

Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are mid-February and Entry Forms for awards must be in by March 31, 2026. Please share with me the creative ways you are providing happiness for our fellow veterans. I know you are doing the work, tell me about it.

Also read carefully the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter award information. It's never too late to find a volunteer and we never have enough volunteers.

I can't believe I have received less than 10 hospital grant applications. I am positive you can find some veterans somewhere in Assisted living, skilled nursing facilities, rest homes that have needs not provided by the facility. In fact, I challenge you to find one such place with at least one veteran. Send me the address and number of veterans and I will prepare and send out cards for those facilities.

You could even find someone to share VA's Veterans Legacy Memorial platform with. It honors more than 10 million veterans – and now includes the Living Veterans feature, where Veterans can begin preserving their story, today. Veterans can record stories, milestones, and experiences. Upload photos and documents. Write their autobiography and define how they would like to be remembered. Share their legacy with family, friends and future generations. Do some research yourself. We all understand how much our heroes like re-telling their adventures.

When you read this, we will have just completed National Patient Appreciation Week. Of course, we must let our heroes know that we appreciate them all year long. Hope your Valentine's Day was all you wished for and remember GREEN is the color for March,

Love and prayers,

Amy Timbes