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Madam Department President Kathie, Past Natl. President Gwen, Past Department Presidents, Department Officers, Brothers and Sisters: I am Kathleen "Kathy" Smith, the Department Hospital Chairman.

You can volunteer at the Hospital by reading to the Hospitalized Veterans, hosting bingo, serving root beer floats, (sugar free of course). The Hospital Program is a way to recruit volunteers, whether they be members of the Post, Auxiliary or even family members or friends -- even youth can volunteer.

In the North on July 19th, 2025, the VFW and the VFW Aux will be hosting a picnic at Yountville Veterans Home in the 16th District. Anyone interested in helping out please be there between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. to help wrap silverware, and serving starts at 11:00 a.m. We need help cooking, preparing the food, pushing wheelchairs, getting drinks and food for the patients.

Auxiliaries: please remember your donations of \$1 per member for Hospital, of which \$.75 goes to Department for the V.A. Hospital for when our Department President Kathie makes during her Official Visit, and \$.25 goes to the Medical Insurance Program. We also donate to Drug Abuse, and the "Rolling Joe

Velasquez” Wheel Chair Games. Donations to these projects can be in any amount and please remember to fill out your reports for Hospital (not Donations).

Awards-National: for Members

1. Citation to one VFW Auxiliary member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital (VA and Non-VA Facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Entry form required available on MALTA Member Resources. Citations to be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.
2. “Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year” plaque to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital (VA and Non-VA Facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Entry form required available on MALTA Member Resources. Plaque to be mailed directly to winner from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.
3. Citation to the outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Entry form required available on MALTA Member Resources. Citations to be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Awards-National for Auxiliaries

1. Most creative/unique activity and or event to interact with and provide happiness to veterans in hospitals (VA and Non-VA Facilities).

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most creative/unique activity and or event to interact with and provide happiness to veterans in hospitals (VA and Non-VA Facilities)

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Hospital Chairman by March 31st, 2026 for judging.

Awards-Department

Legacy Award in Honor of Past Department President Kathy Walery and Past Department President Mary Anne Kreutz for Hospital/VAVS.

1st, 2nd and 3rd to 1 Auxiliary in each of the Membership Divisions.

Outstanding Auxiliary Chairman

Outstanding District Chairman