2027 Veteran Patients Week: How to Help

Thank you for helping us prepare for our annual *National Salute to Veteran Patients*, observed from Sunday, February 14 through Saturday, February 20, 2027. 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 at least ten (10) individual cards to send to Veteran Patients across Virginia. (Of course, more are welcome!)

3.) Return completed cards to the Memorial by **Friday, January 29**, and War Memorial staff and volunteers will ensure they are delivered in time.

OR

4.) If you would like to send cards directly to VA facilities, we will provide a list of addresses of the VA Hospitals and Veterans Care Facilities in Virginia, as well as the contact information for each location.

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 awilson@vawarmemorial.org to find out next steps.