

HOSPITAL PROGRAM PROMOTION
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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 walk in every day 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 8-14, 2026, is a great time to go into the VA Hospitals with Valentine's Day cards. There's so much to do with Veterans, from Bingos to Reading to them to Music to even having a party for Valentine's Day. All of these activities are worthy of 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.