

**Hurlburt Field
Airman & Family Readiness Center
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Early identification of outstanding volunteers will make 2021 volunteer nomination package submissions a smooth process for you! Electronic nomination packages and examples are located on SharePoint at <https://org2.eis.af.mil/sites/13797/FSH/FSHR/Volunteer/Forms/AllItems.aspx> **THE A&FRC SUSPENSE DATE FOR NOMINATION PACKAGES IS 19 AUGUST 2021.** Nominate a deserving and outstanding volunteer or team today! If you have questions, concerns or need package completion assistance, contact Deborah Mobley, Volunteer coordinator, 850-884-5441/ 6800. Nominate the phenomenal volunteers of Hurlburt Field for Volunteer Excellence Award (VEA) and Angel Award recognition today.

This issue of the newsletter provides many New, Updated, Special Events, Repeated, and Ongoing volunteer opportunities (some virtual). Remember to keep health and safety on the forefront of volunteerism.

Volunteer Resource Program (VRP) Protocol:

- ❖ Identify volunteer opportunity(ies) you find appealing and contact Deborah Mobley, Volunteer Coordinator (VC), to receive a Volunteer Registration Form for official program enrollment. Upon completion and return of the form your email address will be added to the VRP distribution list for you to, and you will begin receiving the volunteer newsletter directly.
- ❖ To stop receiving the newsletter, call or email the VC to unsubscribe.
- ❖ Two ways to use the VRP:
 - (1) Choose your opportunity(ies) from the newsletter and contact the agency POC directly for specific details to volunteer.
 - (2) Be placed with an agency by the VC; call or email for assistance.
- ❖ To participate in featured volunteer opportunities, contact the agency/event POC beforehand to be included in the headcount and to ensure you receive accurate, up-to-date details.
- ❖ IF YOU REPRESENT OR KNOW OF AN AGENCY IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS AND INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM FOR SUPPORT, provide the VC's contact information to the agency POC.

AIR FORCE ENLISTED VILLAGE

NEW!

Who: Hurlburt Spouses Club (HSC)

What: The Josh Sprinkle Memorial Run

When: Saturday, 14 August, 07:00am – 11:00am

Where: Fort Walton Beach Landing Park, 139 Brooks Street SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

How: Volunteers are needed for set-up, race marshalling, water stations, and tear down.

Good to know: Attire is sports/Summer casual. *****Under 16 must have supervision*** Proceeds from the race help to fund scholarships for college bound athletes in our community.**

Number of Volunteers: 10

Phone/Email/Website: POC: Michele Kerlin, 850-586-3493 / hsc.presid@gmail.com /

NEW!

Who: Air Force Enlisted Village – Bob Hope Village (BHV)

What: Afternoon Tea

When: Wednesday, 18 August, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: 92 Sunset Lane, Shalimar, FL 32579, BHV Commons Ballroom

How: Volunteers to help with event set-up, refreshment serving, and clean-up.

Good to know: *****MASKS NOT REQUIRED IF FULLY VACCINATED***** Attire; Fun, fancy tea hat (optional). Otherwise, casual attire with closed-toed shoes and hair pulled back. *****Under 18 must have supervision*****

Number of Volunteers: 23

Phone/Email/Website: POC: Kati Harris or Sandi Rosado, 850-613-2177 / vaughn@afev.us /

Sign up at: <http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

NEW!

Who: Air Force Enlisted Village – Bob Hope Village (BHV)

What: Bob Hope Village “Honey Do”

When: Saturday, 21 August, 8:00am – 12:00pm

Where: 92 Sunset Lane, Shalimar, FL 32579, BHV Commons Ballroom

How: Volunteers to complete “Honey Do” type requests for residents such as light housekeeping, gardenwork, moving furniture, hanging pictures, etc.

