



## Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

### January 2022 Bulletin

Greetings to all of you. I would like to wish all of you a very Healthy and Happy New Year. I hoping to see you next week in Long Beach.

When we heard that National was not asking for Mid-Year reports I was concerned that I would not have much to report on at DEC. Boy was I wrong. I received reports from 25 Districts. I am so proud of all of you and the great reports that were submitted.

National is still asking members to share the story and photos of their events as they happen. When details are fresh in your mind, it is much easier to report. Our Division Chairmen are keeping their eyes on Facebook and other social media pages to find the events and ideas. They may contact that person for more information or pictures.

#### **CDCE – Center for Development & Civic Engagement**

The VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (formerly Voluntary Service) is the “go to” for the American Legion Auxiliary and VAVS, just a new name. VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service) supports the VA by recruiting, supporting, and retaining knowledgeable, diverse and engaged volunteers to assist in the delivery of VA healthcare by improving access to care, assisting with long-term care and improving patient satisfaction.

#### **ALA Impact at VA facilities: April 1,2020 - March 31 2021**

- 199 certified Reps and Deps at 101 VA facilities
- 34,498 Total Hours valued @ \$28.54 per hour = **\$984,573 for the year**

Total recorded hours since 1996 = **8,153,993 THIS IS WHY WE MATTER**

VAVS volunteer hours are compiled by a VA. Those hours are then reported to the National VAVS Representative who sends these hours to ALA National Headquarters who passes them on to The American Legion to be reported to Congress.

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