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Upcoming Special Events: *please see page 2 for additional activities that could use assistance

12/3/24 – Hall of Heroes Induction Ceremony – 9:30am, Building 455, Veterans Hall

12/3/24 - Festival of Lights - 6:00pm, Center Courtyard

12/11/24 – Holiday Gala – 1:30pm, Building 455, Veterans Hall

12/16/24 AND 12/17/24—Holiday Lights Bus Trip (volunteers needed to help assist with inpatient Veterans) - 5:15pm—7:00pm. Call our office to sign up to help

12/19/24 – Jolly Jingers Employee/Volunteer handbell choir – 9:30am, Building 455, Veterans Hall

12/23/24—401 Veterans go a Caroling — 3:30pm. Looking for volunteers to assist with wheelchairs

12/24/24 - Versiti Blood Drive – 8:00am-1:00pm, Building 455, Veterans Hall

Volunteer Reminders

1. **Annual Review** — PLEASE read through all 4 pages to ensure you understand expectations as Tomah VA Volunteer. Pages 5 and 6 need to be signed/completed and returned to remain an active volunteer.
2. **Flu Shots** are required for **All** Volunteers by December 1st. Please complete form and turn it in with documentation to be in compliance. Flu Shots are available at employee health Monday-Friday or at outpatient clinics. *Form 10-9050 (page 6) needs to be returned with documentation of vaccine OR physician signature OR religious exception request in writing.
3. Wear your Volunteer ID anytime (and only) when you're on volunteer duty. **Please also check expiration date and our office know if ID will expire soon**



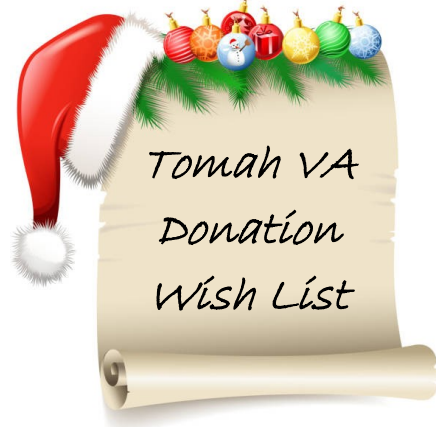
December 2024

Tomah VA Free Choice Activities—All Veterans Welcome

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel	2 6:00pm-7:30pm Open Bowling Alley (bldg. 406; room 1615)	3 9:00am-11:00am Open Bowling Alley (bldg. 406; room 1615) 9:30am Hall of Heroes Induction Ceremony, 455; Veterans Hall 6:00pm Festival of Lights, Center Court- yard	4 *1:00-3:00pm Pickleball Clinic; Bldg. 15 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel 3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling Alley (bldg. 406; room 1615)	5 1:00-2:30pm— Project Healing Waters; La Crosse Vet Center	6 1:00-2:30pm Archery Clinic, Bldg. 15	7 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:30 Bingo (ALA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall
8 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel	9 6:00pm-7:30pm Open Bowling Alley (bldg. 406; room 1615)	10 *12:30-2:30 Air Rifle Clinic Bldg. 15	11 *1:00-2:30pm Nat'l Events Clinic, Bldg. 15 1:30pm Holiday Gala; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling Alley (bldg. 406; room 1615)	12	13	14 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open
15 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel	16 1:30pm Day at the Races (AMVETS) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 6:00pm-7:30pm Open Bowling Alley (bldg. 406; room 1615)	17 9:00am-11:00am Open Bowling Alley (bldg. 406; room 1615) 1:00-2:30pm—Project Healing Waters; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall	18 *1:00-3:00pm Pickleball Clinic; Bldg. 15 1:30 Bingo (VFWA State) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel 3:00pm-7:00pm Open Bowling Alley (bldg. 406; room 1615)	19 9:30 Jolly Jingers: Employee/ volunteer Hand- bell Choir; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall	20 1:00-2:30pm Archery Clinic, Bldg. 15	21 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open
22 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel	23 6:00pm-7:30pm Open Bowling Alley (bldg. 406; room 1615)	24 8:00am-1:00pm Versiti Blood Drive; Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall	25 Christmas Day	26	27 2:45pm Catholic Mass, VA Chapel	28 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open
29 9:00am-12:00pm VA Library Open 1:00 Protestant Service, VA Chapel	30 6:00pm-7:30pm Open Bowling Alley (bldg. 406; room 1615)	31 6:00pm Bingo (DAV—Ch. 27) Bldg. 455; Veterans Hall		*Need medical clearance & appointment for adaptive sports events		VA Library Open Monday- Friday 8:00am- 4:00pm

Current Needs List

- **NEW!** Canteen books (\$1.00) for CLC activities (Please purchase directly from VCS)
- Reading Glasses (all strengths)
- Regular and Decaf Coffee—large tubs for units
- Hot Chocolate, Regular and sugar free
- Suspenders
- Men's sweatpants (M, L, 3XL, 4XL)
- Men's belts—32"-40" waist
- Men's or Women's Flannel Shirts (M, L, XL, 2XL)



Current Volunteer Needs

- **BIGGEST NEED: 455 Activities**—Volunteers to assist inpatients to scheduled 455 activities (see page 2)
*if we don't have a enough volunteers, we may have to move activity to unit instead of hospital wide.
- **NEW! La Crosse Vet Center**—Tuesday evenings 4:00pm-7:00pm
- **Drivers for VTS** (Wheelchair vehicles), weekend coverage as able (Dialysis)
- **Blue Team BTSSS Computer Assistant** - assist Veterans with myhealthvet and BTSSS Portal
- **Wausau Outpatient Clinic Greeter**
- **Bowling Alley Volunteers:** open bowling alley, assist bowlers with getting shoes, ball, electronic scoring.
- **Chapel Volunteers**—escort inpatient Veterans to Chapel as scheduled:
 - Sundays at 1:00pm - Protestant
 - Wednesdays at 2:45pm - Catholic Mass
- **Recreation Volunteers (fishing, games, visiting, music, art)**— to assist with programming and 1:1 visits with inpatient Veterans
- **Compassionate Contact Corps**—virtual volunteers to call Veterans from comfort of your own home (average 15 minute commitment /week)
- **Coffee Cart Volunteers** - Outpatient Clinic locations (Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, La Crosse)

Thank you to our Volunteers who helped set up our Festival of Lights Display! See you December 3rd when we turn them on!



Tomah VA Donations FY24

Monetary Donations	\$50,069.20
Activity Donations	\$12,783.70
Item Donations	\$224,580.35
Grand Total All Donations	\$287,433.25

Tomah VA Volunteer Hours FY24

Regularly Scheduled (RS) Volunteers Logging Hours (average age = 63)	224
Number of Volunteers Recruited in FY	59
Regular Scheduled Volunteer Hours	17,379.50
Occasional Volunteer Hours	2,530.25
Total Volunteer Hours (equivalent to 9.57 FTE)	19,909.75
Volunteer Hourly Value (19,909.75 x \$33.49 per hour):	\$666,777.52

Total Resource Impact for FY24: \$954,210.77



During today's VAVS quarterly meeting, hospital representatives and deputy representatives from our various organizations presented a check to Dr. Bryan Prah, Associate Director to demonstrate the Total Resource Impact of volunteers and donations from fiscal year 2024.

We know that the impact of our volunteers is more than just the numbers on the spreadsheets; it's the time spent with inpatients sharing stories, miles driven to ensure Veterans get to their medical appointments, phone calls to Veterans to increase socialization and the many smiles (and sometimes tears) shared.

Thank you to all our volunteers and community partners for making an impact every day.