

HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Program Goals:

- **Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support**
- Valentines for Veterans
- Women Veterans Health Care
- Honors Escort

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Stand Up, Speak Out"

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Banding Together for Veterans"

Recruitment of Volunteers

Everyone has Talents, Time, or Treasure to support our programs, a membership survey to check in by phone or email asking if they would have time to commit to support our Hospital Program, brief explanation of what our program does.

- Phone Calls – List downloaded from Malta have several calls assigned to volunteers to reach out to members, asking for their help
- Reach out to VFW members in Hospital or home to share concerns
- Contact local Nursing Homes/Assisted Living determine number of Veterans living there with or without family
- Contact Local Hospice Homes to see keep updated on Veterans admitted during their last days, so a special note can be given

Recognition & Support

- Encourage members to report at monthly meetings their accomplishments, what they need to promote and share ideas for Hospital program
- At each post have a sign-up small notebook for people to put in name and hours they have volunteered for – any program
- Quarterly luncheon recognition and event planning to recognize those who have volunteered and share ideas (Sponsorships to cater the luncheon)

Women's Veterans Health Care

- Encourage members to learn about the Women Veterans Call Center (WVCC) calling 1.855.829.6636 for information on: VA Health Care if not already, answering questions about eligibility for disability and other VA benefits, enroll in email messages for information to share
- Help educate women veterans in your area by hosting a community hosting a community educational seminar.

Valentines for Veterans

- Encourage youth involvement in making cards, purchase materials and ask Scout Troops, local schools to create message and share love to a Veteran
- Visit Nursing/Assisted living handing out cards with kisses (Hersey's)
- Auxiliary host a Valentines Day Dinner/Dance set table with Roses & Candy hearts

Honors Escort Honors Escort – This program can be provided in hospital, Nursing Home, Hospice as a special ceremonial procession to honor Veterans after their death.

- Meet with VA clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, hospice to educate and start a program using resources in MALTA to establish a program
- Set a standard in your community as an example of how your auxiliary honors Veterans.
- Honor those Veterans who sacrificed part of their life for our Freedoms

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DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

1. **Most outstanding activity and/or event that recognizes veterans on non-traditional holidays.**
 - Special Award to one Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that recognizes veterans on non-traditional holidays. Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2024, for judging.
2. **Special Award to one Auxiliary with the most outstanding initiation of an Honor Escort Program, in a hospital or nursing home.** Judging based on number of auxiliary members and description of program established.
3. **Special Award to one Auxiliary for the most creative valentines to Veterans in a nursing home/assisted living.** Judging based on number of auxiliary/post members involvement, special event and valentines distributed.
4. **Special Award to one Auxiliary that hosts the most outstanding Educational Seminar for education on women veteran programs** by hosting an event at your post and using information from MALTA Member Resources under the Hospital Program.

NATIONAL AWARDS:

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS

1. **Citation to one Auxiliary member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital (VA and Non-VA facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.** Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Citations will be mailed directly to the winners after the National Convention.
2. **“Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year” plaque awarded to one Auxiliary member in the nation that recruits the most Hospital (VA and non-VA facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024.** Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Plaque to be mailed directly to the winner after the National Convention.
3. **Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions.** Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Citations will be mailed directly to the winners after the National Convention.

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 - Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event recognizing veterans on non-traditional holidays. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

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