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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Hospital Bulletin – April 2025

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Spring is just around the corner – almost! Time to think of springy ways to bring smiles to our veterans’ faces. If you have been saving those toilet paper tubes, time to bring out the spring wrapping paper and ribbons and put treats into them for our veterans. You can use paper towel tubes for larger items, such as toothbrushes, small toothpaste, etc.

Hospital Reports: It’s time to get all your hospital reports in by the end of the 4th quarter. If you have reports for other quarters, be sure to get them in with the date of the event. Please continue to be descriptive in writing about your activities. Telling me “Worked Bingo” doesn’t tell me a lot, also tell me what made it fun for the veterans, like giving out unusual prizes or anything else you do.

Awards & Recognition: It’s time to think about awards and recognizing our Auxiliary sisters and brothers who have given their time and talent to serving our veterans. Be sure to check out the various forms in MALTA under Hospital Resources. If you are submitting an application for Outstanding Hospital **Volunteer** of the Year, it should have been to me by March 31st to be submitted to our National Hospital Ambassador by April 30, 2025. If you are ordering volunteer hour pins from National, be sure to do it very soon so you will have them to award at your Auxiliary meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

#1 -10-36	#2 -37-50	#3 -51-68	#4 - 69-84	#5 - 85-98
#6 - 99-115	#7 - 116-139	#8 -140-166	#9 -167-237	#10 -238-OVER

Below are the guidelines’ achievements. When you do a hospital report, it is important that you select the appropriate guideline for full credit, i.e. if you spent \$1,000 on a project don’t select “other”. I try to catch things and put them in the correct category. If you have any questions, please call, email, or text me.

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Report total number of Auxiliary members who volunteer at any VA or non-VA facility (Auxiliary member to be counted one time per year.)		
Total number of hours that Auxiliary members volunteer at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility (Report through the year every time.)		
Total number of hours that Sponsored Volunteers and/or students volunteer under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship and supervision at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility		
Promote, participate or host/co-host with your VFW any activity such as/but not limited to Honor’s Escort, National Salute to Veteran Patients- Valentines for Veterans, Veterans Health Care (VHA), Women Veterans Health Care Program		
Total dollar amount spent on all Hospital Program related items and/or projects		
Recruit new ADULT or YOUTH Hospital Volunteers		

Recognize volunteers with Hospital Volunteer Appreciation Certificates and Service Pins		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District meeting		

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

- Best creative ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients in each membership category. Must send required National entry form to Department chairman. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary and a special award to the Chairman.
- Best Hospital Program. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary and a special award to the Chairman.
- Best overall promotion of Women Veterans’ Health Care in each membership category. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary and a special award to the Chairman.
- Best overall promotion of educating members and medical facilities on the Honors Escort Program. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary and a special award to the Chairman.
- Plaque presented to Michigan’s Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year at the 2024 Department Convention.
- Special Award to each Auxiliary who recruited one new Hospital Volunteer

Hospital-Michigan Facebook Page This page is designed for our Auxiliaries and Districts to post their activities. Sharing what your Auxiliary or District has done for hospital work for our veterans gives other Auxiliaries ideas of how we can help our veterans. Post pictures and descriptions of the event. I will send these to our National Hospital Ambassador.

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 and not underlined. It is in italics and bold lettering.

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Department - Baby Shower
Guests: Expecting Veteran Mothers

And

Expecting Spouses of Veterans

Where: VFW Post 3651 Midland

Address: 3013 Bay City Rd Midland MI 48642

When: April 12, 2025

Time: Noon to 4 pm



**Come join the fun and help the mother's with items
they will need for new babies and themselves.**

Sponsored by District 11

**We will be posting a wish list soon for anyone who would like
to bring an expectant Mom, donate or assist us in the shower.**

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