

DECEMBER HOSPITAL PROGRAM PROMOTION

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Has your Auxiliary sent Department your \$1-per-member quota for the Hospital Fund? Of this \$1, \$.75 is donated to the VA that goes towards the \$1,000 donation done by the Department President during her Official Visits around the State. The \$.25 helps our members if they are having problems covering their Medical Bills. If you are reporting for your Auxiliary, please fill out the report to prove to the IRS this is money donated from your Auxiliary treasury.

Does your Auxiliary have any Volunteers for the Veterans in our different Hospitals, VA Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Domicilaries? If your Auxiliary has members who volunteer at least 10 hours, your Auxiliary members are eligible for our own State President's Hospital Pins. If you volunteer 100+ hours, you can apply for pins from National Headquarters. Your Auxiliary Hospital Chairman needs to keep track of your members' Volunteer hours and please fill out the application for Volunteer Pins and send it to the Department Hospital Chairman. I will sign it and send it off to National Headquarters; for any non-members you have volunteering with your Auxiliary members, there is also a pin for them.

Something coming up in the future is Valentine's Day on February 14th, 2025: around that time it is perfect to ask around schools if students would love to make Valentine cards in our Hospitals for all of our Hospitalized Veterans. If your Auxiliary does this, please fill out a report and send it to me. Please also include the hours and how many cards were made and were given to the Hospital.

As we come to the end of 2024, I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.