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Request/Question: Can volunteers be certified and be able to assist Veterans to access services under the direction of a County Veteran's Services Professional

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Response:

No, for an individual to be accredited under a county vet service officer you have to be an employee working a minimum of 1000 hours. This is in the federal regulations. However, volunteers can perform those functions as part of a veteran's organization such as the American Legion or Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

To be accredited a person needs to be sponsored. In the federal regulations, veterans' service organizations can file claims. The American Legion could qualify a volunteer who wanted to help veterans. The service organization would then be responsible when audited. Many of County clients start out this way.