Good to know: *****MASKS REQUIRED***** Volunteers will meet at the Maintenance Shop and should park along the road near the Maintenance shop. Wear comfortable work clothes that might get dirty or wet; closed-toe shoes. *****Under 18 must have supervision*****

Number of Volunteers: 20

Phone/Email/Website: POC: AFEV Maintenance Staff, 850-613-2177 / vaughn@afev.us /

Sign up at: <http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

REPOST!

Who: Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center (NBSTCC)

What: Clear Bottom Kayak Tours with the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary

When: 21 Aug: Ongoing during Summer; additional/make-up dates TBD.

Where: Navarre Marine Park-Sea Oat Pavilion, Navarre, FL 32566

(Meet at the Kayak Boardwalk on Gulf Blvd, Navarre Marine Park-Sea Oat Pavilion (over the Navarre Bridge, left at the 4-way Stop; last pavilion on the Gulf side)

How: Volunteers will serve as Kayak Tour Loaders. Not all volunteers will go into the water; help is needed on the beach, as well. Volunteers will also help participants with check-in, loading, and unloading at this event.

Good to know: NBSTCC partners with the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary for their clear bottom kayak tours that explore the Gulf-side reef.

Why: NBSTCC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the public on threatened and endangered sea turtles through community outreach and partnered research.

Number of Volunteers: 5 per event

Phone/Email/Website: Nicole Stephens, 850-684-3347 / volunteers@navarrebeachseaturtles.org

NEW!

Who: Air Force Enlisted Village – Hawthorn House (HH)

What: Hawthorn House Walmart Shopping FWB

When: Tuesday, 24 August, 9:30am – 11:15am

Where: 1200 Hawthorn House Drive, Shalimar, FL 32579

How: Volunteers to assist residents with bus loading/unloading, shopping, and check-out while in the Fort Walton Beach Walmart on Beal Pkwy.

Good to know: *****MASKS REQUIRED***** Load bus at the Hawthorn House building. Wear casual attire; closed-toe shoes. *****Under 18 must have supervision*****

Number of Volunteers: 1

Phone/Email/Website: POC: Heather Jopling, 850-609-2550, Ext. 220 / vaughn@afev.us /

Sign up at: <http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

NEW!

Who: Air Force Enlisted Village – Hawthorn House (HH)

What: Hawthorn House “Honey Do”

When: Thursday, 26 August, 8:00am – 1:00pm

Where: 1200 Hawthorn House Drive, Shalimar, FL 32579

How: Volunteers to assist by helping residents with various tasks in their apartments; including, but not limited to, hanging pictures, light household chores, etc.

Good to know: ***MASKS REQUIRED*** Volunteers will check-in at Hawthorn House Reception. Wear comfortable work clothes that might get dirty or wet; closed-toe shoes. ***Under 18 must have supervision***

Number of Volunteers: 8

Phone/Email/Website: POC: Lisa Vaughn, 850-651-8562 / vaughn@afev.us /

Sign up at: <http://afev.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

REPOST!

Who: Niceville Youth Soccer League

What: Niceville Youth Soccer League Coach

When: Weekly, Mid-August to End of Season; times provided by POC

Where: Niceville Recreation Complex, Niceville, FL 32578

How: Volunteer Coaches needed during soccer games and to run practices

Good to know: Coached are required to complete a nation-wide background check, at no cost to them.

Why: The PAL Soccer League relies entirely on unpaid volunteers which enables us to provide a quality program with very reasonable registration fees making it possible for more children to participate. The commitment varies depending on the age group you're interested in coaching.

Number of Volunteers: 19 - 27

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Mr. Steve Milz, 850-678-2182 / secretary@nicevillepalsoccer.org /

REPOST!

Who: Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, Inc.

What: Field of Valor

When: 10 - 18 September – 20th Anniversary; contact POC for specific times

Where: Mullet Festival Site 598 FL-85 N, Niceville, FL 32578

How: Volunteers to assist with event staging, set-up, tear down and to serve as Field Ambassadors

Good to know: A one-time, week-long event, annually.

