



## 2022 Veterans Patient Week: How to Help

Thank you for helping us prepare for our annual Salute to Veteran Patients, observed from Sunday, February 13 through Saturday, February 19. During this week, we are working to say “thank you” to Veteran Patients across VA facilities in Virginia.

### **What Do I Do?**

- 1.) If you have agreed to help, the Virginia War Memorial Foundation will provide cards and envelopes for you and your group. We have them available for pick up at the Memorial (621 South Belvidere Street, Richmond, VA 23220)
- 2.) We are asking volunteers to each try to complete ten (10) individual cards to send to Veteran Patients across Virginia.
- 3.) Return completed cards to the Memorial by **Tuesday, February 8**, and War Memorial staff and volunteers will ensure they are delivered

OR

- 4.) If you would like to send cards directly to VA facilities, addresses of the VA Hospitals in Virginia, as well as the contact information for each location. The office to ask for is the Center for Development & Civic Engagement (CDCE) at each hospital, and the Activities Director, Mandy Fisher at Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center.

### **F.A.Q.s:**

#### **I'm not in the Richmond Area. How can I participate?**

We are thrilled to have volunteers and friends from across the state--and the country--help with this endeavor. While you may not be able to use the cards we provided at the Memorial, you can still use Thank you cards, Valentines, blank cards, or homemade/handwritten letters. We are providing mailing addresses and sample language to help get you started.What should I write?

To help get you started, we have attached a list of suggested phrases, but feel free to use your own language. We encourage scout and school groups to draw or share a meaningful story, if you like. Be creative!

#### **Do I have to use the Memorial cards?**

No, if you want to purchase or create your own cards—or valentines!—we encourage you to do so.

#### **Can I write more than 10 cards?**

Of course! We want to reach as many of Virginia's veterans as possible. If you want to write or create additional cards, please let us know.

#### **I have a connection to Veteran patients in Virginia. Can I request cards be sent to my organization?**

Yes. We would love to expand our reach to help let as many of Virginia's veterans as possible know we are thinking of them. Please reach out to us at [mmwachur@vawarmemorial.org](mailto:mmwachur@vawarmemorial.org) to find out next steps.