



## Hospital Bulletin January 2019



### HAPPY NEW YEAR DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA



Hopefully, we have all recovered from our hectic Holiday schedules and are ready to begin 2019 with new energy and resolve. I hope that each one of us added this to our New Year Resolutions: “I resolve to volunteer more at the Hospital”. President Ellie asks us “What’s Your Why?” She is asking “why did we join the VFW Auxiliary”, but I ask, “Why do we volunteer?” Well, helping veterans is a wonderful way to honor their service and make a difference in the world. Volunteering connects us to others. It is good for our mind and body. It can help us learn new skills. It brings fun and fulfillment to our life.

Every year, 75,000 Volunteers volunteer 11 million hours in service to our Veterans. We really do make a difference in the lives of our veterans and their families. We may not realize it, but we do help to improve the service that the VA provides to our hospitalized veterans. Volunteers truly are an asset to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Community Volunteer Recruitment Week is April 7-13, 2019, Let us make a special effort this year to add more hours to our volunteering schedule AND recruit our friends and family to join us. Don’t forget to recruit our youth. There are so many Youth Groups out there that need to accrue Community Service hours as part of their programs. Boy Scouts troops, Girl Scout Troops, Church Youth Groups, ROTC, Young Marine Units, Leos. I’m sure you all can think of many more. Reach out to them and let them know that they can reach their community service goals by volunteering for the most deserving people we know. Our American Heroes. Our hospitalized veterans.



On a different note, I would like to thank and Congratulate, Districts 1, 4, 11, 13, and 15 for reaching 100% reporting in the Hospital Program!!!!!!

**GREAT JOB!! WAY TO GO!! WOOT WOOT!!!!!!**

All other districts are only 1 or 2 auxiliaries away from being 100% . Just give me a call and I will walk you through it.

**Upcoming Events:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month- Hawthorne Aux. 2075 hosts Bingo, West L. A. VAMC Bldg. #300. 11301 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Volunteers ALWAYS welcome- Please contact Jo Ann Wright, Aux 2075 Hospital Chairman @ 310-704-0878 (no texting)

Last Friday of Every Month – Veterans Social Connection, Tibor Rubin VAMC Bldg. 165 Canteen Back Patio, 5901 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Beach, CA 8:30 – 10:30 AM . Please contact Romey Hagen if your auxiliary would like to be part of this project. 310-988-5296 or [romicles@pacbell.net](mailto:romicles@pacbell.net)

February 9, 2019 – Loma Linda VA - Annual BBQ for the entire Hospital. Need donations of Burgers, Hot Dogs, Buns, Chips, Cookies, Soda/ Gatorade. AND VOLUNTEERS! Please contact Mary Ryser 760-289-9320 [vfw3699@live.com](mailto:vfw3699@live.com)

April 13, 2019 -- Tibor Rubin VAMC – BBQ for the entire Hospital on the CLC Patio. Flier will be coming out soon.

April 20, 2019 – Loma Linda VA - Bingo. 1-3PM at the Living Center

Please keep the 2018/2019 Hospital Team informed of any and all Hospital Events in your area, so that we can get the information out to the entire department.

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