Why: The Exchange Club of Niceville, in partnership with the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, Inc., hosts the field of Valor each year to honor service members from Florida that have been killed in action while serving in Afghanistan or Iraq since 11 September 2001. This week-long event is FREE and open to the public. More than 350 large American flags will be displayed in perfect rows and columns on the grassy field at the North end of the Mullet Festival grounds in Niceville. Each flag bears the name of a service member who gave his or her life while assigned to Afghanistan or Iraq.

Number of Volunteers: As many individuals or groups as possible

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Mia Hughes, 850-259-4956 / director@fisherhouseemeraldcoast.org / www.fisherhouseemeraldcoast.org for more information

NEW!

Who: Boys and Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast (BGCEG)

What: **Burgers, Bourbon & Beer Festival**

When: Saturday, 18 September, 7:00am – 7:00pm

Where: Brotula's Seafood House & Steamer, 210-D Harbor Blvd, Destin, FL 32541

How: Volunteers to assist with event set-up (tents, canopies, and tasting areas); help individual vendors hand out samples and take tickets for booths. Volunteers will also help maintain supplies, trash levels, and contribute to event tear down and clean-up.

Good to know: The festival is a huge fundraiser for the BGCEC. It helps to further our mission as well as promote our organization and impact on the community.

Why: Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. We do this through improving the lives of all Emerald coast youth as the Premier Youth Development organization.

Number of Volunteers: **30 – 40 (15-20 from 7:00am – 1:00pm and 15-20 from 12:00pm – 7:00pm). We welcome individuals and Teams!**

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Bertram Little, 850-344-7261 or 850-368-0209 (c) / BLittle@bgcec.com
EmeraldCoastbgc.org

NEW!

Who: American Legion Riders, Chapter 382

What: **1st Annual "Challenge 22" Walk and Ride Event**

When: Saturday, 2 October, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Where: Navarre Park, 8513 Navarre Pkwy, Navarre, FL 32566

How: Volunteers to assist staff during the event with set-up to tear-down, and clean-up.

Good to know: All proceeds from a Challenge 22 event go directly to the primary benefactor, the Department of Florida Project VetRelief (PVR).

Why: A challenge 22 event is one hosted by the American Legion Post with support from the local community and veterans to raise awareness, funds, and produce increased resources targeted to curb veteran suicide related from unseen injuries during their service while supporting and defending the constitution of the United States and promoting Americanism.

Number of Volunteers: **30 minimum**

*** 10 volunteers needed at 7:30am for Set-up**

*** 10 volunteers needed throughout the day (in 3-hour shifts)**

*** 10 volunteers needed at 5:00pm for tear down**

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Ms. Loreen Skobel, lorenskobel@gmail.com, 850-530-7567 or CMSgt Doreen Prasaddoreen.prasad@us.af.mil, 850-884-5903

NEW!

Who: Holley-Navarre Primary School

What: **Booster-thon Fun Run**

When: Friday, 29 October, 7:30am – 1:15pm

Where: 8019 Escola Street, Navarre, FL 32566

How: Volunteers to assist faculty and staff during the event from set-up to tear-down, and clean-up.

Good to know: This event will be outside on the P.E. field at the back of the school. Parking can be challenging, please try to carpool, if possible. This is a fun event for our students, families, and visitors.

Why: Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. We do this through improving the lives of all Emerald

coast youth as the Premier Youth Development organization.

Number of Volunteers: 15+ We welcome individuals and teams!

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Mr. Dan Balsavich, balsavichd@santarosa.k12.fl.us or Cindy Clunk, clunkc@santarosa.k12.fl.us, 850-936-6130

NEW! FUTURE ONGOING OPPORTUNITY

Who: Waterfront Thrift Store, Gulf Breeze

What: Store Volunteers

When: Monday – Saturday, 1:00pm – 6:00pm (2 hours minimum please)

Where: 4376 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

How: Volunteers needed for intake donations, stocking, register sales, and donation processing.

Good to know: Our store has been very short-handed since the COVID-19 pandemic began. We are in desperate need of help.

