

# HOSPITAL PROGRAM

VFW Auxiliary Department of Florida

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Start your year off by contribution to Hospital Pledge- \$.70 per member as of your June 30th membership obligation goes to help offset the cost of travel and expenses that all our VAVS Reps and their Deputies do to provide care and support to our VA Facilities and Veterans.

*All Auxiliaries have been successful with Hospital Programs, if you would like to share your success, send along details and they will be*

**We are all ..... “Banding Together for Veterans”**

**Volunteers, Recruitment, Recognition, Support** – Start planning your program early, recruit members to identify where you want to focus – Hospital, Nursing Homes, Members needed to make items, collect, deliver, or donate to veterans. Support your volunteers by hosting a luncheon, recognize those who volunteer with a volunteer pin.

**Valentines for Veterans** – Dollar Tree has hearts that can be painted red and attach a Buddy Poppy to it. Check with local Nursing Home/Assisted Living to see how many veterans in residence, also the Hospital a few days before.

Let's not forget other holidays to touch Veterans with a card, Veterans Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, they will know they are not forgotten.

Help our VAS Representatives-send them cards or a special donations to support Veterans

**Women Veterans Health Care** – Set aside a special day for Women Veterans and host an informational Women's Veterans Health format. Check out this website, lots of information on programs [CenterforWomenVeterans@messages.va.gov](mailto:CenterforWomenVeterans@messages.va.gov), or [www.womenshealth.va.gov](http://www.womenshealth.va.gov).

**Honors Escort** – Reach out to your local VA and non-VA facilities, Nursing Homes/Assisted Living, let them know about Auxiliary Honors Escort to develop a plan that works for your auxiliary. Reach out to the Hospital Pastors to determine if they have a program for Veterans, and explain what our honors program does to honor all Veterans.

## Department Year End Dept Special Awards:

### 1. Award to one Auxiliary

- a. with the most outstanding initiation of an Honor Escort program, in a hospital or nursing home.
- b. most creative Valentines to Veterans in a nursing home or assisted living facility.
- c. hosts the most outstanding educational seminar for education on women's veteran programs.

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