

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS)

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

Our Supreme Knight has formed a new program called the Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS). Our Supreme Master is spearheading this program through the fourth degree. However, every council, ladies auxiliary and Columbettes is asked to participate in this program. The purpose of the program is solely to assist our **Veterans** in VA hospitals and nursing homes.

The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to assisting our veterans across this great state. This involves volunteering and fund-raising for our hospitalized veterans and those in nursing homes. We need the support of every knight in our state to help all the servicemen and servicewomen who have given so much in the line of duty, but ask so little in return. These brave men and women have put their lives on the line to **preserve the virtues of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness** we enjoy in this country. What better way to show our appreciation for the sacrifices they have made to preserve the **freedoms** we have cherished and enjoyed for over two hundred years'. This is the greatest country in the world because of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We should never take our freedom for granted it did not come cheap.

We need more people to volunteer at each VA facility around the state, make a monetary donation or provide toiletry items. Any amount you can afford to give for this great cause is greatly appreciated. Donations should be made out to the **Knights of Columbus VAVS** and sent directly to either of the State Co-Chairmen listed below.

We have over forty-three thousand Knights in the state, and over six million in the U. S. Just imagine if every Knight gave one dollar towards this great program. Just think of how much we could do in appreciation for what all our veterans have done for us. We ask that you please open your hearts and help in any way you can.

The best part of this program is that as we dispense money to this program, we are the ones who earmark where and how the monies are spent. The monies do not go in the general fund, but instead is used for the immediate needs that are of the utmost importance at the time.

In the coming weeks and months, information will be sent out explaining more about what this new program is all about and how each of you can help.

If you need any assistance or have questions, please feel free to contact either of the co-chairman. They are here to help you to help our veterans

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Thanking you in advance for your support to our veterans