Why: The Waterfront Thrift Store provides shelter and meals for the homeless in Pensacola and AL, Waterfront also has a FREE 8-month program for those addressing the challenges of life-dominating issues. Healing and restoration are the goals of this Christ centered model that promotes self-sufficient, productive members of the community.

Number of Volunteers: 1 – 6 daily

POC/Phone/Email/Website: 850-932-7113 / mcpersichini@waterfrontmission.org /

REPOST!

Who: Thunderbird Intertribal Council / Native American Monthly Planning Committee

What: Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow Planning Meetings / 33rd Annual Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow (5 - 7 Nov 2021)

When: Every fourth Monday of the month, 6pm – 8pm

Where: Heritage Park & Cultural Center, Classroom, 139 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL

How: Powwow and Native American Indian Monthly Planning Committee

Good to know: Meeting task members to help with planning to include coordinating base support, publicity, volunteer coordinator, etc. We will need volunteers to work the 1 – 3 November 2019 Powwow event. Duties will include set-up and tear down, gate, drink booth, grounds maintenance, etc.

Why: We are a 501 (c) (3) Public Charity which functions in cooperation with Eglin and Hurlburt Air Force Bases and generous local support to present an annual Native American Powwow as part of the National American Indian Heritage Month activities during the month of November. The goals of our council are to educate the local community about Native Americans and their role in the past and the present. To promote cultural understanding, and to encourage participation and good-will between Native and non-Native people.

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Kirby Locklear, 850-217-6103 / Kirby.locklear@cox.net / committee@thunderbirdpowwow.org / www.thunderbirdpowwow.org

REPOST! FUTURE ONGOING OPPORTUNITY

Who: Okaloosa County Juvenile Detention Center

What: Juvenile Detention Center Mentorship

When: Monday –Friday, any time that works best for the volunteer

Where: 4448 Straight Line Road, Crestview, FL 32539

How: Volunteers will teach youth valuable life lessons, i.e. managing finances, proper etiquette, anger management, etc. can be ongoing or a single session.

Good to know: This is a secure facility, so cell phones, laptops, etc., are not allowed during the time volunteers are interacting with the youth. Volunteers may organize their own event with the youth, i.e. Honor Guard

ceremonies, pet shelter day, etc.

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

Phone/Email/Website: SSgt Aalaya Salone, 850-883-9429 or 254-226-9110 / aalaya.s.salone.mil@mail.mil /

REPOST!

Who: Habitat for Humanity in Okaloosa County

What: Home Construction

When: Monday - Thursday 8am – 12pm or 8am – 3pm, and Saturday 8am – 3pm

Where: Habitat Build Site locations in Okaloosa County (currently in Crestview);

***exact location will be provided upon sign-up

How: FOR INDIVIDUALS GO TO: www.habitatfbw.org/volunteer and sign up online

FOR GROUPS (with 10+ members): email volunteer@habitatfbw.org or contact the admin office at 850.315.0025 for more information.

Good to know: Volunteers assist with general construction such as framing, painting, and insulating; no experience necessary. Volunteers are asked to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get messy.

Number of Volunteers: Up to 30 per day

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Habitat for Humanity in Okaloosa County, 850-315-0025 /

volunteer@habitatfbw.org / www.habitatfbw.org/volunteer

REPOST!

Who: Habitat for Humanity

What: Habitat ReStore

When: Tuesday - Saturday, 9am-5pm

Where: TWO LOCATIONS -

FWB ReStore, 39 SE Eglin Parkway Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Crestview ReStore, 595 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, FL (next to KFC)

How: Various duties consist of processing donations, displaying items for sale, assisting customers with purchases, loading and unloading items from the truck. Visit www.habitfbw.org/volunteer to sign up for a shift online

Number of Volunteers: Open

Good to know: Proceeds from Okaloosa County ReStores support the work of Habitat for Humanity in Okaloosa County. Habitat envisions a world where everyone has a decent place to live; we give a hand-up not a hand-out, to end poverty housing in Okaloosa County through affordable homeownership.

