

HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Program Goals:

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

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Champion for Veterans"

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care"

Recruitment of Volunteers

Volunteers are needed each and everyday to balance the cost of our systems health care. Its important we encourage and engage others to join our family of volunteers.

- Check with you local Hospitals both VA, Non-VA, Nursing homes, and your local Retirement communities.
- Have signup sheets at your VFW Post for people who want to sign up.
- Get email addresses and/or phone numbers and ask how they would like to be contacted
- Be mindful of volunteer's time and be able to explain what they will be doing.

Recognition and Support

Recognizing and supporting our volunteers is crucial to keeping them engaged and coming back.

- Have dinner or award ceremonies to celebrate their accomplishments for the year
- Give Post level awards voted on by the Auxiliary
- Know how you can celebrate a member's achievements by going to www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources

Women Veterans Health Care

Comprehensive health services are available and tailored to the unique needs of women Veterans.

- Familiarize yourself with women's health care services
- Have the knowledge to be able to answer questions about the services available
- Advocate for women Veterans needs

Valentines for Veterans

Let's share the love with our Veterans for Valentine's Day. Get the youth involved to show their creativity and compassion for our Veterans

- Send handmade and store-bought cards
- Have a Valentine dinner or event for Veterans
- Don't just stop at Valentine's Day....send cards all year long!

Honors Escort

Honors Escort is a brief ceremonial procession for Veterans at their hour of death in an institutionalized setting. It honors military Veterans who have unselfishly served our country

- Gives dignity in death of our Veteran
- To openly honor our Veterans in a manner of respect
- Give other Veterans knowledge that they did not die alone.
- Speak with hospitals, nursing homes and funeral homes

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DEPARTMENT AWARDS

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS

1. Citation to each member who recruits at least 5 Hospital volunteers. *Entry form required.*
2. Special Award **“Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year”** to a member. (VA & non-VA Facilities). *Entry form required.*
3. Special Award to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year. *Entry form required.*
4. Special Award to Outstanding VFW Auxiliary Member Healthcare Worker of the Year. *Entry form required.*

Member entries are due to Department Hospital Chairperson by March 31, 2023. (All entry forms are located at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources unless otherwise noted.)

NATIONAL AWARDS

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS

1. **Citation to one member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital (VA and non-VA facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.**

Entry form (required) available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

2. **“Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year” plaque awarded to one member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.**

Entry form (required) available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Winner will be announced, and award presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

3. **Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Entry form (required) available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources.**

Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Member entries are due to Department Hospital Chairmen by March 31, 2023.

AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

1. **Most outstanding innovative method of serving hospitalized veterans.**

- **Citation to every Auxiliary that demonstrates an innovative method to serve hospitalized veterans.**

Criteria and entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2023.

- **Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding innovative method of serving hospitalized veterans.**

Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

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