



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Hospital Bulletin – December 2024/January 2025

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Reading your hospital reports, you have all been busy as bees wrapping tubes for making favors for our veterans and lots of other wonderful ideas. Also, in the reports it was great to see everyone recruiting young people and other volunteers to make and distribute these little gifts to our veterans. You are amazing! I know there are more amazing reports to be coming in for the 3rd quarter and I am looking forward to the Mid-

Winter Conference. You did so well on the crossword puzzle, so I have another challenge to earn MASH points.

We are entering the winter months and probably running low on energy from the holidays. Well, January has a whole range of new holidays we can use to bring more smiles to our veterans' faces. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

- National Cream Puff Day – January 2nd
- National Birds Day – January 5th
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 15th
- National Coffee Break Day – January 20th
- National Cheese Lovers Day – January 20th
- Penguin Awareness Day – January 20th
- National Tulip Day – January 20th

We still have weeks until February, however, during the winter meeting months might be a good time to think about Valentines for Veterans. Share the love we have for our veterans and service members this coming Valentines Day by sending store-bought or handmade valentines. Host a Valentine-themed **Bingo** at your local VA or nursing home. If you have any leftover tubes, wrap them in Valentine's paper.

The last bulletin had information on recruiting volunteers. Since we are starting to wind down on this administrative year, we need to think about recognizing our hospital volunteers. It is important to recognize the time our volunteers have been helping wrap & assemble favors, writing cards to shut-ins, going to the VA and non-VA hospitals spending time with our veterans, and supporting the hospital program. Recognize these wonderful volunteers with Hospital Appreciation Certificates, and order VFW Auxiliary Hospital pins for total hours earned from all facilities (VA and non-VA).

Have you read this far? Are you looking for the code word to put in your hospital report? Well, you have already read it at your meeting if you read this bulletin! Reminder that it is in bold letters.

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