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Charles Cooper / 850-685-0686 ext. 1 (FWB) / volunteer@habitatfbw.org

ON-GOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Who: 1 SOW Legal Office

What: Will Notarization Ceremony Witness

When: Every Wednesday from approximately 1330 -1530

Where: 212 Lukasik Avenue, Suite 255, Bldg. 90210, Hurlburt Field, FL 32544

How: Volunteers to serve as witnesses in the Will notarization ceremonies. They observe the oath given by the clients and they take an oath then witness signatures of the clients and sign verifying they witnessed the signatures

Good to know: Two witnesses are needed per session for approximately 1-2 hours

Why: When a client receives a Will or other estate documents, two people must witness the signatures

Number of Volunteers: At least 2 per session

Phone/Email/Website: Stephanie Buzga, 850-884-7821 / justin.bernard.1@us.af.mil / please call the POC to sign up.

Who: Boys and Girls Club of the Emerald Coast – Fort Walton Beach Youth Club

What: **Summer Help**

When: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 6:00pm

Where: Fort Walton Beach Youth Club, 923 Denton Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

How: **Educational Activities** – Provides Boys & Girls Club members with educational programs to prevent Summer learning loss.

Good Character & Citizenship – Teaches youth about community involvement and helps them to model strong character.

Healthy Life-styles – Teaches youth about adopting healthy lifestyle choices and making a commitment to fitness daily, i.e. Basketball Skills, Dance Team, Flag Football, Step Team, and Music.

Why: The members acquire new skills and become more confident learners as a result of the homework assistance program. Our members enjoy school more, and improve their grades and attendance. Also, the youth will get 60 minutes of physical education and understand healthy eating choices each day.

Number of Volunteers: **As many as possible**

Good to know: Volunteers will assist a Program Specialist with their group of members. To volunteer, please stop by our Club to complete a volunteer application which includes SSN and Driver's License information at 923 Denton Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547. The Club is open Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 6:30pm.

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Bryce Hines or John Bryant / 850-862-1616, ext. 2 / jbryant@bgcec.com

Who: Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, Inc.

What: **Fisher House Meals for Families**

When: Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Where: Eglin Fisher House, 350 Boatner Road, Eglin Air Base, FL 32542

How: Post vaccination volunteers may cook onsite in the kitchen (great teambuilding with your Squadron). Bring comfort through a yummy meal helping others feel good. Commit to challenge other Squadrons to match yours!

Good to know: For our military Squadrons/partners, we are happy to reimburse you (with receipts) or provide gift cards for the purchase of ingredients to cook. You supply the labor, the love, the secret family recipe, and the blessing for our families.

Why: This program SOARED in 2019 and nearly every day was booked with the help of our amazing community. We are rebuilding after the partial closure and suspended activities at the house and need your help. Please spread the word, spouse groups, families wanting to set good examples for their youth, service organizations, etc.

Number of Volunteers: **As many individuals or groups as possible**

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Mia Hughes, 850-259-4956 / director@fisherhouseemeraldcoast.org / www.fisherhouseemeraldcoast.org for more information and to reserve your day

Who: S4P Synergy, Inc.

What: Pantry Assistants

When: Tuesdays, 10am – 3pm (grocery bag building)

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1pm – 4pm (food distribution; open to the public)

3rd Saturday of every month (USDA Food giveaway), 10am – 12pm

Where: 24 Bass Avenue SW, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

How: S4P Synergy is recruiting to help with food S4P Synergy, Inc., food give-away

Good to know: Masks are required; gloves will be provided.

Number of Volunteers: **2 – 4; more if available.**

PPC/Phone/Email/Website: Marcus King / Phone: 850-259-1712 / s4psynergy@striving.gccoxmail.com

Who: Elder Services Meals on Wheels

What: Drivers and Kitchen Helpers

When: Daily

Where: Elder Services, 207 Hospital Drive, NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

How: Volunteers needed for:

- (1) Kitchen Prep Team to assemble meals
- (2) 50+ drivers to deliver food to community elders
 - 10 routes in Fort Walton Beach
 - 3 routes in Niceville

Good to know: Masks and gloves are optional, if desired.

