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2024-2025 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Program Engagement Plan

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PURPOSE

The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Program is to promote programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans their families, ensuring restoration and/or transition to normally functioning lives.

DEADLINES - IMPORTANT DATES

- Note: Submitting Mid-Year reports is optional but encouraged• Mid-Year (Optional) November 15th, 2024
- REPORTING VA&R reports offer an overview of work carried out for our veterans' Reporting is mandatory for every Unit. If possible, include photos of special projects. If your Unit is not involved in this program, say so. That will serve as your report.
- March 15th: Submit Service to Veterans Hours Award form to recognize eligible members with Service to Veterans pins and hour bars.
- April 1st: Submit Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Award Cover Sheet with narrative for judging as Most Outstanding Unit Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Program to the Department Chairman.
- To be considered for a national award, the unit must submit their entry with a National Award Cover sheet to the Department Chairman. The National Award Cover sheet is included in this packet.

GET INVOLVED

1. Support Wisconsin's Christmas Gift Shop, Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund, and Camp American Legion.
2. Support the therapeutic rehabilitation and healing of veterans through arts, crafts, and hobbies.
3. Donate to and promote awareness of the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (VCAF).
4. Support Creative Arts Festivals at local VA hospitals with time, supplies, and money.
5. Support veteran caregivers, family members, and survivors.
6. Volunteer at local VA hospitals and veterans' homes.
7. Check the VA facilities wish lists and help where you can. Call the Hospital Representative for more ideas if needed. Monetary donations will help to purchase needed items.
8. Promote Service to Veterans (outside of VA facilities).
9. Offer to sit with a veteran while the caregiver runs errands or run errands for the caregiver.

- Transport veterans to appointments.
- Contact a Veterans Service Officers to offer to be on the list of people to call when a veteran's family needs help.
- Buy school supplies, host a baby shower, or send care packages to veterans' children who are headed to college.
- Report Service to Veterans hours on the unit year-end report to the Department Chairman.
- Submit Service to Veterans hours award form to Department Headquarters to receive pins and hour bars.
- Promote volunteer opportunities in community settings.
- Collaborate with organizations that support veterans and their families.

Resources:

- For suggestions on how to implement this program, please contact the Department Chairman listed at the beginning of this Program Engagement Plan or Wisconsin's VA&R Committee as listed in the Department Red Book:
 - Director of Hospital Volunteers - Sue Hembrook
 - Christmas Gift Shop Chairman -Diana Sirovina
 - Homeless Women Veterans Grant Chairman – Chrys Porter
 - Service to Veterans Chairman – Mary Petrie
 - ALA Hospital Representatives at VA Hospitals & Veterans' Homes

More information can be found on the National site: www.legion-aux.org/

- [Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Guide](#)
- [How to Support the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival](#)
- [VCAF Grants](#)
- [VAVS 101 Presentation](#)
- [ALA's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Facebook Group](#)



**Department of Wisconsin
2024-2025 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Award Cover Sheet for Units**

Send completed form to:

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Committee sponsoring award: **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION**

Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible. Unit award certificates will be completed using the information given on this sheet, so please print legibly. **Due April 1, 2025.**

Provide the following, including the complete name of your unit, if you are applying for a Unit award at the Department and/or National level:

Unit # _____ District # _____ City Location: _____

Full official unit name: _____

Unit president/chairman (circle one) name: _____

Phone number: _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Email address: _____