



**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION
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Thank you District VA&R chairmen for your mid-year reports. Your input enabled me to create a recap for both the Western Division and National Chairs.

The following is a statistical summary of the work completed by members, units, and districts in the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program during the first half of the 2024-25 year. While some of the numbers seem low, we must remember that only twenty one Districts prepared mid-year reports, and of those, only ten submitted supplemental reports for VA&R.

Wreaths Across America

Number of Districts Participating:	21
Number of Units Participating	51
Total Number of Wreaths Purchased	230
Total Cost of Wreaths Purchased	\$3,910.00
Number of Volunteers placing wreaths on 12/14/24	150
Total Volunteer Hours spent placing wreaths	300

Honor Flight, Inc.

Number of Units Participating:	22
Total Volunteer Hours	540
Total Dollars Spent for Donations	\$5,895.00

Military and Veteran Caregiver Network

Number of Units Participating	21
Number of Members Participating	56
Total Volunteer Hours served	4,521
Total Dollars Spent on Related Costs	\$8,497.00

Service for Veterans

Number of Districts Participating	15
Total Hours Volunteered by members	9,822
Total Value of In-kind Donations Received	\$121,324
Total Cost of In-kind Donations Given	\$19,890.00
Total Number of Veterans In Community School Presentations	91

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

Number of Units Participating	14
Number of Unit Donations	6
Total Amount of Unit Donations	\$1,945.00

VA CDCE Recruitment

Number of Units Reporting Active Recruitment	11
Number of Hospital Reps/Depts Added	3

It is hoped that with one hundred percent year-end reporting by all Districts many of these numbers will increase significantly.

Veteran and Military Observances

February 2025

3	Four Chaplains Day
4	USO Birthday
9-15	National Salute to Veteran Patients
19	Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

*February 14th is
Valentine's Day*



Hug a Veteran!

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