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Marti Lindell / 850-833-9165 / marti.lindell@elder-services.org

Who: Hospice for Heroes Volunteers

What: Regency Hospice Volunteer Program – Visits, Phone Calls, Errands, etc. with “Hospice for Heroes”

When: Whenever volunteers are available

Where: Regency Hospice, 11 Racetrack Road, Suite G, Fort Walton Beach, FL and educational activities around town

How: Volunteers make phone calls, visit patients, run errands, and help with events. We ask volunteers for a minimum 4-hour monthly commitment.

Why: The Mission Statement is to honor life and offer compassion to individuals and the families when facing a life-limiting illness. Regency Hospice has many veteran patients. Join us in showing them that they are special and we appreciate all they gave to our country. Help honor our veteran patients with “Hospice for Heroes Pinning,” thanking them for their service to our country. We ask that you consider volunteering with Regency Hospice to brighten the day of our patients and their families.

Good to know: Volunteers will receive training to be educated on the duties they will fulfill.

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible. “We can never have too many volunteers”

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Melody Payne / 850-974-9286 / mpayne@regencyhospice.com

Who: Emerald Coast Hospice ~ Patient Companion or Administrative Assistance

What: Patient companionship, caregiver relief, and in-office clerical assistance

When: Ongoing – flexible days/times upon your availability

Where: Destin, Miramar Beach, FWB, Shalimar, Mary Esther, portions of Navarre (some in-home patients and some nursing facility patients).

How: Volunteers may provide companionship by visiting & sharing stories with patient, provide socialization by reading to, watching TV with, playing games/cards, listening to music, assisting with letter writing or life history, etc. Volunteers may also assist with administrative/clerical duties in office such as filing, answering phones, assembling packets, mail out, etc. Volunteers help ensure that every moment matters in the lives of the patients. Volunteers live happier, healthier lives themselves as a direct result of staying active and giving back to the community.

Why: Volunteers in hospice find it personally gratifying, and emotionally meaningful to assist patients with life-limiting illnesses that allows them to live out their days as fully and as comfortable as possible. Volunteers help ensure that every moment matters in the lives of the patients. Volunteers live happier, healthier lives themselves as a direct result of staying active.

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

Good to know: Volunteers DO NOT provide “hands-on” care or administer medication to patients. Volunteers will be asked to complete application process & background check. All our volunteers receive training to help

them feel comfortable with their assigned tasks. Even the smallest act of compassion can have a large impact
POC/Phone/Email/Website: Shanda Wooten / 850-862-1069 / shanda.wooten@gentiva.com

Who: VITAS Health Care

What: **HELPERS NEEDED TO VISIT RESIDENTS & TO CREATE MEMORY BEARS**

When: Immediately!

Where: Escambia & Santa Rosa Counties

How: Volunteers needed to FaceTime and call residents for visits. Seamstresses are also needed to create memory bears for immediate delivery to local hospitals.

Number of Volunteers: **As many as possible. "We never have too many volunteers!"**

PPC/Phone/Email/Website: Marla Hecht / 850-777-5049 / marla.hecht@vitas.com / www.VITAS.com

Who: Kindred Spirits Therapy Minis

What: **Maintenance, Bookkeeping, Marketing, Crafts, etc.**

When: Each 2nd Saturday Monthly (weekday evening opportunities also available)

Where: Kindred Spirits Therapy Minis, 5411 Hilton road N, Baker, FL 32531

How: Volunteers needed to add a pasture for the "boys," do stall repairs, work, and maintenance to the barn. Evening help is needed to work with the minis and to be more involved in our mission.

Why: Our program provides a gentle distraction for people in hospice care, displaced from natural disasters such as Hurricane Michael, the recent NAS Pensacola shooting, families grieving the loss of a loved one, members recovering from PTSD and TBI events; we bring a moment of joy to assisted living facilities and schools. We educate local students at Pensacola and Northwest Florida State colleges on the benefits of animal assisted activities and therapies. We also participate in awareness events, 5Ks, parades, and occasionally set-up informational tables to share our boys with the public.

