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(CAVHS) (135/NLR) Events 1-501-257-3288



## Occasional Volunteer Opportunities in support of Veteran Events: FY 2023

*The Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS) consists of two inpatient campuses located at Little Rock (196 Beds) and North Little Rock 651 Beds), Arkansas. CAVHS has eight Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in Conway, Hot Springs, El Dorado, Mountain Home, Mena, Pine Bluff, Russellville and Searcy, Arkansas. These eight clinics serve Veterans living in the northern, western, and central counties of Arkansas, as well as border counties in surrounding states. The Veterans Day Treatment Center moved into a newly remodeled downtown Little Rock facility in March 2013, consolidating three separate operating locations and serving Veterans across the region, many of whom are without homes. The Home Health Care Service Center is based in West Lake Industrial Center in Little Rock with a satellite branch in Hot Springs. Our CDCE office of Operations is located at 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock North We also support Vet Center in Little Rock with Volunteers and donations. Arkansas State Veterans Home is on the North Little Rock campus, and we have an MOU that supports Volunteers and Donations to 96 Veterans cared for in the Home. We have 150 Bed Community Living Center and 167 Mental Health and Domiciliary beds at North Little Rock. We also support off site VA Contracted Veterans without Home Beds in Little Rock and NLR.*

*We have a Comprehensive Adult Day Health Care, Mental Health Intensive Case Management and Care Giver Support Programs at North Little Rock. Our Home-Based Primary Care supports 175 Central Arkansas and Hot Springs Community Veterans.*

*CAVHS is a tertiary care facility classified as a Level 1b on the VA Complexity Model. It is a teaching hospital that provides a full range of patient care services, with state-of-the-art technology. In addition to education, CAVHS is active in research. Comprehensive healthcare is provided through primary, tertiary, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, mental health, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, dentistry, ophthalmology, geriatrics and extended care, and women's health. CAVHS is part of the South-Central VA Health Care Network (VISN 16), which includes facilities in Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. The overall function and purpose of the Voluntary Service is to provide volunteers to perform many duties necessary to support the overall purpose, function, and mission of the medical center; that is to provide high quality healthcare to our*

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*nation's Veterans in Central Arkansas and surrounding areas of Arkansas. In order to support the needs of Veterans we provide volunteers and accept donations for the medical facility. Voluntary Service is also responsible for managing General Post Funds (GPF) donations, recruiting and managing volunteers, and working closely with management officials in identifying diverse opportunities where volunteers can provide valuable services to our nation's Veterans. Often times it's as simple as a visit by an individual or organization.*

*Thank you for calling about Volunteer opportunities. Attached are Regular Scheduled Volunteer opportunities... If you are interested in after hour events please contact Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, Center for Development and Civic Engagement 501-257-3288*

*Some of the Occasional Volunteer opportunities we currently have scheduled looking for support are Bingo events that occur in recreation center on routine basis. We are always looking for activities, entertainers to support Veterans needs.*

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*Volunteer Opportunities Individual Events See attached events list that supports numerous events scheduled for 2022 and 2023*

*If you are interested in after hour events? Contact Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, Center for Development and Civic Engagement 501-257-3288 Contact Michael Dobbs or VS Specialist Michael Barnes CDCE Specialist about opportunities,*

*Thursday November 10 2022 Veterans Village of American and Arkansas Food Bank Distribution. Food will be distributed to Veterans on the North Little Rock Campus as they Drive through the area designated for Drive through Pantry. Up to 200 Families will be supported on a first Come First Serve Basis. The event will be held at Ft Roots NLR Eugene Towbin Healthcare Center North little Rock Parking Lot 1000-1300. Show time 2 hour prior to time listed*

*Monday November 28, 2022 Through Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, American Legion Auxiliary Annual Holiday Shop setup and Gift Selection wrapping and mailing event. A decades-old tradition in the ALA, the holiday stores typically are set up at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs health care facilities and state veterans homes to give veterans a chance to get holiday gifts — for free — to give to family members. Those who can come and visit the shop pick out a gift for their family members. For veterans who can't physically make it from their floor in the VA facility, the ALA brings the shopping to them so they can still participate and pick out presents. Gift items include clothing, small electronics, slow cookers, mixers, toasters, games for adults and children, basketballs, volleyballs, and more. Once gifts are at the facility, the store is typically set up for one to four days. Presents are also gift-wrapped for the veterans. A couple of ALA units even make drawstring bags for weirdly shaped items. It is a full shopping experience! ALA hosts this event will be held at Ft Roots NLR Eugene Towbin Healthcare Center for Development and Civic engagement Conference Room 1000-1300. Show time 2 hour prior to time listed*

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***Saturday December 3, 2022, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Emergency Management Team will be hosting Emergency Preparedness exercise that will need 40-50 Volunteers to support scenarios of evacuation and treatment for our annual exercise The event will be held at Ft Roots NLR Eugene Towbin Healthcare Center 2200 Fort Roots Driver North little Rock Bldg. 200. Lunch will be provided 1000-1300. Show time 2 hour prior to time listed***

