The Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) was established to facilitate and recognize volunteer initiatives that contribute to the lives of our nation’s ill and injured heroes. The program empowers individuals to find and develop new and unique ways to use their skills and talents to support the service and sacrifice of our veterans and their families. By providing resources, assistance or help with everyday needs, volunteers help these heroes and their families enjoy the best quality of life possible.
LVAP initiatives are managed by state-level DAV departments. Individual volunteers and groups may report their time for a variety of activities. Referenced below are just a few examples of how volunteers, DAV chapters, Auxiliary units and corporations can share their skills, talents, professional abilities and time in ways that benefit veterans.

- Work to support DAV departments and chapters
- DAV-specific outreach efforts
- Fundraising efforts (Forget-Me-Not and other approved fundraisers)
- Direct assistance to veterans, survivors, or families, such as yard work, home repairs, grocery shopping, respite care for caregivers, etc.
- Offering pro bono professional services, or using a skill or trade to provide training or support to veterans, their families or DAV entities
- Support activities for homeless veterans
- Involvement in community activities that support and encourage veterans

If you’d like to serve heroes in your community, please reach out to your local DAV department, or contact the DAV National Voluntary Services Department by emailing vavs@dav.org or calling 877-426-2838.