



VA
NURSE
EMERITUS

VA NURSE EMERITUS RETIRED AND STILL A RESOURCE





Governance

VA Nurse Emeritus is an established group within the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA) and as such adheres to all policies and practices as governed by the Bylaws of NOVA.

VA Nurse Emeritus membership is comprised of NOVA members who have retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs or who plan retirement within the next calendar year.

VA Nurse Emeritus functions through an Emeritus Council comprised of a Chair, Vice-Chair and six members. The council submits minutes with recommendations to the NOVA Executive Board and receives approval of recommendations prior to implementing any action.



Mission Statement

VA NURSE EMERITUS exists to support the mission and vision of NOVA through continuing engagement of nurses who have retired or have immediate plans to retire from active employment in VA

VA NURSE EMERITUS seeks to recognize and value the expertise of retired VA nurses through substantive projects that support the working VA nurse and the veterans we serve.

VA NURSE EMERITUS strives to recognize and celebrate the contribution of retired VA nurses through positive affirmation programs and projects.



Emeritus Council Charter Members 2008

Chair: Mary Raymer

Vice-Chair: Dianne Nelson

Members: Marian Ehrhart

Ron Hopper

Catherine Bailey

Vincent Elliott

Linda Johnson



VA Nurse Emeritus Benefits

- Collaboration with NARFE for access to travel services and information regarding national issues related to federal retirement
- Preserve your connection with VA nursing community
- Maintain your relationship with your colleagues in NOVA
- Continue your service to America's Veterans
- Flexible time commitment - fits in your retirement schedule



2009 Service Project

Cool Scarves for Soldiers Project :

Partnership with Soldiers Angels – a nonprofit organization that supports military personnel and their families.

Scarves are donated to Soldiers Angels for distribution to the soldiers. Sponsorship funds will be used to support NOVA membership.



Outcomes 2008-2009

- Fundraising:
 - 275 scarves have been sent to Soldiers Angels for distribution. Total income: \$1930.00
 - Attended annual meeting and two regional meetings to obtain scarf sponsors



Outcomes (Continued)

- Marketing:
 - Developed and adopted VA Nurse Emeritus Logo
 - Developed content for and implemented VA Nurse Emeritus site on NOVA web page
 - Developed and implemented Cool scarf sponsorships via NOVA web site
 - Developed and posted (web site) brochure
 - Brochure distributed to VA Nurse Recruiters (target audience = nurses planning retirement)
 - Published articles in e-news and NOVA Newsletter
 - NOVA membership application revised to identify Emeritus status



Outcomes (Continued)

- Scholarships for 2010-2011
 - Nurse Emeritus sponsored 1/3 (with NOVA and NOVA Foundation) scholarship in memory of Deborah Beck
 - Nurse Emeritus sponsored a full (\$1500) scholarship



2010 and Beyond

- VA Nurse Emeritus mentoring program for emerging NOVA leaders
- Service project for Veterans
- Build VA Nurse Emeritus membership
- Sponsor a VA Nurse Emeritus group for the Marine Marathon



WHEN AND HOW DOES VA NURSE EMERITUS MEET?

- **VA Nurse Emeritus** meets via conference call on the 4th Monday of the month at 1pm Central Time. Minutes and agenda are provided via email. There is also be a meeting scheduled for the group at the NOVA Annual Conference.



HOW CAN I JOIN VA NURSE EMERITUS?

- Contact Mary Raymer via raymerm@bellsouth.net . Provide your email address and you will receive the conference call access information.
- There is no fee to belong to VA Nurse Emeritus – you must maintain either active (currently working) or associate (retired) NOVA membership.



Come join us as a

VA Nurse Emeritus

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