

HOSPITAL

September 2026

"Serving America's Heroes"



"Growing Stronger for Our Veterans"

Now is the time to plan with your Auxiliary for the 2026-2027 Auxiliary year, I am sharing with you some important dates where our Auxiliaries can honor our veteran patients at a VA or non-VA facility. Be sure to make it fun for the veterans and your volunteers!

Veterans Day

Christmas

Salute to Veteran patient week (Valentine's Day)

Vietnam Veterans Day

Memorial Day

Food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas (due by the 13th of each month).

Baby shower (date TBD)

Salute to Women Veterans.

Christmas tree lighting (date TBD).

Make cards, gifts, and snacks. Visit our veteran patients and brighten their day with a themed event, providing decorations, costumes, and activities.

Suicide prevention is for all Veterans, no matter what you're facing. Some Veterans wonder if they've "earned" the right to reach out. Maybe they feel someone else has it worse. Maybe they're not sure if their service qualifies. None of that changes the answer: Live in a rural area? Not enrolled? Never reached out before? Learn more, VA support is for every Veteran.

<https://news.va.gov/148703/suicide-prevention-veterans-no-matter-facing/>

Non-Traditional Holidays are days we create to share with veteran patients, to let them know we care, and they are not forgotten. Here are some examples:

National "Ice cream day".

National "Tropical fruit day".

National "I love my feet day".

National "Crazy hat day".

National "Sing a long day"

Be sure to take pictures to correspond with your report, and text to 386-453-6513.



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