients know how much we appreciate them, let them know they are our sweethearts and encourage their speedy recovery.

Midyear meeting this year in Oxnard was truly a great experience. We held a very successful Field Service Orientation Course for about 40 participants. They learned firsthand the importance of field service and are now certified! They are encouraged to train even more members in their local Units and Districts. Remember, you should complete the Field Service Orientation Course for your hours of service to be recognized under the VA&R program. If you have not completed the course yet, continue to report your hours to your Unit VA&R Chairman so those hours can still be added to your Units total.

The Hospital Representatives and Deputies meeting last month was a spirited gathering of our miracle makers, they are the frontline Buffalo Soldier Calvary at VA Medical Centers and outpatients clinics. We exchanged ideas and reported on the great work that is being performed. It is important we support our "Reps and Deps" by offering your assistance and helping when needed. We want to increase our hospital service volunteers this year and the Unit and District with the largest increase will be recognized at this year's convention.

THANK YOU!!! The Sock, Women and Men's underwear drive was a huge success! We received many diabetic and regular socks; along with women's panties and men's underwear. The Hospital Representatives in attendance were given first opportunity to take back any needed items to their VAMC. Much of the panties, socks and underwear have also been distributed to homeless women and men veterans in downtown Los Angeles.

What did I learn at the ALA National Mission Training? Well a lot, but I was happy to learn there is a simple way to track your VA&R hours by visiting our National website at: www.alaforveterans.org. First select: "Member Resources", then select: "Resources, Forms, Documents and Applications" then scroll to the far left to the category: "ALA Impact Numbers Tracking Worksheet 2011-2012". You are there! There is a tracking worksheet for individual members, Unit, District and even Department in EXCEL and PDF forms. If you don't have a computer and someone in your Unit does, they can input your numbers in EXCEL which adds the number totals for your or in PDF for manual input. All the great volunteer work we do is under reported and these statistics are very important as these hours and donations are reported to Congress. Let's not underrate our importance in the lives of veterans. Attached to this report are samples of the member tracking worksheet in EXCEL and PDF, let's count those **HOURS and DOLLARS SPENT!**

Buffalo Soldiers", motto: "Ready and Forward"."We Can, We Will"



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2011-2012 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TRACKING FORM – MEMBER

*Use this form to track your monthly service for veterans, active-duty military and their families.
When totaled, transfer this information to the Member Year-End Report for submission to your unit.*

NOTE: Use this form for automatic tracking with Excel on your computer.

	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	YEAR-END TOTAL
MY SERVICE FOR VETERANS													
Hours I volunteered:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollars I personally spent: \$	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Value of in-kind donations I requested and received: \$	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Number of Veterans I assisted:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Veterans in the Classroom presentations I facilitated:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of new Home Service Volunteers I recruited:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of new Field Service Volunteers I recruited:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY SERVICE FOR ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY													
Hours I volunteered:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollars I spent: \$	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Number of US servicemembers served:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY SERVICE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES													
Hours I volunteered:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollars I spent: \$	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Number of military families served:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

For tracking forms for members, units, districts/counties and departments, find them online at www.ALAForVeterans.org under Member Resources.