

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
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Hello Brothers and Sisters, I am Kathie Lendosky from District 6 and I am very honored and proud to be your Department Hospital Chairman for 2020–2021. The hospital program is a huge part of our organization which is to support veterans and their families. The hospital volunteers' purpose is to help veterans in numerous ways. You will hear me talk throughout the year about types of volunteering such as: mental health prevention, community education, how to recruit volunteers, donations, events, programs, Veterans Voices writing project, and projects.



Volunteering is a very rewarding experience in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Hoptels, Fisher House, Greenhouse, Community through the CVSCO, Domiciliary, Homeless Vets, VA and non-VA medical centers, Palliative Care, Clinics, etc. Volunteering offers many opportunities and varying types of duties depending on the facility to suit different ages and abilities. Veterans rely on help when they get medical care. Volunteers supply the help for:

- Valet parking, patient escort, waiting room aide, record keeper, pharmacy receptionist, making popcorn, serving coffee and cookies, writing letters, sending cards, Veteran's voice writing project, and many more. It takes a large number of volunteers to keep veterans' facilities running smoothly to provide proper care of veterans.
- Let's become hospital volunteers and encourage our community members to volunteer in both VA and non-VA hospitals and medical facilities.

✚ Please review the Department Hospital site for:



- Resources currently available with sites
- Current COVID prevention still in place
- Ideas for donations to VA and Non-VA medical facilities, ideas for year-end reports, etc.
- Clothing is always needed in various sizes (socks, underwear, sweat shirts, T shirts, shoes – men's and women's)
- Wish lists are currently available and located on the hospital site.
- Updated wish lists will be added in the future for the various facilities.
- Sewing projects for Auxiliaries (needed items for Veterans, and patterns available on request): • w/c bags • Catheter bags • Walker bags • Lap covers, bed covers bibs, ponchos, etc.
- Year-end report ideas and form (no blank forms please)

Throughout the year I will show you how we can promote and achieve these goals. Watch for future King Day, and other Hospital VA and NON-VA Medical Centers event dates, and request for donations to Lenore for hospital projects, therapeutic kits, events, etc.

Veterans & Military Suicide Awareness: Veterans Crisis Line: www.veteranscrisisline.net 800273-8255 press 1 or text message 838255. Please direct Veterans to your nearest VA facility.

“Soar Like an Eagle for Veterans.”

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