



Hospital Program

November 2026



***Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition**

VAVS Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)

***Women Veteran's Health Care *Honors Escort**

The holiday season is around us. What a great opportunity to reach out to a veteran patient facility and make plans to honor and celebrate our veterans.

1. **Recruitment and Recognition:** Have Auxiliary members, family, friends, and youth groups make Veteran's Day and Christmas cards. Be sure to personalize the note, letting our veterans feel loved and appreciated. Thank the volunteers with a certificate of appreciation at your meeting.
2. **Women Veterans Health and Wellbeing:** Women Veteran needs are often overlooked. Gifts of toiletries, hair care products, blankets or shawls, even comfort items for the hospitalized. Make gift boxes for the veteran "moms to be", including a heartfelt card.
3. **Honors Escort or Final Salute:** The holiday season is especially hard on the veterans and their families when they lose a loved one. Register with a nursing home or Community Living Centers (CLC), letting them know what hours you are available. Recruit others to help escort the diseased veteran from the facility. If the facility needs you during your hours of availability, they will call you. Together, you can drape a flag over the veteran and walk with the family and staff to the exit. Please watch the instructional video on the VFW Auxiliary Department of Florida face book page.
4. **VAVS (CDCE):** Veteran Administration Volunteer Services, or Center for Development and Civic Engagement. Auxiliaries are welcomed to host Veteran's Day comfort tables at the hospitals, clinics, CLC, Domiciliary, and state-run veteran nursing homes. Holiday season is the perfect time to reach out to a facility and schedule a date to provide beverages, snacks and gratitude/love for our veterans. Hand out patriotic gifts and cards.

The Holiday season is especially hard on veterans and their families with food insecurities. Make food baskets containing holiday dinner supplies, and a grocery gift card for perishables. Toiletry gift bags, blankets, socks and hats are great as well.



Be a "Neighborhood Companion" by simply visiting the veteran patients. A visit, card, or small gift or simply a kind word can make a huge difference to a veteran who may be away from family and friends.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Merry Christmas!

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