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St Cloud VAHCS

On November 21st the Voluntary Services Chief at the Hospital held our VAVS Summary of Annual Report Review with the ALA Hospital Representative and Deputy Representative. In layman's terms, we got a "report card".

We wanted to share it with all of the members, because it actually is your report card!

The Number of Regularly Scheduled Volunteers dropped from 27 to 23. 1 Youth and 3 adults. (Some due to death.)
The Number of Regularly Scheduled Volunteer hours dropped from 3,478.75 to 3,255.00.
The Number of Occasional Volunteers Hours **went up** – from 421.00 to 460.75! (That was great!)

Here comes the really good part though.

The total Monetary Donations **went up** from \$16,106.95 to \$17,295.00 (Thank you Units!)

The total estimated Value of Non-Monetary Donations **went WAY up** – from \$98,503.00 to \$157,851.10. That's an increase of \$59,348.10 – fantastic.

Number of Units Volunteering **went up** from 12 to 18. An increase of 6 volunteers. Again, fantastic.

You ladies truly are wonderful. There's no way to tell you how much your donations of time, money and material items mean to our veterans. The thank yous we receive are worth a million dollars. We do encourage you to sign up to be a regularly scheduled volunteer. That doesn't mean you have to volunteer every day or even every week. It just means you should set some kind of a scheduled plan with the hospital. Contact the Voluntary Services Offices for instructions on how to be a regularly scheduled volunteer. It's not that hard and well worth every minute of your time.

VOLUNTEER – It's one way we can say "thanks" to our veterans!

Second, we received a hand delivered Christmas card on December 5 from Servicemen @ RRTP MH St Cloud VAMC, MN. It was addressed:

"Merry Christmas!
American Legion &
Legion Auxilliary"

The front of the envelope read:

"Thank you for loving us when we can't love ourselves" & "What you Do Does Matter!"

This is the inside of the card. - -

Thank all of you for giving us the opportunity to serve our veterans.



Jan Benson, St. Cloud Representative

Carol Kottom, St. Cloud Deputy Representative