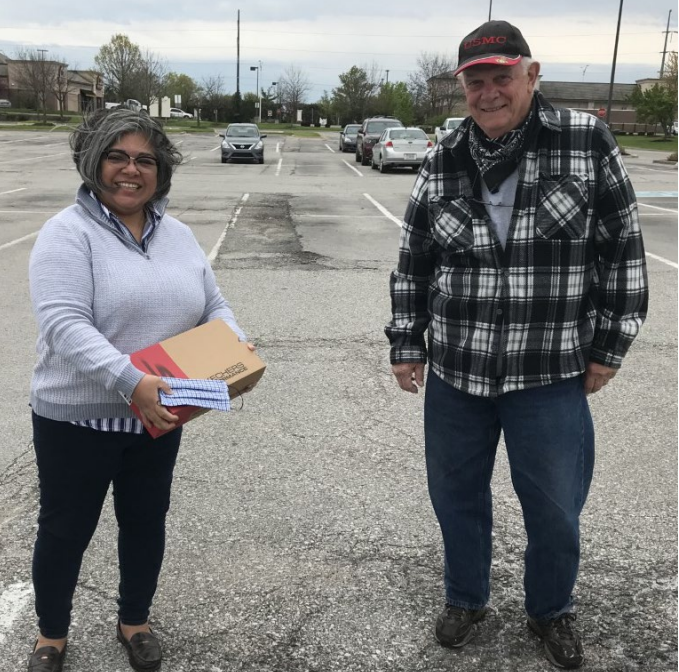


# ELKS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAM



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# WHAT IS VOLUNTARY SERVICE?

- The Elks Voluntary Service Program stations Elks volunteers in facilities across the country, to provide friendship and support to veterans in need.
- Volunteers are assigned to facilities like VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes, clinics, Vet Centers, housing facilities, Veteran Treatment Courts, and more.
- Volunteers visit at least once a month, representing the Elks through the activities and services they provide.





## ELKS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAM: HOW DOES IT WORK?

The cornerstone of the ENVSC, this facility-based volunteer program is aimed at assisting hospitalized and recovering veterans, as well as any veterans seeking care at veterans' facilities.

- Started by the VA in 1946, the Elks are on the Executive Committee for the national CDCE program, thanks to the large number of Elks volunteers stated in VA facilities.
- Volunteers are required to be certified by the national ENVSC office and undergo training and registration at the local level.
- We expanded upon this idea and the Elks Voluntary Service Program also stations volunteers at non-VA facilities.
- Volunteers receive monthly stipends to help fund activities and support for veterans at their facility.



# VOLUNTARY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Elks host holiday gatherings, take veterans on field trips to arts and sporting events, and provide regular services and activities like bingo and coffee stations.





# MEETING VETERAN NEEDS

Elks respond to the veterans they serve by providing hygiene supplies, clothing, transportation, and assistance for individual requests.



# 2024-25 VOLUNTARY SERVICE STATISTICS

727 Representatives and Deputy Representatives  
provided support in more than 400 facilities

2.3 visits a month

744,842 Veterans served

119,097 hours volunteered (for Reps, Deps and Elks  
who came along)

\$1,280,926 total spent





# ELKS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PANEL

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTARY SERVICE

- Visit [Elks.org/vets/vavs](https://Elks.org/vets/vavs)
- Contact Elks involved with Voluntary Service in your area
- Send us an email at [vets@elks.org](mailto:vets@elks.org)
- Read the Elks Voluntary Service Guide

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