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Volunteer Connections Newsletter

Welcome to the 5th edition of *Volunteer Connections* — a project by Los Gatos Thrives — created to bring meaningful ways to volunteer in our community.

June 2026

Volunteer Connections provides a simple venue for Los Gatos residents to find the latest service opportunities with local nonprofits. We truly believe that volunteering is one of the best ways to give back, find purpose, and stay connected to the community we love.

Each *Volunteer Connections* edition lists the current service opportunities that local nonprofits and civic organizations wish to highlight and fill. Individuals are advised to contact the nonprofit directly for more information and to sign up.

If you have a friend or family member who might like to get more involved in the Los Gatos community, we encourage you to forward this newsletter to them or have them check our website at lgvolunteerconnections.org.

The next *Volunteer Connections* newsletter will be emailed Friday, July 3, 2026. Local nonprofits, not already on our distribution, may contact lgvolunteerconnections@gmail.com for information on how to participate.

Volunteer Opportunities at a Glance

CADRE (Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort):

- Volunteers Needed to Help Clean Our Creeks!

Live Oak Senior Nutrition & Service Center:

- Volunteers Needed to Serve Lunch.

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- Grant-Writer Needed.
 - Videographer Needed.
 - Foundation Fundraiser Needed.
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CADRE (Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort)

Volunteers Needed to Help Clean Our Creeks!

Volunteer Need Overview: Cleaning the creeks to protect wildlife and water quality.

CADRE is recruiting volunteers for CORE. Join for a hands-on creek cleanup along Coyote Creek (exact location TBD 2 weeks prior based on greatest need). Gear provided! Alternate between trash removal to protect wildlife/water quality/reduce flood risk, and staffing a table to share resiliency info and disaster preparedness materials.

Organization Mission: CADRE is the coordinator of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) for Santa Clara County under California's State VOAD.

The mission of CADRE is to strengthen coordination of the disaster response and recovery efforts of non-profit, faith-based, government, private and other disaster relief entities in Santa Clara County, through partnerships, planning, training, exercises and emergency activation.

Organization Website: <https://www.cadresv.org/>

Special Skills or Age Requirements: None.

Dates and Times Volunteers Needed: Sunday, June 28th 9 AM-12 PM.

Location of Volunteering Activity: Along Coyote Creek in San Jose, location TBD based on need two weeks before event.

Contact for More Information: Contact CADRE's Volunteer Engagement Coordinator volunteer@cadresv.org or **408-337-2151**.

Live Oak Senior Nutrition & Service Center

Volunteers Needed to Serve Lunch

Volunteer Need Overview: Serve lunch to seniors.

Organization Mission: Live Oak Senior Nutrition & Service Center provides comprehensive senior services with compassion and care, nourishing body and mind.

Organization Website: <https://www.liveoakseniorcenter.org>

Special Skills or Age Requirements: Volunteers must be 16 years old.

Dates and Times Volunteers Needed: Monday to Friday 11:15 to 12:30. Volunteers may choose to help one or more days per week.

Location of Volunteering Activity: Los Gatos Methodist Church, 111 Church Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Contact for More Information: Call **(408)455-5698** or email glenn.liveoak@lgumc.org.

Veterans Memorial & Support Organization

Grant Writer Needed

Volunteer Need Overview: The Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation is seeking a dedicated and skilled Grant Writer to help secure funding opportunities that will advance our mission. This is a non-paying volunteer role--ideal for someone passionate about veteran causes and experienced in nonprofit development or writing.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Research and identify appropriate grant opportunities from foundations, corporations, and government sources.
- Collaborate with CFO of Foundation to identify budgetary needs in support of programs for which grants are sought.
- Write compelling grant proposals, letters of inquiry, and related documents.
- Maintain calendar of application deadlines and reporting requirements.
- Work collaboratively with the Foundation's leadership and program teams to gather necessary information.
- Track submitted proposals and assist with follow-up communications and reports.

Organization Mission: The Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation strives to improve lives of Veterans, active military Service Members and their families.

