

**Department of Wisconsin
Hospital Chairmanship
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Who Me? Do you think you could become a VA Representative for our Veterans?
Here are the descriptions for the different Volunteers for the Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

Regularly Scheduled (RS) Volunteers: Regularly scheduled volunteers are VFW Auxiliary members who participate in the VAVS Program on a regularly scheduled assignment under VA supervision. Frequency of participation is determined by the local VA medical facility. They are officially authorized to serve when they have:

- A. Completed and signed the VFW Auxiliary's "VAVS Volunteer Forum"
- B. Been certified by the Auxiliary Certifying Official
- C. Been approved for assignment by the Voluntary Service Program Manager Designee
- D. Participated in required screenings, background checks, fingerprinting, Interviews, orientations and training required by the VA facility
- E. Completed a trial period as established by the VA facility

Occasional Volunteers: Occasional volunteers are individuals serving under the VAVS Program who do not meet the requirements of Regular Scheduled volunteers. These individuals frequently volunteer with a group or organization on an occasional basis.

Student Volunteer: 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 management.

Sponsored Volunteers: Sponsored volunteers are non-members of the VFW Auxiliary who wish to serve under 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 by members.

What does a Volunteer do? Assignments will vary depending on the needs of the facility per the Voluntary Service Program Manager. Some Traditional Assignments are Patient escort, volunteer driver (shuttles), clerical, information desk, guest relations, patient meal assistance and many more positions that have been open to our volunteers for years. Non-traditional assignments are: Writing letters, respite/hospice volunteers, female-specific clinics requiring female volunteer assistance. Volunteering in outpatient clinics, rehabilitation and treatment centers and virtual volunteering with homebound veterans.

Won't you think about becoming a Volunteer???????

If you have any questions about becoming a volunteer, please contact me or one of the representatives that are volunteering in our hospitals or Nursing Homes. Please help us out.

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