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VA NorCal to honor Veterans, volunteers during National Salute to Veteran Patients

MATHER, Calif.— [VA Northern California Health Care System](#) (VA NorCal) is spotlighting VA volunteers and Veteran patients Feb. 9-15 through [National Salute to Veteran Patients](#), which aims to thank the more than 100,000 Veterans we care for each year at our 12 medical centers and clinics across Northern California.

"Our Veteran patients are at the heart of our mission, and National Salute to Veteran Patients is an occasion to thank them for their service and trusting us with their health care needs," said TaShara Collins, Chief of VA NorCal Voluntary Services. "We're also able to highlight the opportunities for community members to volunteer with VA NorCal."

VA NorCal events throughout National Salute to Veteran Patients week include (please [contact your local VA medical center or clinic](#) for date and time):

- Local musicians performing at VA NorCal sites throughout the week
- Veteran Service Organization booths and giveaways
- Heart-health games and smoothie bars
- Cakes, pastries and refreshments

Media seeking information National Salute to Veteran Patients can contact Will Martin, chief of public affairs, William.Martin6@va.gov. Those interested in **volunteering** or **donating** to VA NorCal programs should contact TaShara Collins, Chief of VA Voluntary Services, at Tashara.Collins@va.gov.

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