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## **VA invites community to thank, visit Veterans during National Salute to Veteran Patients, Feb. 13 - 19**

**OMAHA**, Neb. — Citizens young and old are encouraged and invited to join the Department of Veterans Affairs Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System to honor veterans during National Salute to Veteran Patients week, Feb. 13 to 19.

Join the "Visit a Vet for Valentine's Day" program or stop by anytime during National Salute week to visit veterans at a VA health care facility in your area and remind them that their sacrifices are not forgotten. Visit [www.nebraska.va.gov](http://www.nebraska.va.gov) to find a local VA health facility.

A tangible yet simple gesture is joining in the Valentines for Vets program. People are encouraged to buy or create Valentines cards and write a simple note to thank veterans, and then bring them to a local VA health care facility.

Every citizen can make a positive difference in the life of a veteran patient. Visits from community groups or individuals do much to lift the spirits of our veterans.

Call the Voluntary Service office at the following extensions to schedule a visit and learn how to join the VA's National Salute to Veteran Patients: Omaha VA Medical Center, 402-995-3284; Lincoln VA clinic, 402-486-7938; or Grand Island VA clinic, 308-382-3660, ext. 92146.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>.

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