

DECEMBER HOSPITAL PROGRAM PROMOTION

Kathleen “Kathy” Smith, Department Hospital Chairman

Has your Auxiliary sent to Department your \$1.00-per-member quota for the Hospital Fund? Of this \$1.00, \$.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 remaining \$.25 helps our members if they are having problems covering their Medical Bills – this is a Medical Assistant grant for which members can apply. If you are reporting your Auxiliary’s donation, please indicate in the description that the money was donated from your Auxiliary treasury. Among other things, this is useful to support your non-profit status with the IRS.

Does your Auxiliary have any Volunteers for the Veterans in our different Hospitals, VA Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Domiciliaries? If your Auxiliary has members who volunteer at least 10 hours, they are eligible for our own State President’s Hospital Pin. If you volunteer for 100+ hours, you can apply for a special pin 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.

Holiday cards for hospitalized veterans that have been decorated and colored by school children are a specially-festive gift to hand out when visiting our veterans, so check with your Youth Activities Chairman to see if you can team up to make cards. Something coming up in the future is Valentine’s Day on February 14th, 2026: 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 2025, I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Kathy Smith, Department Hospital Chairman

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