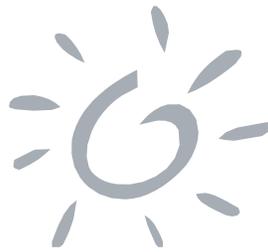




**Numbers don't tell the whole story.**

**In your case, they're only a fraction! Thanks for doing a great job.**



So many volunteers have asked about how Voluntary Service in the VA calculates hours and awards for the Recognition Luncheon, we've taken a moment to lay out some of the basic rules for you here.

**Whenever possible, we err on the side of our volunteers, BUT:**

1. Awards are calculated by the National VA software package.
2. We ask our volunteers to input their own hours; have you input them all?
3. We always send letters with your hours in advance of the Luncheon—did you get it?

## **Voluntary Regulations & YOU**

1. Headquarters only supports you at the Luncheon if you are getting one of their defined categories (see back). They only pay for the meal, we pay for the rest.
2. We estimate that the cost of supporting someone at the Luncheon (awards, gifts, photography, transport, etc.) is about \$75 each. So when we ask for a contribution to defray costs, we're still taking a loss.
3. Your hours: they are counted on the basis of LAST FISCAL YEAR (the govt. runs 1 October—30 September), so don't feel cheated! You'll capture the in between hours next year...
4. Your awards: Awards for hours are set by VA National Headquarters; if you fall in between their categories, you won't be getting a pin this year.
5. The Luncheon is for FUN! It's a great party, so let's enjoy it.

Hours that we're allowed to  
give you a pin and lunch for:

100	8,750
300	10,000
500	12,500
750	15,000
1000	17,500
1,750	20,000
2,500	22,500
3,750	
5,000	
6,250	
7,500	



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