

Annual Trip to the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital Volunteer Application

Sunday, October 20

**Please arrive at the lodge by 7:30am to help load food and supplies.
We will carpool from the lodge at 8:15am & return at approximately 3:00pm**

This is an Elk event; therefore, you must be an Elk or spouse of an Elk to attend.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Would you be willing to drive and have others carpool with you? Yes No

If yes, how many passengers can you accommodate? _____

Do you need to carpool with someone? Yes No

Do you have a truck or SUV and are willing to help transport supplies? Yes No

Please be aware that we will be outside the entire time. We will have tents set up for shade, but it does get hot, so please dress accordingly.

We will be interacting with many Veterans, and this can be very emotional, but also very rewarding. Please note that the hospital has a strict policy regarding photography. Photos of the Veterans are NOT allowed.

What to expect...

When you arrive at the lodge, we ask that everyone help with packing and loading the supplies into the vehicles. When we arrive at the hospital, we will all help unpack and set up. Kristen and Char will organize and guide both of these processes, so that everyone knows what to do and where to go. We set up all the food and drinks in a serving line. After we unpack and set up, there is quite a bit of downtime as the food cooks. Many patients are not able to leave their rooms. Therefore, we have a team who assembles to-go boxes and a team who delivers the meals to the rooms. After the to-go orders are complete, we invite the patients to come and eat. Once all the patients have eaten, we invite the staff to eat and then we eat as well. After that, we pack up and head back to the lodge. Upon arriving at the lodge, we need everyone to help unload and put items back as needed, wash the dirty utensils and put the dirty aprons and towels in the wash, etc.

There will be quite a bit of standing when serving the food. If needed, you may bring a camp/travel chair, but you will be responsible for transporting it. Otherwise, the site does have picnic tables we can use during the down time.

We organize the tasks based on the number of volunteers. So PLEASE, contact us immediately if you need to cancel. Thank you! Char (863) 698-1080 or Kristen (727) 278-4033