



## INVOLVE A U.S. VETERAN PROGRAM

### Involve a veteran today and build a better world for people in need.

U.S. veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. With many service members being honorably discharged from the military, this is a good time to provide them with an opportunity to get involved in their communities. The Involve a U.S. Veteran Program provides qualifying veterans the opportunity to continue serving in a different way as Lions.

#### Benefits of Involving Veterans

Many veterans want to find a way to give back, and they have a lot to offer your Lions club, including:

- The ability to turn plans into action and get the job done
- Practical skills and leadership skills
- Innovative ideas
- Dedication, loyalty and commitment
- Understanding the importance of teamwork

#### How Serving with Lions Benefits Veterans

By providing opportunities for veterans, Lions can help get them involved in their communities. Consider adopting new projects in your community that appeal to veterans:

- Making and sending care packages overseas
- Organizing a book drive for military children with the USO
- Reading to patients at a local VA Hospital
- Donating backpacks and school supplies to military families
- Fundraising for wounded warriors

#### Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Qualifications

Ask now! The program is available to the first 5,000 certified U.S. veterans and runs from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

Qualifying veterans receive an entrance or charter fee waiver when joining a Lions club. Qualifying veterans include retired U.S. military personnel (i.e. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves) or those honorably-discharged from these services. Eligible persons may still be enlisted in the National Guard or Reserves.

Veterans can be certified by completion of the Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Certification Form.

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