



HOME SERVICE

2011-2012 Plan of Action

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Pod for Veterans Support and Advocacy

Purpose: To support veterans in VA Medical Centers, the WI Veterans Homes, nursing homes and in the community.

Department Level Objectives:

1. To increase the number of members participating in Home Service by at least 10.

Action Steps:

- a. Present the program at Fall Informational Forum in such a way that members will want to participate.
 - b. Write articles for the monthly mailings and the Wisconsin that will spark an interest in members and will encourage them to participate.
 - c. Assist the Department VA&R chairman to place volunteers in Unit opportunities.
2. Educate members about opportunities available through Home Service.
 - a. Present opportunities at Fall Forum.
 - b. Give specific examples at Fall Forum
 - c. Educate the members on the do and don't list so they understand what can and what cannot be done.
 3. Educate Units on record keeping and reporting
 - a. Have copies of the record keeping forms available at Fall Forum.
 - b. Explain the forms and encourage good record keeping.
 - c. Encourage all Units to send their reports in.

Programs and Activities:

Encourage making cards for holidays for veterans in VA Medical Centers. Some of the veterans housed at the centers may not get any holiday gifts or cards at all so this is a good activity for members to remember veterans.

Encourage the writing of letters for veterans going to Washington DC on an Honor Flight. The flights have "mail call" on the return flight. Let's show them we honor their service.

Encourage Units to participate in the "Unit Home Service volunteer of the month". Units can share ideas with their members what the volunteer has done. This may encourage others to participate as well. This information may also be shared with the Department Chairman so Units across the Department can see what has been done. This may spark an interest in others to do the same.

Encourage as many Units across the Department to send in their yearly reports.

Awards:

A citation will be given to the Home Service volunteer serving the greatest number of hours from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. One award will go to a Junior member and another to a Senior member. These members will be reported to National.

Pins will be given to members reaching their first 50 hours of service. Hour achievement bar attachments will be given to members reaching 100, 300, 500 and 1,000 hours. These hours will be reported to National.

Resources:

For more information visit www.ALAforVeterans.org