Good to know: The miniature horses and handler are Nationally Registered with Pet Partners. The handler is also globally certified with EAGALA. We have covered "6" counties in the FL Panhandle for "5" years with ZERO accidents or visit related incidents. The "boys" are truly amazing in their work and the moments we make are something you cannot put into words!

Number of Volunteers: **As many as possible on weekends; 2 to 3 daily during the week**

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Nancy Lambert 850-830-4199 / (please leave a message) /

kindredspiritstherapyminis@gmail.com / link to Website: www.kindredspiritstherapyminis.com / link to

Video: [Intro to KSTM](#)

Who: Healing Paws for Warriors

What: **Providing shelter to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) trained service dogs for veterans facing Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Military Sexual Trauma (MST)**

Where: Contact POC for details

When: **POC will provide specific times based on volunteer service area/section**

How: Volunteers needed for administration (social media updates, conducting grant research, create newsletters), photography, to work with veterans, and to exercise our dogs in the play yard. Also, potential foster opportunities. Submit volunteer form: <https://www.healingpawsforwarriors.org/volunteer>

Good to know: Please bring own masks, if desired. Also, individuals with non-profit experience, and/or PTSD, TBI or MST familiarity are strongly encouraged to volunteer.

Number of Volunteers: **As many as possible**

POC/Phone/Email/Website/FB: POC: Sheila Hale / 850-716-8198 / info@healingpawsforwarriors.org/

<http://www.healingpawsforwarriors.org> / <https://www.facebook.com/healingpaws4warriors/>

Who: Computer Techs at Air Force Enlisted Village ~ IT Help

What: **Computer Technician/Geek Squad**

When: Each Saturday – 9:00-12:00pm (weekday opportunities available also)

Where: AF Enlisted Village, 30 Holly Avenue, Shalimar, FL 32579

How: Use Skills in computer maintenance/geek skills for fixing AF enlisted Village resident's computers on Saturdays. Tasks may include: fixing computers, software and hardware for AF Enlisted Village residents

Why: The iFalcon computer support team is an all-volunteer group of IT folks with a common goal, to provide FREE IT support to the residents of the Air Force Enlisted Village. iFalcon is continually seeking experienced and dedicated professionals with a range of IT skills.

Good to know: This group typically deals with the same type of issues one might see in their home/work environment

Number of Volunteers: As coordinated by iFalcon Team Leaders.

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Mr. James Hawks / 850-884-5051 / james.hawks.4@us.af.mil; Mr. Michael Burke / 850-882-7381 / michael.burke.3@us.af.mil / <https://afev.us>

Who: Hurlburt Field Natural Resources ~ Nature Trail Caretaker

What: Caretaker Nature Trail Caretaker Opportunities

When: Through the month of November; flexible hours per volunteer schedule

Where: Hurlburt Field/Grace Brown Nature Trail, Hurlburt Field Soundside Club; trailhead is on the south lawn of the Soundside Club

How: Perform routine landscaping maintenance to 1.5 mile long Nature Trail such as weed-eating, pruning, sweeping or blowing off decks/boardwalks; identify and report damage needing repair

Why: This regular event will maintain a safe, beautiful and inviting recreational and educational venue supporting retired and active duty military personnel and families

Good to know: 24–48 hours advanced notice is required in order for 1 SOCES/CEIE to request equipment (weed-eaters, pruners, etc) from Heavy Equipment shop. Volunteers will need to pick up equipment at Bldg. 90053 and receive additional instructions for work

Number of Volunteers: 2 – 8

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Lorraine Ketzler, USFWS Liaison / Wildlife Biologist / 1 SOCES/CEIE, 415 Independence Road, Bldg. 90053, Hurlburt Field, FL 32544 /850-884-7916 / lorraine.ketzler@us.af.mil

Who: Seacrest Wolf Preserve

What: Various Projects (Helpers for Rebuilding Habitat Fencing, Storm Clean-Up, Covering Ground Fencing, Assisting with Saturday Wolf Encounter Tour, and Feed up of Wolves and Small Wild Species)

When: Everyday but Sunday, beginning at 9am

Where: Seacrest Wolf Preserve, 3449 Bonnett Pond Road, Chipley, FL

How: Help with Hurricane Michael recovery/repairs, and assist with large Saturday group tours and daily projects to provide a safe, humane habitat for the wolves, while protecting the visitors on tours.

