

Volunteer opportunities at Sioux Falls VA Medical Center

Must be certified as a Regularly Scheduled Volunteer for the following volunteer opportunities:

Bingo Assistant- assist in bingo set-up, escorting Veterans to and from bingo, help Veterans with playing their cards as needed, serve refreshments and call bingo numbers. Available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm-3:30pm and the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month from 2pm-3:30pm.

Coffee Host/Hostess- provide coffee service to veterans. Available Monday mornings.

Community Living Center (CLC) Volunteer- assist in passing waters and snacks, help with stocking supplies, assist with pushing Veterans in wheelchairs to and from the dining room and play games or provide companionship to Veterans.

Craft Kit Volunteer- distribute craft kits to Veterans and assist them with completion. Available Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30-11:30 am and Thursdays and Fridays from 3-4pm.

Driver Volunteer for Adaptive Sports and Recreation Events **NEW!**-pick up Veterans for activities and provide transportation to and from the activity and drop Veterans off after the activity (Mainly Thursdays.)

Game Assistant- assist in setting up games, escorting Veterans to/from games, play cards with Veterans. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 am -10am and M, W, F afternoons from 2pm-3:30 pm.

Lab Volunteer- help Veterans sign-in at the lab. Morning openings as needed.

My HealtheVet - assist Veterans who wish to learn to use the My HealtheVet computer program; should have basic computer skills. We have openings Monday-Friday, both mornings and afternoons.

Patient Escort Volunteer- transport wheelchair patients to clinic appointments and deliver items between services within the medical center. Positions available between 8 am and 3 pm. It involves a lot of walking and pushing of wheelchairs and carts.

Patient Visitation Volunteer- visit inpatients on the CLC wards who get few visitors, read the paper, play table games, watch TV with them. Available afternoons, evenings and weekends.

Patriot Café Volunteer- wipe down tables in the cafeteria, stock condiments, assist in getting customer trays to the tables. Opportunities Mondays thru Fridays for 2-3 hours in the morning.

Pharmacy Volunteer- give filled prescription packages to patients at the window and assist in labeling bottles, etc.

Physical Therapy- assist staff with patient exercises in the rehab department, wipe equipment and transport patients back to their wards.

Red Coat Ambassador-Provide a standard first impression to Veterans, caregivers and families. Consists of greeting, providing information and directions. Escort Veterans in wheelchairs and other individuals to their destinations. Assist Veterans with the kiosks. Assist in keeping the front desk and waiting room areas clean. This position involves walking longer distances and pushing wheelchairs. Afternoon openings!

Snoezelen Cart Volunteer- transport the cart to a patient's rooms who is interested in relaxing sounds and sights. Some training is required. Available Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 4:30pm.

Volunteer driver- transport Veterans to the VA or CBOCs. We especially need volunteers in the Sioux City/Dakota Dunes area right now.

Whole Health Volunteer-**NEW!** assist staff with facilitating and teaching the Taking Charge of My Life and My Health classes for Veterans.

Occasional Volunteer opportunities: (certification not necessary)

Last Roll Call Service of Remembrance Volunteer-by making coffee, setting up the food table and serving refreshments. This is quarterly for about 2 hours.

Provide entertainment in patient dining room, music, magic, etc.

Veterans' Day- assist in pushing wheelchair Veterans at Washington High School for the program.

For more information, call 605-333-6851 or e-mail kristin.hendrickson@va.gov. Or call 605-333-6806 or e-mail raymond.vail@va.gov. Many positions have additional duties that can be discussed during interviews.

Individuals accepted into the Voluntary Services program as a regularly scheduled volunteer must pass fingerprinting background check, have current TB test and flu shot on file, and complete New Volunteer Orientation prior to beginning volunteer status.

Individuals interested in volunteer driver programs, in addition to the above, must pass background checks on driving record and a physical examination performed at this facility.

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