

NOVA

NURSES ORGANIZATION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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VA nurses are on the front line 24 hours a day, every day. They tend to the wounds received defending our freedom. They care for veterans whenever they encounter health problems throughout their lives.



VA nurses administer the care and the medications. They bring comfort, compassion, and hope. America's VA nurses are the healthcare professionals caring for our brave veterans.



VA nurses are often the primary ambassadors of the gratitude of our nation. VA nurses care for over 6.5 million American veterans. Now more than ever, veterans and their families depend on VA nurses.

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The Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA) is a nationwide, voluntary organization composed of registered nurses employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs



NOVA's Mission is:

**Shaping and Influencing
Healthcare in the Department of
Veterans Affairs**



*NOVA has identified a
Desired Future State of VA Nursing*

VA Nursing is a dynamic, diverse group of honored, respected, and compassionate individuals. VA is the leader in the creation of an organizational culture where excellence in nursing is valued as essential for quality healthcare to those who have served America.





Helping Hands, Healing Heroes

The NOVA Foundation is dedicated to the advancement of VA nursing. Through scholarships, research grants, and educational programs, the NOVA Foundation helps VA nurses deliver outstanding care to America's heroes.



The NOVA Foundation Scholarships are helping to ensure that there will be qualified VA nurses to care for our aging veteran population and our newest generation of veterans injured or traumatized in recent conflicts.



No one has more contact with veterans than VA nurses – and so VA nurses are particularly qualified to identify areas of VA healthcare that would most benefit from research.



The NOVA Foundation provides funding for projects that have scientific merit and are most likely to provide benefit to the greatest number of veterans.





NOVA's Vision:

- ***VA Nurses will provide high quality nursing care***
- ***VA Nurses will have an optimal work environment***
- ***VA Nurses will be informed on relevant issues that impact VA healthcare and nursing practice***
- ***VA Nurses will have a strong voice in the legislative arena***
- ***VA Nurses will have a strong presence at VHA corporate leadership level***
- ***VA Nurses will be NOVA members***



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Historical Perspective:

During the fall of 1980, the nationwide shortage of registered nurses reached crisis proportions.



Historical Perspective:

Nurses were leaving the profession in droves, enrollment in nursing schools was decreasing, and discontent was widespread.



Historical Perspective:

Congress passed Public Law 96-330, which directly affected nurse pay. This law was developed and passed with no direct input from VA nurses.



Historical Perspective:

A small group of dedicated nurses at the Hines VA decided this was time for action, which marked the birth of NOVA.



Historical Perspective:

Since this beginning, NOVA has grown to include nurses from all over the United States, with over 3000 members.





NOVA Provides:

- A strong lobbying power on Capitol Hill
- A voice in policy making through our contacts on Capitol Hill, Veterans Service Organizations, and the Office of Nursing Services in Washington



NOVA Provides:

- A quarterly newsletter featuring national and local activities
- Electronic news updates – E News from NOVA



NOVA Provides:

- Scholarship and research opportunities through the NOVA Foundation
- A dynamic annual meeting



NOVA is a recognized force in Washington, deeply involved in the legislative process.

Through NOVA, VA nurses can directly impact health care policy.



NOVA provides VA nurses with a strong, educated, and informed voice which speaks for our profession, its rightful place in healthcare, and its impact on advocacy and optimal care for our patients.

NOVA Board of Directors





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<http://www.vanurse.org>