

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 787

Tampa, FL

www.vva787.com

“Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another.”

WHAT WE DO...

- Homeless Program / Household Goods Donations
 - We collect used Furniture and Household goods from donors and store in a Storage facility to be given to Homeless Veterans and veterans in the HUD-VASH program, when they find a home.
 - Items are picked up by our members with help from other organizations and placed in the storeroom where the VA and Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) mentors have access to them and can provide the items to needy Veterans.
 - We support Homeless Stand Downs in the area.
- Holiday Meals for Needy Veterans and Families
 - We provide meals (Turkey or Ham w/ all the trimmings including desserts) for families of 5 at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition, we give them a \$20 Walmart gift card to help with any other items they may need. Families are selected by the VA. We also provided turkeys to needy veterans participating in the Veterans Treatment Court, and their families.
 - We also provide meals to the residents of Fisher House at Thanksgiving and Christmas while they are away from their homes visiting their soldier in James A. Haley Hospital.
- Veterans in Need Programs
 - We sponsor needy families at Christmas.
 - We give donations throughout the year to Veterans and veteran families, including Veterans participating in the Hillsborough County Veterans Treatment Court, who need financial help. Examples are: Deposit for getting electricity turned on; deposit for an apartment; purchase of food; payment for car repairs, payment for pass due utilities; enrollment fee for DUI training course; etc.
 - We have donated ten vehicles to Veterans in need of transportation and helped to pay the registration and license fees.
- JROTC Awards in Hillsborough County High Schools
 - We present a Medal and Certificate to an outstanding Cadet in JROTC at Hillsborough County schools. The Cadet is selected by the unit Commander and one of our members presents the Award.
- Oral History Book / Speaker Bureau in Local High Schools
 - Members participate in the Vietnam Oral History Book Program where Student(s) interview the Veteran, write an article, and put it in a book with articles about other

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Vietnam Veterans that were interviewed that year. The book is then presented to the Veteran and a copy is sent to the Library of Congress.

- We have a Speakers Bureau of Vietnam Veterans who speak in the Classroom to relate their experience in Vietnam to the Students.
- Agent Orange Education
 - We sponsored one of the first Agent Orange Town Hall Meetings – Faces of Agent Orange - to inform Vietnam Veterans of the effects of Agent Orange on them as well as the effects to their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- Other activities
 - We support activities at Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 Hwy 301 N, Tampa, FL by attending events and donating to the Memorials that are being erected.
 - We provided many hours of support for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tampa in 2013.
 - We participate in the Brandon 4th of July Parade, the James A Haley Veteran’s Day Parade, and other parades in Tampa and Orlando.
 - We support other organizations in the area:
 - My Warriors Place/FAVE Boat Tours/Project Corregidor/C.O.D.E.
 - Fisher House
 - Hillsborough County Veterans Helping Veterans
 - Flight to Honor
 - Haley House
 - Rolling Thunder
 - USO
 - Everyday Heroes USA
 - Wreaths Across America
 - ..and others
 - We hold an Annual Car Show at Veterans Memorial Park.
 - We do Fundraisers and new member recruiting at locations around the Tampa area, including Sun n Fun in Lakeland and parking for the New York Yankees Spring Training games (with Everyday Heroes USA).

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