

Veterans Administration
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FROM: STATE VAVS REPRESENTATIVE, ROBERT M. CANNON SR.

TO: DETACHMENTS INVOLVED IN VAVS PRGRAM

RE: VAVS CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND ATTENDANCE

This letter is to advise new detachment officers of the procedures in certifying a representative or deputy VAVS Officer for the state of Florida to particular D.V.A. medical center.

You as the detachment commander or detachment ADJ/Paymaster must write a letter to the National representative (PATRICK J. CODY, NAT'L. VAVS REP., P.O. Box 64, INDUSTRY, PA 15052-0064) requesting your member of members be certified as a representative or deputy representative to a particular D.V.A.M. Center. They must supply the following information.

Full name of the **R**epresentative or **D**eputy.

Complete addresses of all persons to be certified.

Telephone number: for VA's use and our file only.

Name of D.V.A.M. Center, and address if several are in the area.

THERE ARE NO FORMS OR FORM LETTERS TO REQUEST CERTIFICATION.

Should your detachment be involved in the VAVS program, the commandant or Adj. /Paymaster should check with the people to determine when they were last certified.

Certification is for two (2) years. When this time is up, the person must be recertified again if they wish to continue on the VAVS program. The V.A. Usually issues an I.D. card to each person in the program and the card lists the length of the certification.

Recertification is not automatic; it is done only after a request is made to the National Representative.

You are allowed (1) one representative and up to (3) deputies at each center.

A leaguer cannot represent us at a center if he or she is representing another organization or, is a V.A. employee.

Please try and select persons that can attend the quarterly VAVS Meetings. V.A. central office monitors the attendance of all organizations on the National committee.

M.O.D.D. and MCL Auxiliary members cannot be certified by league VAVS committee. They are handled by their Nat'l. Representatives.

Semper Fidelis

Robert M. Cannon Sr.

V.A. Hospitals, Clinics, Nursing Homes and County Veterans Service Offices

There are **seven (7)** major V.A. Medical centers. (Listings enclosed)

There are **42** V.A. outpatient clinics. (Listings attached)

There are 7 nursing homes. (**Listed as VA Primary Care Clinic**)

Each County in the state of Florida has a County V.A. service office with certified Service Officers.

All report volunteer hours to the **seven (7)** V.A. medical centers who in turn report twice a year to the National Veterans Organization to whom the volunteer hours are accredited to.

Each district receives a monthly report from the V.A. Medical center in his or her district of the voluntary hours reported for that month of the detachments in a given district.

My annual report to the state Commandant is to include all hours between October 1 and September 30 of each year **from all detachments**, and should be submitted before **March 1**.

Each V.A. Medical center has their own volunteer application form and in most cases is different than the others.

BREAKDOWN

FLORIDA COMMANDANT

STATE VAVS OFFICER

THE **ELEVEN** DISTRICT VICE COMMANDANTS

Each District Vice **ensures that** a VAVS Officer **is appointed by the detachment Commandant** in his or her district on a volunteer basis. **Also each District should have its own VAVS Officer from one of the Detachments in their District.**

Each VAVS Officer reports detachment volunteer hours to a volunteer center (VA HOSPITAL).

District VAVS Officer receives monthly reports from volunteer facility to which volunteer hours are reported.

District VAVS Officer reports to state VAVS Officer, who reports to the state commandant. Volunteer hours shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A) Bus drivers to V.A. Hospitals. (recorded at Hospital)
- B) Volunteers who work in Hospitals. Patient Escorts (also recorded at Hospital).
- C) Honor Guards for special occasions.
- D) Honor Guards for Military Funerals.
- E) Visitations by volunteers to Hospice, old age homes, veterans Nursing homes.
- F) Veterans Service Officer, volunteer hours.
- G) Community programs and / or projects for veterans.
- H) Contributions both cash and / or goods for veterans.
- I) Veterans' advocates volunteer hours at veteran's Hospitals.

Detachment VAVS Officers for each detachment will report volunteer hours to the appropriate reporting center (Hospital, ETC.).

District VAVS Officer will receive a monthly report from reporting center to which the volunteer hours are reported; regardless how many detachments are in the district.

District VAVS Officers then report to the state VAVS Officer who passes all information on to the state Commandant.

State and District VAVS Officers are entitled to wear Department Staff Appointed ribbons.

Detachment VAVS Officers are entitled to wear Detachment Staff Appointed ribbon.

V.A. Headquarters in Washington, D.C., reports to the National representative all League volunteer hours by V.A. Facilities every 6 months.

VAVS Chiefs / VA Medical Centers in VISN # 8

Ms. Julie Baker (352) 374-6068 (VAVS Office)
Chief, Voluntary Service (135)
V.A. Medical Center
1601 S.W. Archer Road
Gainesville, FL 32608-1197

Mr. Ron Joyner (386) 754-6355 (VAVS Office)
Chief, Voluntary Service (135)
V.A. Medical Center
801 South Marion Street
Lake City, FL 32025-5898

Ms. Laura Balun (813) 972-7533 (VAVS Office)
Chief, Voluntary Service (135)
James A. Haley Veterans Hospital
13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33612

Ms. Mary C. Phillips (561) 422-7372 (VAVA Office)
Chief, Voluntary Service (135)
V.A. Medical Center
7305 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33410-6400

Ms. Derenda J. Summerlin (727) 398-9394 (VAVS Office)
 Chief, Voluntary Service (135)
 V.A. Medical Center
 P.O. Box 5005
 Bay Pines, FL 33744-5005

