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### **VA MEDICAL CENTER INVITES COMMUNITY TO 'SALUTE' VETERANS**

LOMA LINDA, Calif.— Community and military leaders, scouts, veterans services organization, youth groups, active duty Soldiers, and the public are invited to join Loma Linda Veterans Affairs (VA) Healthcare System Wed., Feb. 16, to honoring veterans at the facility in celebration of National Salute to Veterans Week. Staff would like to fill the facility with uniforms and are inviting you to wear your military uniform if it still fits.

National Salute to Veterans Week gives everyone a chance to let those who have given the nation so much, know that they are not forgotten. Citizens, young and old, are once again sending Valentine's Day posters and letters to VA medical centers simply addressed "Dear Veteran" bringing cheer to the patients in the medical center and the community living center.

National Salute to Veterans is observed annually by VA medical centers and outpatient clinics across the nation to honor our Veterans, increase community awareness about VA's role in providing comprehensive medical care to the Nation's Veterans, and to encourage Americans to visit hospitalized Veterans and work as VA volunteers. Initially, the program was started in 1974 by the humanitarian organization No Greater Love, Inc., and in 1978 the Department of Veterans Affairs took over the annual program and renamed it National Salute. Traditionally, National Salute is observed during the week of Valentine's Day, a day of caring and sharing which supports VA's focus to honor inpatient and outpatient Veterans.

Individuals or groups wishing to participate in the Loma Linda VA program should call the Voluntary Service office at (909) 583-6011.

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