



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Hospital – April/May 2026

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**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***

**HAPPY SPRING!** Most of you are enjoying lovely Spring weather, while many of us, especially in the U.P., are still digging out. Many of our auxiliaries are continuing to bring sunshine to our veterans in the VA hospitals, non-affiliated hospitals and state veterans' homes. Remember to post pictures of your activities on the Hospital page so our National Ambassador can see the wonderful work y'all are doing. 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 some auxiliaries who have not reported even 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.

You can use spring holidays in your hospital work.

- EASTER – who can dress up like an ***Easter bunny?***
- April 1st: April Fool's Day. A classic!
- April 11: National Grilled Cheese Day
- April 13: National Scrabble Day
- April 17: Haiku Poetry Day
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 24: Arbor Day.
- May 1st – May Day
- May 4 – Star Wars Day
- May 5 – Cinco de Mayo & National Astronaut Day
- May 6 – National Nurses Day
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- May 25 – Memorial Day
- May 26 – National Paper Airplane Day- Make paper airplanes with the veterans.
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**VOUNTEER RECOGNITION:** Don't forget to recognize the hospital volunteers in your auxiliary. 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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