

Department of California Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation February 2024 Bulletin



February 14th is nearly here but it's never too late to show our veterans some love! There is still time to purchase Valentine cards to give to our heroes who reside in assisted living facilities, CalVet homes, and those who are patients in VA hospitals. Set aside some time in the next couple of weeks to visit with veterans in a facility located near you. A kind word and a few minutes of your time can be so heartwarming for a lonely veteran. Be sure to check with the facility you plan to visit beforehand, to see whether you can give sweet treats or baked goods to the patients/residents there. Many VA facilities no longer allow candy and baked goods to be given to their patients – it's a health and dietary thing.

Volunteers Needed!!!

We are looking for Auxiliary members to serve as volunteers for the VA Center for Development and Community Engagement (CDCE) at VA healthcare facilities. We currently have openings for **Representatives** or **Deputies** at the following sites:

Fresno VA Hospital – 2 Deputy Vacancies Los Angeles VA Medical Center – 2 Deputy Vacancies Los Angeles VA Outpatient Clinic – 1 Deputy Vacancy Sepulveda Community Based Outpatient Clinic & Nursing Home – 1 Deputy Vacancy Santa Barbara Ambulatory Care Center – 1 Representative Vacancy Mather VA Medical Center – 1 Deputy Vacancy Redding Outpatient Clinic – 1 Deputy Vacancy San Francisco VA Medical Center – 1 Representative, 3 Deputy Vacancies Redding CalVet Home – 1 Representative Vacancy Yountville CalVet Home – 1 Representative, 1 Poppy Production Manager Vacancy

The VAVS 101 Presentation is now on the National ALA website. To view the file visit <u>www.alaforveterans.org</u>, log in, scroll down and click to open National Committees/ Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation/Key Resources/VAVS 101 Presentation. VAVS 101 contains information on how to start the VAVS volunteer process and what is needed in order to serve. If after reviewing the presentation you would like more information on filling a vacancy in your area, please contact me via email or phone and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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