

Hello Department of California,

All of our VAs are open and running, except Fresno VA (sometimes they are allowed two volunteers at a time).

Thank you to all CDCE (VAVS) Representatives and Deputy Representatives who go into our VA Hospitals and gather information for all the volunteers in their area and all they do for the Hospitals. To the Volunteers who every day walk in and put in hundreds of thousands of hours in the VA Hospitals, you are the life-blood of our Hospital Program. Volunteers can be youth or adults -- continue working with all volunteers and let them know how much you appreciate all they do.

The Week of Valentine's Day February 9-15, 2025, is the "National Salute to Veteran Patients" celebration. This is the perfect time to go into the VA Hospitals and do so much with Veterans from Bingos to Music to even have a party for Valentine's Day. This is also a report, so get those in.

On MALTA in Members Resources, there are so many fillable applications including two types of Hospital Volunteer Appreciation Certificates, there are also applications for Hospital Volunteer Hours.

There is an application also there called Sponsored Hospital Volunteer Pin. This pin is a sponsorship from the VFW Auxiliary for Volunteers and student volunteers who completed a minimum of 100 hours in a VA Facility or Non-VA Facility. This pin is for non-members and is available from National Headquarters.