



HOSPITAL PROGRAM

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Looking for that pot of Gold???

You may not find it but something better by doing the Irish Jig for Veterans in facilities, put your green on and play some Irish music when visiting a Veteran, bet you can make them Laugh, and make their day special, on St. Patrick's Day everyone is Irish. That pot of Gold may just be the smiles and laughs you get to make a day special.

How you and your Auxiliary can help:

Planning ahead, getting your volunteers the resources needed to support your visits.

Suggestions you can do to support

- Have enough volunteers to participate in projects which are approved by membership.
- Check with facilities: Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, Hospice to start a program to support their efforts honoring Veterans.
- Acknowledge those volunteers at facilities with a Hospital pin or certificate of appreciation.
- Budget for items you want to give, cards, dollar store items: cookies, candies, pens, note pads, ask the activity directors and volunteers at facilities what they suggest.
- Planning ahead to get your members involved sharing what you want to achieve.

DEPT AWARDS: 1) OUTSTANDING ACTIVITY AND/OR EVENT RECOGNIZES VETERANS ON NON-TRADITIONAL HOLIDAYS. 2) ONE AUXILIARY ESTABLISHED HONOR ESCORT PROGRAM 3) MOST CREATIVE VALENTINES TO VETERANS IN NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING 4) HOSTS AN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR FOR EDUCATING WOMEN VETERANS.

From Della Steege, Hospital National Ambassador:

National Salute to Veteran Patients is February 11-17, 2024.

I'm encouraging everyone to work with medical centers and plan events to celebrate throughout the week.

According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, there are three main reasons behind the creation of this celebration.

- 1: To pay tribute to veterans
- 2; To encourage people to visit and volunteer their time and services to veteran medical centers.
- 3: To increase community awareness about the role of the Veterans Administration Medical Centers.

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