



U.S. Department
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VA Puget Sound Health Care System

Service Projects and Special Events

There are many ways for individuals and groups to help us in our mission of *servicing those who served* that do not require registering as an individual volunteer for a recurring assignment. Here are a few options:

Annual Special Events

Veterans Day - November 11th

Voluntary Service coordinates a morning program in Seattle and an afternoon program at American Lake for our hospitalized/resident Veterans who are unable to celebrate their day in their home community.

Holiday Season Happenings - December

Often times, groups wish to come to our Seattle or American Lake VA Medical Center for a special Holiday patient visitation or activity, such as caroling. Please note that group size generally needs to be small (5-12), and is usually restricted to our community living center residents. We also have a Holiday Gift donation opportunity during the Holiday Season.

National Salute to Veteran Patients - Week of Feb 14th

The [National Salute](#) invites individuals, civic and fraternal groups, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities and sports stars to say a special "thank you" to Veterans. Activities and events include special ward visits and valentine distributions, photo opportunities, and special recreation activities.

Other Annual Events

Individuals and groups are often needed to help with other special events throughout the year, such as the [VA2K](#) wellness program that doubles as an opportunity to help homeless Veterans through donations.

Special Patient Visits and Activities

Providing music is a particularly desired activity. Group size needs to be relatively small, and the target audience will mostly be our community living center Veterans (other patient settings may be possible for certain activities).

Special Projects

We also welcome larger groups interested in helping with other special projects, such as sprucing up our community living center gardens or other grounds beautification efforts.

To explore these types of one-time or occasional volunteer opportunities, please [e-mail us](#) with the details of your inquiry. We will be happy to explore options with you.

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