***Tuesday December 6, 2022, National Society Daughters of 1812 Team will be coordinated and laying artificial Honor Wreaths on the Unknow Soldiers grave markers at the Little Rock National Cemetery. 50-75 Volunteers are needed to support National Cemetery and Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System and Center for Development Civic Engagement to lay wreaths on locations at the National Cemetery in Little Rock will be hosting the event will be held at the National Cemetery in Little Rock 2523 Confederate Blvd from 1000-1300. Show time 1 hour prior to time listed***

***Saturday December 17, 2022, National Wreaths Across America Team and Arkansas Run for the Fallen Teams will be coordinated and laying Wreaths on the grave markers at the Little Rock National Cemetery. 350-500 Volunteers are needed to support Run for the Fallen, National Cemetery and Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System and Center for Development Civic Engagement to lay wreaths on locations at the National Cemetery in Little Rock will be hosting the event will be held at the National Cemetery in Little Rock 2523 Confederate Blvd from 1000-1300. Show time 1 hour prior to time listed***

***February 12-18, 2022 National Salute to Veteran Patients the Central Arkansas Veterans Health Care System leadership and staff invites citizens young and old to join us in honoring our veterans and learning more about VA's volunteer program during the National Salute to Veteran Patients February 12-18. 2023.***

***You can join our "Visit a Vet for Valentine's Day" program or stop by anytime during National Salute week to visit Veterans at a VA facility and remind them that their sacrifices are not forgotten.***

***Established as an official VA program in 1978, this week is known as "National Salute to Veteran Patients" and is an annual event designed to increase public awareness of Veterans and the sacrifices they have made for our nation.***

***During the National Salute, VA invites individuals, Veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities and sports stars to participate in a variety of activities at the VA medical centers. The activities and events include special ward visits and valentine distributions; photo opportunities; special recreation activities and Veteran recognition programs.***

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***Every citizen can make a positive difference in the life of a Veteran patient. Visits from community groups do much to lift the spirits of our patients. I invite every member of our community to participate.***

***Our National Salute to Veterans program includes a formal ceremony followed by a small reception to kick off the weeklong events at Tobin Medical Center in the recreation center on February 13th at 1030 am. An additional ceremony will be held at the John L McClellan Medical Center in Little Rock on February 17th at 10:30 am in room 7E101 to close out the week's events.***

***VA Salute to Veterans Patients goals are to:***

- Show appreciation to all of America's Veterans***
- Increase awareness in the community of the local (host) VA***
- Encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and consider becoming a volunteer***
- Provide Information to the public on issues facing Veterans and their families***
- Promote volunteerism***

***If you are interested in information about visiting Veterans, volunteering, or donating, please call our Voluntary Service office at 501-257-3288 to obtain information and learn how to participate or contribute to the weeklong events.***

***Tuesday, February 28, 2023, creative Arts Local Competition. Scheduled to be held in NLR Recreation Center 20-25 Volunteers to assist with setup of event in recreation Center Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114 Show time 0800 event completion 1300.***

***Wednesday, March 1, 2023, Creative Arts Local Competition. Scheduled to be held in LR John L McClellan VA Medical Center 7E101, 20-25 Volunteers to assist with setup of event in recreation Center Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114 Show time 0800 event completion 1300.***

***Saturday March 18 2023 Kite Fest, Veterans and Families to fly kites Drones etc. Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114, Show time 0900am end 1500***

***Wednesday March 29, 2023, Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ft Roots Recreation Center NLR20-25 Volunteers needed to assist with transporting Veterans from NLR VAMC to Recreation Center to The Vietnam Veterans Celebration Show time 2 hour prior to time listed end time 1600***

***Friday April 7, 2023, 0900-1500 Mental Health Intensive Case Management MHICM Program Veterans Support Team Fishing Derby Ft Roots This is a fishing derby hosted by the VFW in support of home bound Veterans MHICM Impaired Support Team Programs. Veterans and Care providers are provided the opportunity to fish in Lake good hope Located on Fort Roots We expect need of 20-25 Volunteers to Support Movements and assistance to fish in the lake. Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114, Show time 0900am***

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**Friday, April 21, 2023, 11:00 -1300 Volunteer Recognition Banquet Sherwood Forest. 10-15 Volunteers needed to assist with decorations and setup of Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet. Also assist with Golf Carts parking and needed setup. Show time 2 hour prior to time listed.**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023, 0800-1300 American Legion Run/Walk/Roll 09 AM 20-55 Volunteers needed to assist with transporting Veterans from NLR VA the 5K Course on NLR Ft Roots. Also, to assist with setup and receipt of donations. Also assist with Golf Carts, Course route, parking and needed setup. Show time 1 hour prior to time listed**

