

From: VAVS REPS Northampton-Leeds
To: MASS STATE COMMANDANT
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April through June 2010

During the past few month trips each week have been made to LEEDS veterans hospital to contact the volunteers office and to find out what is needed from the volunteers that are presently there and/or what other members/units could do to help. Joe Mucha and I check in weekly to see when and what is needed.

Leeds sight is needing more volunteers to go to the patients on the wards rather than just at the recreation halls. Many of the patients cannot get out and just would like to have a visitor to talk to or read with them or play cards, etc . . .

At Westfield River Valley Headquarters a breakfast was served for the Holyoke Soldiers Home on the second Saturday and also for the Leeds Hospital on the fourth Saturday of the month. This event is an on going event and is on the scheduled for each month except July and August. It is due to pick up again next September. An average of about 30 volunteer hours goes into each of these events. The schedule rarely changes so anybody wanting to help out or just come and enjoy breakfast is more than welcome. The Young Marines are there also to help with the breakfast. They will set the tables, place the orders for the patients, bring them their meals and help with clean up afterwards.

We also helped with several of the bingos that are played on Mondays when we are there. Hours at this hospital are averaging about 100 per month. A list is sent to me every month with every contribution and hours for the year starting in October for me to screen for accuracy. A volunteers appreciation luncheon was held at the Northampton country club. Joe Mucha and Doris and I attended.

Holyoke Soldiers Home has also received several hours during this period mostly for the breakfast served at Detachment 141 Headquarters breakfast.

I also received an e-mail from Brockton VAVS Coordinator Wayne Scott that the members of the Caddy detachment visited the patients of building 4 on the Brockton VA Campus Brockton There next visit was scheduled for May of this year.

Roger Hoffman sent me an e-mail each month April through June saying what he was doing for a total of 23½ hours for this time period. He will also be awarded his 500 hour pin in may at a dinner honoring volunteers.

Gulf Clubs request went out for ward 8 and the members of mcl are responding rapidly.

This is my report

Respectfully Submitted,

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