

Veteran Notes: KoC helps VA with wheelchairs

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- The Knights of Columbus on Fort Myers Beach donated 10 new wheelchairs to the VA clinic in Cape Coral.

The presentation was made by the Knights of Columbus state grand master. The KoC's Fourth degree, known as "the Patriotic Degree," supports our veterans and meets monthly at the Church of the Ascension on Fort Myers Beach on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Voluntary Service Program is the vehicle the Knights of Columbus uses in Serving Those Who Served. The vice president for Fraternal Services has oversight of the VAVS program.

The program is directed and managed by the assistant for Military and Veterans Affairs who also serves as the National VAVS Representative to the VAVS National Advisory Committee. The Knights of Columbus' VAVS program is executed through the Fourth Degree chain of command through the U.S. Vice Supreme Masters and District Masters.

Certified representatives and deputy representatives attend hospital meetings and organize efforts for KoC volunteers.

The Knights of Columbus has VAVS representatives at almost every VA medical center and many clinics in the U.S. There is one certified representative and, up to, three deputy representatives from the Knights of Columbus at these VAMCs. Representatives recruit and manage volunteers in developing activities and programs.