Organization Website: <https://honoravet.org>

Special Skills or Age Requirements:

- Proven experience writing successful grant proposals (preferred but not required).
- Strong written communication skills and attention to detail.

- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines.
- Familiarity with veterans' issues or a strong passion to support those who served.
- Proficiency with Google Docs, Microsoft Word, Excel, and email.

Dates and Times Volunteers Needed: Most work can occur around the flexibility of the volunteer.

Location of Volunteering Activity: May be remote or local. Volunteer can operate remotely with access to virtual meeting tools to occasionally meet with other Foundation Volunteers.

Contact for More Information: Contact our Volunteer Action Committee by registering your interest directly through our website at:

<https://honoravet.org/volunteer/>

Veterans Memorial & Support Organization

Videographer Needed

Volunteer Need Overview:

We are seeking a talented and passionate Videographer to join our team and help us tell the stories of our veterans and the impact of our organization's work through compelling visual content. As a Videographer, you will play a crucial role in capturing the essence of our mission and conveying it to our audience through video.

Key Responsibilities Include:

1. Storytelling: Collaborate with the marketing and communications team to develop creative concepts for video projects that effectively communicate the mission and impact of the Veterans Memorial and Support Foundation.
2. Filming: Capture high-quality video footage of veterans, events, programs and initiatives organized by the organization.
3. Editing: Edit raw footage into polished, engaging videos that align with the organization's brand and messaging. This includes adding music, sound effects, graphics, and other elements as needed.
4. Post-Production: Manage the post-production process, including color correction, audio mastering, and exporting videos in various formats for distribution across different platforms.
5. Equipment Management: Maintain and operate video equipment, including cameras, lighting, and audio recording devices, ensuring that they are in good working condition for each shoot.
6. Story Development: Identify compelling stories within the veteran community and work closely with veterans and their families to share their experiences through video.

7. Collaboration: Collaborate with internal team and external partners to ensure that video content aligns with organizational goals and objectives.
8. Content Distribution: Assist in the distribution of video content across various channels, including social media, websites, and email newsletters.

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Special Skills or Age Requirements:

- Proficiency in video editing software such as Adobe Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro, or similar programs.
- Knowledge of camera equipment, lighting techniques, and audio recording equipment.
- Strong creative vision and storytelling skills, with the ability to conceptualize and execute engaging video content.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to collaborate effectively with team members and stakeholders.
- Passion for serving veterans and a commitment to representing their stories with dignity and respect.
- Ability to work independently.

Dates and Times Volunteers Needed: Varies depending upon assignment.

Location of Volunteering Activity: Los Gatos and surrounding communities and The Flame of Liberty Memorial site at the Los Gatos Civic Center.

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Veterans Memorial & Support Organization

Foundation Fundraiser Needed

Volunteer Need Overview:

We are seeking a dedicated and passionate Foundation Fundraiser to support our mission of honoring and serving veterans who have bravely sacrificed for our country. This is a non-paid volunteer position, ideal for someone who wants to make a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans.

As a Fundraiser, you will play a crucial role in helping us grow our resources and extend our outreach. Your efforts will directly contribute to sustaining programs and services that provide critical support to veterans and their families.

Key Responsibilities Include:

- Meet with potential donors 1:1 to raise funds for the Foundation.

- Identify and engage potential donors, sponsors, and community partners.
- Maintain donor databases and send thank-you communications.
- Collaborate with other volunteers and team members on fundraising goals.
- Provide input to Event Planner/Organizer about creative fundraising events, strategies and campaigns.
- Provide input into grant writing and proposal submissions.
- Represent the Veterans Foundation with integrity and compassion.

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Organization Website: <https://honoravet.org>

Special Skills or Age Requirements:

- Deep passion and respect for veterans and military families.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Motivated, self-directed, and able to work independently.
- Experience in fundraising, event planning, marketing, or grant writing is a plus.
- Basic computer literacy (email, Word, spreadsheets).
- Willingness to learn and contribute to a team-driven mission.

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