Veteran Centers of Oklahoma

Psychology Club has taken a behind-the-scenes look at veteran affairs by visiting the local VA and would like to share their knowledge!

Persons are eligible for entry into any of the Veterans centers if:

The Oklahoma resident has served in the active Armed Forces of the United States during Wartime and was not dishonorably discharged.

These wartimes include:

- WWI from 4/6/17 to 11/11/18
- WWII from 12/7/41 to 12/31/46
- The Korean Conflict from 6/27/50 to 1/31/55
- The Vietnam Era from 8/5/64 to 5/7/75
- The Persian Gulf War from 8/2/90 to a future date that will be set by law of presidential proclamation

Veterans must have served at least 90 days, (unless that person is discharged on a service disability) where one or more of those days were involved during a time of war.

The Veteran must also be disabled by age, disease, or some other affliction that is found through a physical examination.

If the person is able to dress themselves, they can be placed in domiciliary.

Otherwise, they are placed within nursing care where they receive top care for all of their needs.

Nurses and Workers do an exceptional job in creating a friendly atmosphere where each veteran is treated with respect and compassion.

The Center often hosts a series of activities in a recreation hall that fits up to 300 residents, and has a beautiful cafeteria with many choices for each individual to choose from.

Needless to say, resident are well looked after!
The Veterans Center in Clinton, Ok is mostly funded by the state, but there are times where it becomes hard to make ends meet, as it becomes difficult to house a few hundred residents with varying needs.

If you are interested in lending a helping hand, here are some things you could do:

- **Give Supplies**
  - Mainly the common essentials, such as; soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, socks, etc.
  - During the end of the year is when the financial situation of the Veterans Center is in its most critical state. By sending supplies such as these, it will allow them to allocate their finances to other activities and crucial items.

- **Volunteer**
  - Usually each worker has to take care of more than 5 people at a time. Offering the time to help out these people would allow the other workers to more readily assist the residents, as well as lighten their work load.
  - Not to mention that having any kind of volunteer helps to further add to your resume and makes you that much more appealing, especially if Graduate School is in your future!

- **Contact Them!**
  - Should you be interested in helping out such a wonderful group of people, please do not hesitate to do so. You may contact them at 1701 South 4th/P.O Box 1209. Clinton, Ok 73601 (580) 331-2200.