

FEBRUARY HOSPITAL PROGRAM PROMOTION

Kathleen “Kathy” Smith, Department Chairman

As Department Hospital Chairman after March 31st, I will be online going through the reports to see which Auxiliaries are eligible for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each Division.

I will also be choosing our Outstanding Auxiliary Chairman and Outstanding District Chairman for Hospital. Additionally, I will select the winner of the Legacy Award in Memory of Past Department President Kathy Walery and Past Department President Mary Anne Kreutz for Hospital/VAVS.

National Awards:

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

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These applications are available on MALTA in Member Resources and are due by March 31st to me.

“Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year” can be any VFW Auxiliary Member who volunteers in any facility. Volunteers between July 1st, 2025 through March 31st, 2026. VAVS Representatives and Deputies are also eligible to be considered for this award.

National also has the following applications for awards -- these must be filled out and a copy kept for your records, one to the Department Hospital Chairman and to National Headquarters:

- Application for VFW Auxiliary Recruiting Charms: these are charms for VFW Auxiliary members, sponsored volunteers and student volunteers. The application must be signed by the VAVS Program Manager, Supervisor or Chief Nurse.
- Application for VFW Auxiliary Hospital Service Pins and Guards: these pins and guards are for VFW Auxiliary members for accumulated hours and must be signed by a VAVS Program Manager, Supervisor, or Chief Nurse.
- There are two Volunteer Certificates that can be filled out and presented to volunteers by the Auxiliaries. These are available on MALTA in Member Resources.

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