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BOISE VETERANS HOME



## Volunteers are a crucial part of the Idaho State Veterans Home- Boise

They function in many different capacities ranging from dog visits, games, activities, outings and even run the canteen. The impact they make on our residents is enormous. There is an opportunity that will meet the needs of any perspective volunteer.

*Here are our volunteer opportunities:*

**One-on-one Visits:** This is one of our most valuable opportunities and involves spending one-on-one time with an individual resident. You provide personalized attention to that person and discuss his or her day, current events, sports or any other areas of interest. You may play card games, read a book from our library or engage in other recreational activities within the facility that the person enjoys. Weather permitting, and with the approval of staff, you may be able to bring a resident outside to sit in the fresh air or take a short walk. This opportunity requires nothing more than active listening skills and a smile.

**Canteen:** Volunteers operate a mini store offering snacks, drinks and great conversation. Volunteers can choose from two shifts per day: 8:45am – 12:30pm or 12:15 – 4:15pm. While the canteen isn't open 7 days a week yet, that is our goal. Volunteer help is greatly appreciated to staff this opportunity.

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**Dining Room:** One of our best ways for volunteers to connect with residents is in the Dining Room! Help set up the tables before meals, assist passing trays, circulate and offer beverages, chat with our veterans and clear the tables afterward.

**Reading Aloud:** Reading the newspaper or library book to visually impaired residents brings joy to both participants.

**Bingo:** is very popular among our residents. We have Monday, Thursday and Saturday games and always appreciate extra help. Volunteers can deliver prizes, assist residents with hearing the numbers or marking their bingo card, and being a friendly partner to a veteran.

**Cards:** Card games such as Cribbage and Pinochle are held on Tuesdays. If you don't know how to play, come join us and learn!

**Craft Room:** Did you know that the Idaho State Veterans Home has a room dedicated to crafts? Work with residents as they create a watercolor picture, put together a model or paint a birdhouse. The craft room is available on Tuesdays and Sundays and is staffed by volunteers. It is one of the fixtures that makes us so unique!

**Dog Visits:** Dog visits are an important part of the morale. We have a team of volunteers who bring dogs of all shapes and sizes to visit our residents. The dogs cannot make it down the halls without stopping to say "Hello" to whomever is there. Volunteers with dogs even go room to room where they are often spoiled with treats and scratches or pats. Dog visits are a surefire way to brighten someone's day.

**Special Events and Seasonal Activities:** Special events include something we call **Forever Yours Anniversary** which is a private celebration for a resident and his/her spouse to enjoy a meal together either in the home or at a restaurant. If that's not feasible, we send roses to the spouse. Seasonal Activities consists of car shows, a motorcycle rally and of course, our annual Veterans Day observance. Additionally, off-site activities such as the rodeo, shopping trips, hockey games and other community events have become regular additions to our calendar. We celebrate all the major holidays and even a few more...

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*\*\*Don't Forget: Volunteering gives your life meaning, helps our residents greatly, looks good on your resume, and offers a wonderful opportunity to give something back to those who have proudly served our country. You can volunteer even if your schedule is limited. Your time and attention are the greatest contributions you can give.*



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