

Valentines for Veterans

(NAPSA)—A new campaign encouraging people to send a Valentine's Day gift to American servicemen and women recovering in Veterans Administration hospitals is generating hearty approval.



Many Americans are showing their affection for veterans with a therapeutic gift.

The VA will be distributing 10,000 palm-sized, heart-shaped gifts called Heartibles, which beat gently, smoothly and precisely like the human heart.

Therapist Shaya Ostrov says: "Heartibles are a new therapeutic tool being used to help people cope with symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. If your pulse is racing, holding a Heartible provides an immediate and reassuring sense of calm."

More than two hundred thousand troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan have left active duty, making them combat veterans and eligible to use VA health services. Many of them are seeking help for combat-related mental illness.

Any hospital stay is stressful and lonesome, but for Veterans this is particularly true. To send a Heartible to a Veteran for Valentine's Day, or to order one for yourself or a friend, visit www.heartibles.com or call 1-888-858-1811.