

# United We Serve

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"United We Serve engages Americans in sustained, meaningful community service from June 22 to September 11, a new National Day of Service and Remembrance. But, of course, the call to service will not end on September 11. I hope you will join me in answering the President's call and engaging in your community this summer and beyond."

**Eric K. Shinseki**  
**Secretary of Veterans Affairs**

Besides the many volunteer opportunities available at VA medical facilities, Veterans benefits offices and National cemeteries, here are four specific opportunities to consider:

## Volunteer Transportation Network (VTN)

Since 1987, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has been a major supporter of the Volunteer Transportation Network (VTN) by donating vans to medical center across the nation. DAV, VAVS, and other community organizations have combined to create a nationwide volunteer program to transport Veterans who are seeking VA services or benefits.

## Welcome Home Events

This event provides pertinent information on VA benefits and includes participation by Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) staff; VHA Health care services; Supportive services for families and/or significant others; and Services of the OEF-OIF Program Manager, Transition Patient Advocates, and OEF-OIF Case Managers.

## Stand Down for Homeless Veterans

The first Stand Down was organized in 1988 by a group of Vietnam veterans in San Diego. Since then, Stand Downs have been used as an effective tool in reaching out to homeless Veterans, reaching more than 200,000 Veterans and their family members between 1994-2000.

## National Cemetery Volunteer

The National Cemetery Administration (NCA) honors veterans with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service to our nation. NCA serves all veterans and their families with the utmost dignity, respect, and compassion.



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National Salute to  
Veteran Patients



Welcome Home  
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Pet Therapy  
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