

VVA Chapter 594

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As the chapter struggles to find its way after the passing of a long serving President, we continue to do what we can to serve the veterans in Lee County. Our primary focus is to support Hearts and Homes for Veterans, a 501C3 organization created by a member of our chapter. We have supported this organization which is rapidly becoming the premier homeless veteran's service in the country. We have provided both financial and physical help as the program whips their 10,000 square foot building into shape with offices, storage space, meeting space, and facilities for both dental care and treatment of minor injuries and illnesses. The facility will provide jobs for a few homeless, and will be the hub for finding outside employment, housing and transportation, as well as provide clothing, and health and hygienic products we take for granted. They have also been donated a house which is being updated and repaired which will accommodate up to 4 veterans.

Elections are upcoming in which the chapter will get new leadership, in the hopes that fresh ideas will motivate the membership. To be a success, a chapter must be doing things people want to be a part of.