

## **HOSPITAL SERVICE PINS AND AWARDS**

Pins bearing the VFW Auxiliary emblem and designating the number of hours a volunteer has devoted to hospital work, will be awarded to members meeting the eligibility requirements. Pins earned in all non-VA facilities must be ordered by the local VFW Auxiliary Hospital Chairman. Forms for ordering pins and recognition awards are available on the VFW Auxiliary website, <a href="www.vfwauxiliary.org">www.vfwauxiliary.org</a> or by contacting the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters Programs Department.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Volunteer hours at a VA and non-VA facility may be combined for award purposes. A VFW member in good standing who has volunteered a minimum of 150 hours under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship in any hospital is eligible to receive a pin as a gift from the VFW National organization. There is a special "Sponsored Hospital Volunteer Award" available for non-VFW Auxiliary members.

Pins are available for volunteers who have served:

150 hours

300 hours

500 hours

1,000 hours

1,500 hours

2,000 hours

2,500 hours

3,000 hours

4,000 hours

A 5,000 hour pin is triangular

Between 6,000 and 9,000 hours are triangular with an additional pearl for each 1,000 hours earned. A bar guard signifying 10,000 hours may be attached to this pin and this hereafter, bar guards are available for each additional 1,000 hours.

Allow enough time (two to four weeks) for all requests to be processed and the pins shipped if the pins are to be presented on some special occasion. *Please do not wait until the end of the year to request any pins*. *Request them as they are earned*.