Ms. Christine A. Bridgman (305) 575-3140 VAVS Office)
 Chief, Voluntary Service (135)
 V.A. Medical Center
 1201 N.W. 16th Street
 Miami, FL 33125

Mr. Edgardo Diaz (809) 641-9523 (VAVS Office)
 Chief, Voluntary Service (135)
 V.A. Medical Center
 10 Casua Street
 San Juan, PR 00921-3201

FLORIDA VA OUTPATIENT CLINICS

BOCA RATON	900 GLADES RD, BOCA RATON 33431	561-416-8995	
BREVARD (VIERA)	2900 VETERANS WAY, VIERA 32940	321-637-3788	1-877-878-8387
BROOKSVILLE	14540 CORTEZ BLVD. STE. 202, BROOKSVILLE 34613	352-597-8287	
CORAL SPRINGS	9900 WEST SAMPLE RD. STE. 100 CORAL SPRINGS 33065	954-575-4940	
DAYTONA BEACH	551 NATIONAL HEALTH CARE DR., DAYTONA BEACH 32114	386-323-7500	1-800-953-6838
DEERFIELD BEACH	2100 S.W, 10TH ST., DEERFIELD BEACH 33442	954-570-5572	
DELRAY BEACH	4800 LINTON BLVD. BLDG. F.STE 11, DELRAY BEACH33445	561-495-1973	
Ellenton	4333 US Hwy 301 N., Ellenton 34222	941-721-0649	
FORT MYERS	3033 WINKLER EXTENSION, FORT MYERS 33916	239-939-3939	1-888-513-0045
FORT PIERCE	728 NORTH US 1, FORT PIERCE 34950	561-595-5150	
Hollywood (Hallandale)	3702 Washington St. Ste.201, Hollywood 33021	954-986-1811	
HOMESTEAD	950 N. KROME AVE, STE 401, HOMESTEAD 33030	305-248-0874	
JACKSONVILLE	1833 BLVD, JACKSONVILLE 32206	904-232-2751	

KEY LARGO	105662 OVERSEAS HWY, KEY LARGO 33037	305-451-0164	
KEY WEST	1300 DOUGLAS CIR, BLDG. L-15 KEY WEST 33040	305-293-4609	
KISSIMMEE	201 HILDA ST, KISSIMMEE, 34741	407-518-5004	
LAKELAND	3240 S. FLORIDA AVE, 33803	863-701-2470	
Lecanto	2804 W. Marc Knighton Court Suite A,Lecanto 34461	352-746-8000	
LEESBURG	9836 S.HWY 441, LEESBURG 34788	352-728-4462	
Miami	1492 W. Flagler St. Ste. 201, Miami 33135	305-541-8435	
NAPLES (COLLIER CTY)	2685 HORSESHOE DR STE 101, NAPLES 34104	239-659-9188	
NORTH PINELLAS	1721 MAIN ST, DUNEDIN 34698-6402	727-734-5276	
NEW PORT RICHEY	9912 LITTLE RD, NEW PORT RICHEY 34654	727-869-4100	1-877-353-1107
OAKLAND PARK	5599 N DIXIE HWDY, OAKLAND PARK 33334	954-771-2101	1-888-497-4647
OCALA	1515 SILVER SPRINGS BLVD, OCALA 34470-6814	352-369-3320	
OKEECHOBEE	1201 N PARROT AVE, OKEECHOBEE 34992	863-824-3232	
ORLANDO HEALTHCARE CTR	5201 RAYMOND ST, ORLANDO 32803	407-629-1599	1-800-922-7521
PANAMA CITY	COASTAL SYSTEMS STATION,6703 HWY 98 BLDG 387, 32407	850-636-7000	1-888-231-5047
PEMBROKE PINES	7369 SHERIDN ST STE 102 HOLLYWOOD 33024	954-894-1668	
PENSACOLA N. PRIMARY CARE	312 KENMORE RD, PENSACOLA 32503	850-476-1100	1-800-897-8977
PENSACOLA S. MENTAL HEALTH	7895-C PENSACOLA BLVD, PENSACOLA 35234	850-476-1100	1-800-897-8977
PORT CHARLOTTE	2885 TAMIAMI TRL STE 301, PORT CHARLOTTE 33952	941-235-2710	
SANFORD	209 SANCRLOS AVE, SANFORD 32771	407-323-5999	
SARASOTA	5682 BEE RIDGE RD STE 100, SARASOTA 34233	941-371-3349	
Sebring	3760 US Hwy. 27 S., Sebring 33870	863-471-6227	
SOUTH ST. PETERSBURG	3420 8TH AVE S. ST.PETERSBURG 33711	727-322-1304	
ST.AUGUSTINE	1955 US 1 S. ST. AUGUSTINE 32086	904-829-0814	
STUART	3501 S.E. WILLOUGHBY BLVD. STUART 34997	561-288-0304	
TALLAHASSEE	1607 ST JAMES CT, TALLAHASSEE 32308	850-8780191	1-800-541-8387
The Villages	1950 Laurel Manor Dr. Bldg. 240, The Village 32162	352-205-8900	
VERO BEACH	1485 37TH ST. STE 102, VERO BEACH 32960	561-299-4623	
ZEPHYRHILLS	37814 MEDICAL ARTS CT, ZEPHYRHILLS 33541	813-780-2550	