Why: Seacrest Wolf Preserve is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preservation through education. Seacrest is the largest wolf preserve in the lower 48 states and is largely run by volunteer effort. There are many basis that need to be covered to keep this wonderful work of conservation going. We are always in need of credible volunteers. Seacrest Wolf Preserve is closely connected to the US military branches, and through the years, it is our active duty and retired military volunteers that have built and played a profound role in helping to keep this amazing work of conservation that is touching human hearts around the world going.

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible -- Individuals or Groups

Good to know: Bottled water and cold beverages supplied during the weekdays. **Saturday volunteers** are always provided with a complimentary lunch from our concession stand, along with bottled water and cold beverages. When work projects are completed, military volunteers are always provided with an inspiring hands-on opportunity with our wonderful Wolf Ambassadors. During this opportunity, military volunteers are able to take photos of themselves with the wolves.

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Cynthia Watkins / 850-773-2897 / seacrestwolfpack@yahoo.com /

www.seacrestwolfpreserve.org

Who: Okaloosa Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program

What: Male Veteran mentors needed!

When: As needed per court hearings

Where: Fort Walton Beach Court House

How: The mentor acts as a supportive role model for the veteran participants as they progress through the court process; mentors NEVER take on the role of counselors

Good to know: The mission of this program is to ensure that every Veteran receives the assistance and services needed, including being able to adequately navigate the court system, Veteran Affairs system and other community systems. The vision of the Mentor Program is to “Leave No Veteran Behind.” Need to commit to the program for a minimum of 12 months. Volunteers must be a US Military Veteran. An application must be completed

Number of Volunteers: Open

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Dan Friedsberg, Mentor Coordinator / 850-244-1040 / dan@mhaow.org

Who: Pet Welfare Animal Shelter (Eglin AFB)

What: Weekly (Office, Cat, and Dog) Volunteer Shifts

When: Office: Mon-Sat, 9am-1pm; Cat/Dog: Mon-Sat, 7:30am–9:30am; Cat/Dog: Mon-Sat, 4:30pm–6:30pm

Where: 683 Range Road, Eglin AFB, FL 32542

How: Volunteers will answer phones, take messages, feed animals, administer medication, walk dogs, clean, and love pets.

Good to know: A 501(c)(3) non-Profit, no-kill, all volunteer animal shelter

Number of Volunteers: As many as possible

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Mary Fimiani / 850-376-7254 / mrsjimfim@aol.com

Who: Panhandle Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)

What: Animal Shelter that provides pet adoption, animal control, and veterinary services

When: Varies

Where: 752 Lovejoy Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

How: Various volunteer positions: Volunteers are needed to exercise dogs, bathe puppies and kittens, groom the animals, collect towels & blankets for animals, cut & sew blankets, volunteer at the shelter, work on the website, help with fundraising and special events, serve on a committee, or work the thrift shop

Number of Volunteers: Open

Good to know: Must complete an application and attend a Volunteer Orientation http://www.paws-shelter.com/volunteer/volunteer_application_0808.pdf

POC/Phone/Email/Website: Volunteer Coordinator / 850-243-1525

Thank you for being a Community Commando Volunteer! Your support is essential to the success of Hurlburt Field's VRP. The sharing of your time and talents are beneficial to the organizations/individuals you assist, and yourselves.

ADDITIONS / UPDATES / REMOVALS: Please contact the VC with any questions/concerns you may have. Thank you.