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Dear Comrade Commanders and Comrades,

The statement in one previous Dept Leadership Directory says, 'Taking care of Veterans through VFW programs, camaraderie, assistance, and advocacy is our Top Priority'. It would be outstanding if your Districts and your Posts would participate in some way with the VAVS programs at your VAMC. I am appealing for your support with donations to purchase items that the VA doesn't fund for the VAMC's to purchase for the Veterans. You could help by sponsoring a function, such as a Bingo party, a picnic, 'Meet & Greets', baseball games, bowling, and etc. with the VFW VAVS Reps for 2018/19. With out your assistance, we can't run our VAVS programs for our hospitalized Veteran Patients. Arrangements can be made, if you are interested in sponsoring an event during the day, evening, or on a weekend day. Even if you can't be at the function you can sponsor it. Please contact your VAVS Representative as soon as possible to schedule an event or for more information about the program. Our names and info are listed in the Dept. Leadership Directory. Post's donations can be made from the small games of chance profits. These donations should be made to the Reps and not to the VAMC's. If it is sent to the VAMC's it goes into the Volunteer Services General account. Check with the Representative to see to who and where to send your donation.

Regular volunteers are needed throughout the VA Medical Centers and their CBOC Offices. There is a need for VFW Volunteer Drivers for DAV Vans in all counties. If you are interested in becoming a VFW Volunteer please contact the Volunteer Services Office at your respective VAMC. If you are able to give of your time as a VFW Volunteer, our Comrade Veterans need you.

It's surprising how many people don't know the difference between VAMC's and State Veterans Homes.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me or the VAVS Chairman Nelson Lowes.

Thank you

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