

April 2024

## CDCE/Voluntary Services Newsletter



"Haunted and haunting, human and inhuman, war remains with us and within us, impossible to forget but difficult to remember."

### National Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 29<sup>th</sup> is designated as National Vietnam War Veterans Day in the United States. This is a time to pay special Tribute to the 9 million Americans who served during the Vietnam War era, to the 58,000 names memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., and to those who never received the recognition they Deserved whye they returned to America from war.

March 29, 1973, is the day U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished, and the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. In addition, on and around this same day, the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration stated that Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war. (American Legion, [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org))



On Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Kingston recognized our volunteers who served during the Vietnam War by giving them a Vietnam War Veteran Pin. A thank you to all our volunteers who served during the Vietnam War to help protect our country. You will never be forgotten!

Some of our VAVS groups and a new volunteer, Jackson Servant, volunteered between 11am and 1pm by handing out snacks, treats, popcorn, and other freebies for our veterans. Thank you to the DAR ladies (Karen Fitzgibbons, Ann Cox, Marta Dempsey, and others) Paula Pillen from the American Legion Auxiliary, Janice

## Meeting Minutes April 2024

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **VAVS Quarterly Meetings:** April 24<sup>th</sup> @ Omaha, April 25<sup>th</sup> @ Lincoln
- **April 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>:** Volunteer Appreciation Week
- **April 26<sup>th</sup>:** Ribbon cutting for new PT/OT/Prosthetics building
- **April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Volunteer Banquet (Theme is Casino Night)
- **May 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>:** Festival Week in Denver, CO. 5 veterans from NWI have been invited to show their creative arts pieces (1 artist, 3 writers, and 1 performer). NWI was #6 out of 6 VA facilities that had chosen representatives.
- **May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Police week – VA Coffee with a Cop
- **May 15<sup>th</sup>:** VA 2K Walk and Roll

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The new PT/OT and Prosthetics building opened on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. All outpatient PT/OT and 7<sup>th</sup> floor prosthetics has moved to the new building.
- More construction will be happening at the Omaha VA in the future. Most of these projects will affect our parking situation for both veterans and staff. We may be asking some volunteers to be flexible and possibly help with driving golf carts or shuttles to accommodate the needs of our veterans and staff. More info to come once we know when and where these changes will be happening.

## MOBILE MED UNIT



### Purpose


MMUs provide staff with the necessary infrastructure to provide care in community-based settings, all in a safe and confidential space with medical supplies and equipment readily available.


Homeless Veterans who access care through an MMU will not need to visit VA hospitals for many health and supportive services.

- Health Assessments
- Preventative Care
- Immunizations
- Laboratory

-MMU Sharing would allow subspecialties, special initiatives and other departments to use based on needs of patient population (e.g. rural veterans, spinal cord injury, volunteer services)

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AND  
THOSE THAT SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

05/04/2024  
Lake Manawa State Park  
Shelter 6  
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