SOUTHERN AZ VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

How to Become a VA Volunteer

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. Being a SAVAHCS volunteer comes with many benefits. When we share our time and talents we:

* Serve our Nation’s Veterans  
* Teach skills to others  
* Solve problems  
* Strengthen communities  
* Improve the lives of others  
* Connect to others  
* Make new friends  
* Transform our own life and health  
* Learn to develop new skills

If you volunteer for four or more hours in a day, you will receive a complimentary meal at SAVAHCS. All volunteers also receive free parking on the campus.

For most positions, the process to become a volunteer includes:

- Completing an application (VA Form 10-7055 and Acknowledgement of Work Environment)
- Interviewing with our staff
- Attending a two-hour orientation
- Successfully completing a fingerprint background check
- Having a TB test or chest x-ray

Volunteer positions such as concierge, caregiver support and those positions needing computer access require an additional background check and training.

Completion and submittal of an application does not guarantee acceptance as a volunteer.

After completing application paperwork and returning it to the Voluntary Service office, we will review your application. If we are a good match for your skills, we will contact you to set up an interview for you with one of our staff.

For more information or to request an application, please contact the volunteer office at 520-629-1822

http://www.tucson.va.gov/
Volunteer Positions Currently Available
Attached is a list of positions we are currently seeking volunteers for. (This information is subject to change based on hospital needs.) Do not see a volunteer position on the list that fits your interests? Discuss with us how you think you can help and we will try to find a volunteer job to match your skills. We will do our best to meet your interests and the needs of our patients and staff.

Volunteer Opportunities

Patient Escort
Transport patients in wheelchairs or on gurneys to designated areas within the medical center. Also, deliver lab specimens, patient charts, equipment and records.

Office Administration
Support employees with general clerical work to include answering phones, filing, word processing, data input and reception of Veteran patients and visitors.

Recreation
Accompany patients to activities both on and off campus. Help with event set-up. Bring patients from their rooms to participate in activities. Assist patients during activities.

Patient Concierge
Provide premier customer service to ensure patients and visitors have a pleasant hospital experience.

- **Concierge Cart**
  Taking carts filled with amenities to in and out patient areas, and providing comfort to patients and their family members

- **Concierge Desk**
  Greet and serve Veteran patients, family members and guests, providing needed resources and amenities.

- **Emergency Department Concierge**
  Provide comfort and amenities to patients and family members in the hospital Emergency Department waiting room.
Volunteer Transportation Network (VTN)
Drive government vehicles to transport Veterans. *Must possess valid driver’s license and auto insurance and pass VA physical.

- **DAV Drivers**
  Transport Veteran patients throughout Southern Arizona to appointments at the Tucson VA Hospital. Drivers needed from Yuma, Sierra Vista, Casa Grande and Tucson.

- **Tram Drivers**
  Drive a six/eight passenger golf cart to transport Veterans and visitors throughout hospital grounds.

- **Recreation Drivers**
  Drive government vehicles to transport Veterans to scheduled off-site recreation events with VA Recreation staff.

**Pets for Vets**
Certified dog and handler teams (typically Pet Partners, formerly known as Delta, or Therapy Dogs International) assist staff in providing animal-assisted rehabilitation activities for patients.

**Caregiver Support Program Volunteer**
Provide a much-needed break for the caregivers of Veterans. Visit and become a companion for homebound Veterans.

**Appointment Reminder Assistant**
Call Veteran patients to remind them about scheduled appointments and track responses.

**Volunteer Barbers/ Hairstylists**
Trim hair for Veterans in the Homeless Program Barber Shop or the inpatient Community Living Center. Must have a current Arizona State barber/hairstylist license.

Please visit [http://www.tucson.va.gov/giving/](http://www.tucson.va.gov/giving/) for further information about our program.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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VHA Directive 1620.1 - Volunteer Assistance by Patients, Outpatients, and Former Patients
Hospital inpatients are not permitted to serve as VAVS volunteers. Individuals who are prescribed or encouraged to volunteer as part of their VA medical treatment also may not serve as VAVS volunteers. Former inpatients must wait six months after hospitalization before becoming a VAVS volunteer in order to hasten rehabilitation, to encourage former inpatients to resume normal home and community involvement, and to discourage and avoid possible facility dependence.