**Saturday April 29, 2023, Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home (Jax Museum) 10-15 Volunteers needed to assist with transporting Veterans from NLR VAMC to Jacksonville Museum to The Vietnam Veterans Celebration and back to NLR VAMC. Show time 2 hour prior to time listed**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 0900-1300 VA2K Run/Walk/Roll 09 AM 20-55 Volunteers needed to assist with transporting Veterans from NLR VA the VA2K Course on NLR Ft Roots. Also, to assist with setup and receipt of donations. Also assist with Golf Carts, Course route, parking and needed setup. Show time 2 hour prior to time listed**

**May 12, 2023, 0900-1500 Home Based Program Veterans Support Team Fishing Derby Ft Roots This is a fishing derby hosted by the VFW in support of home bound Veterans HBPC Support Team Programs. Veterans and Care providers are provided the opportunity to fish in Lake good hope Located on Fort Roots We expect need of 20-25 Volunteers to Support Movements and assistance to fish in the lake. Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114, Show time 0900am**

**Friday June 2, 2023, 10:00 Homeless Veterans Day treatment Center Veterans Support team / Fishing Derby Ft Roots This are a fishing derby hosted by the VFW in support of home bound Veterans in the Home-Based Primary Care and Visual Impaired Support Team Programs. Veterans and Care providers are provided the opportunity to fish in Lake good hope Located on Fort Roots We expect need of 20-25 Volunteers to Support Movements and assistance to fish in the lake. Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114, Show time 0900am end 1500**

**June to be scheduled 2023 18:00 Arkansas Travelers VA Appreciation Night at Dickey Stephens Park. To assist Veterans load buses and around Park. Showtime Ball Park 0710 PM. Load time at Ft Roots is 1730 is 2200 Fort Roots Drive Bldg. 170 North Entrance, North little Rock Ark 72114**

**Friday, September 13, 2023, 10:00 Visually Impaired Veterans Support team / VFW Fishing Derby Ft Roots This are a fishing derby hosted by the VFW in support of home bound Veterans in the Home-Based Primary Care and Visual Impaired Support Team Programs. Veterans and Care providers are provided the opportunity to fish in Lake good hope Located on Fort Roots We expect need of 20-25 Volunteers to Support Movements and assistance to fish in the lake. Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114, Show time 0900am end 1500**

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**September 15, 0900-1500 Visual Impaired System Team (VIST) Program Veterans Support team / AL Fishing Derby Ft Roots This is a fishing derby hosted by the VFW in support of home bound visually impaired Veterans. Veterans and Care providers are provided the opportunity to fish in Lake good hope Located on Fort Roots We expect need of 20-25 Volunteers to Support Movements and assistance to fish in the lake. Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114, Show time 0900am**

**Friday, September 15, 2023, 11:00 POW MIA Ceremony, NLR Rec Ctr 15-25 Volunteers needed to assist with transporting Veterans from NLR VA downstairs to the Recreation Center to POW MIA Ceremony and then back upstairs to NLR CLC VAMC. Also assist with Golf Carts parking and needed setup. Show time 2 hour prior to time listed end time 1500**

**September 16, 2023 @ 09-1600 Thunder Across River Arkansas Chapter Rolling Thunder Inc. Chapter 1 Awareness support motorcycle ride in memory of POW MIA Service members. Volunteers Riders? Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114**

**Friday October 6, 2023, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary (VFWA ) 23rd<sup>d</sup> annual Fishing Derby NLR. This is a fishing derby hosted by the VFW and Military order of Cooties in support of Community Living Center In-Patient Veterans at Towbin VA Health Care Center at Ft Roots NLR AR. Veterans residing at CAVHS NLR facility are provided the opportunity to fish in Lake good hope Located on Fort Roots We expect need of 20-25 Volunteers to Support Movements and assistance to fish in the lake. Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114. Show Time Volunteers 0900**

**November 5, 2023 (1pm-3pm) CAMS, Dad's Ole Car Show North Little Rock sponsored by Pontiac Car Club. This event supports Veterans of Community Living Center In-Patient Veterans at Towbin VA Health Care Center at Ft Roots NLR AR. Veterans residing at CAVHS NLR facility are provided the opportunity to look at cars and take photo with their favorite Car. Fort Roots, we expect need of 20-25 Volunteers to Support Movements and assistance to parking lot from the Medical Facility Community Living centers for 150 Veterans. Photographers needed for entire day!! Community is invited to enjoy cars. Best of Show prize is presented. Food and refreshments provided to Veterans by Center for Development and Civic Engagement and Employees of CAVHS. This event is supported by CAMS Car Club 160-200 Cars are presented for show to Veterans Location is 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock Ark 72114. Additional Planning for Event to include Community Outreach Tables, Military Vehicle Displays and providing Veterans information about resources available at VA and Community!! Event "MYVA "**

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