Does the veteran have to be in a VA facility or nursing home to become a part of the rehabilitation program?

No, any veteran in need of assistance is a part of rehabilitation. The veteran down your street may need assistance with weekly lawn care in the summer and snow removal in the winter due to age or disability.

How does your squadron, district or detachment report your activities?

A rehabilitation form is included in the National Administrative Manual which is copied by your detachment and sent to all squadrons. This information needs to be reported to your detachment at the conclusion of your yearly detachment convention.

For information on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

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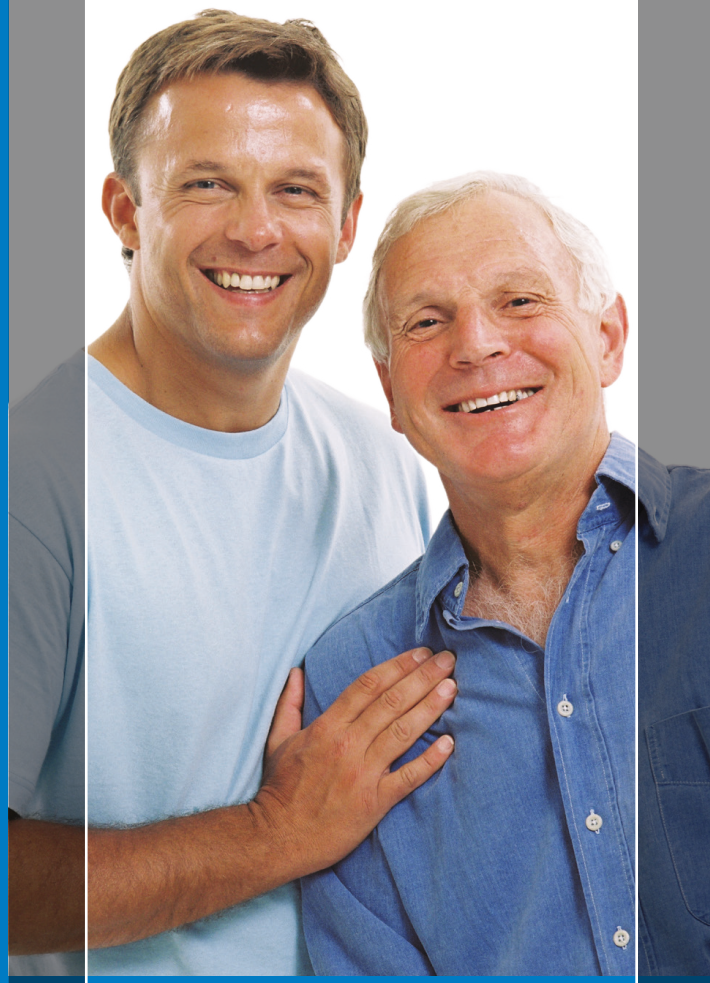

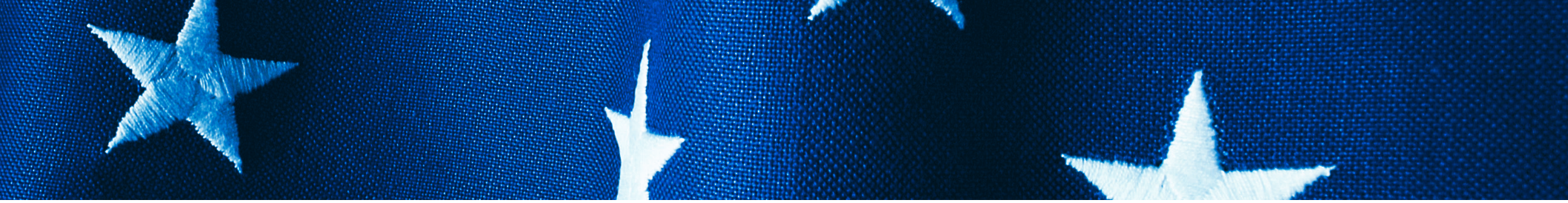

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As a member of the Sons of The American Legion, how can I help veterans rehabilitate?

It is important for veterans to know how they and their commitment to our nation are treasured. There are many ways to honor and show appreciation for our veterans. For example, many Sons members spend time completing chores for veterans who need assistance around their homes. Other SAL members volunteer at VA hospitals around the country, spending time with veterans and helping them in a variety of activities.

How can our squadron, district or detachment become involved in rehabilitation programs?

If you don't already have a Rehabilitation Committee, then create one and appoint participants. From there, follow the Constitution and bylaws on establishing the committee.

The committee can investigate programs by other squadrons, districts and detachments in your area and decide which programs would best suit your members. The committee can investigate where the veterans in your community are that need assistance by contacting your post service officer, a nearby VA facility, state veterans hospital or local nursing homes.

How do I become a Sons of The American Legion volunteer at a VA facility?

Contact your VAVS representative at the VA facility near you. Your detachment should be able to supply you with the name of the representative, contact the chief of voluntary services and refer to reference number SOAL 303. VAVS volunteers have no age restrictions – anyone can help.

Can I become a Sons of The American Legion VAVS representative at a VA facility?

Yes, if there is not one currently serving. Contact your detachment commander or adjutant for more information. You must be 21 years of age to be a representative.

How important is a volunteer to a VA facility or nursing home?

With the cutbacks that VA facilities and nursing homes have been facing in the last few years, the volunteer is of utmost value not only to the facility but to the veteran. The volunteer has become a vital part of the facilities and especially to the veterans.

How important are contributions to VA facilities?

Due to government cutbacks, there are many high-priority needs that veterans often find lacking in VA facilities. These can include personal care items, clothing and general comfort items such as furniture and supplies for lounges and recreational areas.

What types of activities best suit veterans in VA facilities, state veterans hospitals and nursing homes?

Squadrons have found that veterans enjoy activities such as bingo parties, card parties, fishing trips, barbecues, summer picnics and shopping excursions. Of course, regular visits often mean more to the veteran than a special event.

What do I do if a veteran asks about his benefits?

Any question that you may receive regarding entitlements, benefits, etc., should be directed to the post service officer in your area. The Sons of The American Legion is not involved in this phase of rehabilitation. The post service officers have been trained in the area and are experts in their field.