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Volunteering is the hallmark of the hospital program. The VA hospitals are going through reintegration phases. So please you can still solicit names of volunteers and submit to the VA and make ready for orientation when allowed to enter the volunteer program. Information on Volunteer Reintegration plans are located on the Dept. Hospital site. Remember our Veterans need your help especially now during COVID restrictions. **Find out where your Veteran patients are to volunteer.** Our Veteran patients are isolated at this time. **They need our help more than ever!**

❖ **Please send check Donations for Hospital Projects to Lenore Otto at 1383 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc, WI 53066.**

The money goes to veterans for treats, ice cream socials, parties, concerts, games, events, prizes, therapeutic kits, etc.

Earmark checks Hospital projects.

- ❖ **Please remember the holidays and other events** coming up such as: Halloween, Veterans day, Thanksgiving
 - Remember you can do drive thru' s for any holiday or other and decorate the cars, trucks, etc. for that particular event. Pinterest has a plethora of ideas for creativity, or ask one of your creative auxiliary members. Mail letters, cards, color pictures with Thank You to Veterans, scavenger hunt game on hospital site ideas for Yearend report.
- ❖ **Review Resources** on the Hospital site and make a difference to a veteran(s). **Review the programs and choose an Auxiliary project to work toward your yearend reports** (awards for Veteran and Military suicide awareness and Prevention and Campaign to Change Direction). **Educate Veterans and/or community based on the resources available.** The
 - **Veteran and Military Suicide Awareness and Prevention Support and Resources, Veteran crisis line call: 1-800-273-8255, press 1 or text: 83855, or Chat www.veteranscrisisline.net. Wear, and educate (Veterans, members, and community) on the Teardrop** (download from Dept. Hospital site-stick on pin or other and wear).
 - **Help heal Veterans (therapeutic kits)**
 - **Patients like Me**
 - **Give an Hour** – provide those in need with help and hope. This is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) providing free mental health services to military members, veterans, and their families.
 - **The Campaign to Change Direction** – addresses common barriers to understanding mental health and raises awareness about FIVE SIGNS that may indicate someone is suffering emotionally and needs help: change in personality, agitation, withdrawal, decline in personal care, and hopelessness.
- ❖ **The 2020-2021 National Hospital Ambassador** Linda Rolof's Primary focus for this year's Hospital program is:
 - **National Salute to Veteran Patients week of February 14, 2021.** More information in the future. Hopefully by that time we can get in there to have parties and make it a grand event, or talk now and consider drive-thru's.
 - **Women's healthcare is important:** Volunteer, know the Women Veterans call center: 855.VA.WOMEN (1.855.829.6636)
 - Us Department of Veterans Affairs website for Women Veterans: va.gov/womenvet
 - National Salute to Veteran Patients: volunteer.va.gov/NationalSalutVeteranPatients.asp
 - States Veterans Home(s): nasvh.org/index.cfm
- ❖ Be sure to check out the updated wish lists on the Department Hospital site. There will be no hospital visits this year due to COVID.

The \$20 Department for awards has changed based on National priorities and volunteer restrictions due to COVID. **Again, please no blank Yearend reports. The Awards** are as follows - **\$8** for the most support, expression, appreciation, and education to Veterans on **National Salute to Veteran Patients week (includes letters, cards, drive through's, color pictures, increased community awareness and of the role of the VA medical center, and/or as volunteers)** **\$4** for the most money donations sent to Lenore for Hospital projects, **\$4** to the most support and handouts of teardrop stickers and education in support of Military suicide, Prevention and Awareness (Includes women Veteran Patients, crisis line & Health care needs) and **\$4** to the most support on Campaign to Change Direction – Educate Veteran Patients in Medical and Nonmedical Facilities on the 5 signs a veteran is suffering emotionally.

- ❖ The Department Hospital Chairman will award charms for sewing projects and also Volunteers again this year due to inability to Volunteer at VA facilities due to COVID. The sewing/volunteer form is on the Department Hospital site.

“Honoring our Mission to Serve Veterans” as we “Soar Like an Eagle for Veterans.”



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