



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary

Hospital – February/March 2026

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Facebook Page: Hospital - Michigan

National Theme: *From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free*

Department Theme: *We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All*

Now is the time of the year when we can look back and remember the holiday celebrations, as well as look ahead to all we still need to accomplish. This past holiday season was emotional for many veterans, so we must make a point to reach out to our veterans with fun-filled activities. We are the best volunteer organization for our veterans. We also need to reach out to the staff at VA facilities, non-VA facilities, state veterans' homes to let them know how much we appreciate them. Be sure to report these activities, along with your reports. If you have pictures, be sure to post them on our Department Hospital page.

Reporting: In addition to reporting, let's be sure to post your auxiliary's hospital activities. By posting pictures and descriptions of what your auxiliary has done, it might spur another auxiliary looking for ideas to think "Hey that's an idea! Let's try it." Sharing each other's activities helps us bring smiles to our veterans.

Has your auxiliary reported your hospital work? There are about 1/3 of our Michigan auxiliaries who have not turned in one hospital report or even said they were reading the Hospital Bulletin at their meeting. You can let me know you are reading the Hospital Bulletin when you put the MASH code work in your report. The code word is always highlighted in bold letters and italicized.

VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program Guide: A helpful guide is available FREE on MALTA Website. If you, as Hospital Chairman, have not yet downloaded and printed out, do it now. It is a wealth of information. In it you will find information about reporting hospital work, hospital service pins and recognition awards. This leads us on to the next topic – Hospital Awards.

Hospital Awards: Now is the time to think about hospital awards, specifically, Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year (Award No. 3), deadline this nomination is due to Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2026. Also, due March 31, 2026, is the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter Award No. 1 and No. 2. Copies of these nomination forms can be found on MALTA.

For more on Hospital Awards and Program Goals go to the (Program) Guide Sheet 2025-2026 where you will find the Membership Categories, Achievements, and Department Awards. If you can't find yours, let me know and I can email you a copy.

VOUNTEER RECOGNITION: Don't forget to recognize the hospital volunteers in your auxiliary.

Again, go to MALTA where you will find:

- Application for Hospital Service Pins & Bar Guard. Fillable online.
- Hospital Volunteer ***Appreciation*** Certificate forms. There are two which are fillable online

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