



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Dept. of WI – March 2019
HOSPITAL

The 2018-2019 Hospital Program Goals:

1. Spotlight Suicide Prevention Awareness & Mental Health Issues
2. Volunteer: Recruitment, Recognition, & Support
3. Veterans Voices Writing Project

Suicide Prevention needs to be the #1 program goal to educate and to see it gets the attention it deserves.

- Veterans Crisis Line www.veteranscrisisline.net/ 1-800-273-8255
- Use National Resource Directory and VA Office of Research
- Websites list are in the National Program Books

Volunteer, Recruit, Recognition



- Youth need community volunteer opportunities to complete school assignments in National Honor Society, Scouts, 4-H, church groups and many other groups in your community. Achievement Pins from National for all volunteers, not just VAMC volunteers, there is also a Certificate of Appreciation available at www.vfwauxiliary.org Remember to use social media, post on Facebook, your website, newsletters and your Auxiliary Bulletin board.
- Any Auxiliary member or non-member can share their time, skill, talent and interest. You need not live close to a VA Facility, you can volunteer at any facility that offers medical or extended care or assisted living services.
- Outstanding Hospital Volunteer form is due by March 15, 2019 to National Hospital Ambassador Vickie Rossee. Please also send a copy to me for state Outstanding Hospital volunteer with your year-end report.

Veterans Voices Writing Project

- Offer to help submit an entry to Veterans Voices. Offer to help the veteran put his/her words to paper about a memory, thought, or feeling. Go to veteransvoices.com for more information on how to introduce the project to a veteran and/or subscribing and supporting it.

Thank you to the Auxiliaries and members that brought items for our VA Medical Centers and Veterans Homes and to the many that sent donations for items to Dept. Treasurer Lenore.

- Reminder:
- * Best resource guide for all programs is your 2018-2019 Program Book
 - * There is a new fillable Cancer Grant Application
 - * Outstanding Hospital volunteers forms are on line
 - * Year-end Report is on the Web-site

“Believe.....We Can Do It” as we keep “Reaching for the Stars for Veterans”

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