

Hospital Program Promotion #4

March, 2024

I want to remind you of the 2023-2024 Hospital Program Goals:

- 1. Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support**
- 2. Valentines for Veterans**
- 3. Women Veteran's Health Care**
- 4. Honors Escort**

Has your auxiliary supported any of these goals? If so, have you reported it? I have attached the Hospital Year-End Report so you can see what the National Ambassador is looking for. The reports that I have gotten have been full of events, donations and many hours but I know there is much more to be reported since I have not heard from many auxiliaries yet so please get your reports in by April 15, 2024. Remember that any support you give to a Caregiver is also reportable. We need to reach out to these special people and let them know how important and appreciated they are.

I have included 2 different Appreciation Forms for you to use. Recognition is one of the goals in the Hospital Program so please take the opportunity to recognize those auxiliary members, VFW members and non-members who have contributed to the Hospital Program. You might even plan a special Recognition Event. If you do, please report it to me.

Volunteers are always needed and there are many opportunities available and a position will be found with which you are comfortable. If you are unable to actually physically volunteer in a facility, remember the **VA Compassionate Contact Corp** which is a telephone-friendly visitor program; think 'pen-pal through the telephone.' You will need to contact the CDCE Supervisor at your facility.

Valentines for Veterans has finished and if your auxiliary participated in this event be sure to send in your reports. I have received many reports already and donuts seem to have been very popular as a treat...yummy!

Many VA facilities are sponsoring **Women Veteran's Health** events in March so contact your CDCE Supervisor to find out how you can help.

The Honors Escort Program in VA facilities is part of the end-of-life protocol for veterans who pass away while in their care. Most facilities have a program in place but every place seems to handle this important program differently. Call for directions.

Has your auxiliary held any event/activity that recognizes veterans on non-traditional holidays? This is special project that our National Hospital Ambassador, Della Streege, has endorsed and you were given information earlier in the year. Google **Non-Traditional Holidays** and get 365 days of fun-filled ideas to celebrate.

I included the National Award forms for you in my January promotion to look at and see if you qualify. You can also download these forms under my Hospital Program on the Department website. Please remember that the due date is March 31, 2024. I'm hoping to get several applications for Hospital Volunteer of the Year and remember that VAVS Representatives and Deputies are also eligible.

Remember to send in your reports to the Department via the web-page, log-in on the Members Only site or you can use the report form available on line and mail it to me. Please remember to send your reports to your District Hospital Chairman as well.

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