



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Hospital – October/November 2025

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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***

Welcome to Fall and falling leaves and welcome back to the MASH word. There is so much to share so let's get started. MASH word will be bold & in italics. Put the word in your October and November reports.

**FISHER HOUSE – DETROIT.** During the National President, Lois Callahan's visit we toured the new Fisher House in Detroit. This is a wonderful addition to the area for our veterans who are being treated at the local VA, and their families. It provides a warming, caring "home away from home". If you or your auxiliary has not yet toured this Fisher House – or the Fisher House in Ann Arbor, please arrange a tour and remember to support them in their work of providing for our veterans – and then REPORT IT.

**HOLIDAYS FOR VETERANS.** It's time to start thinking about planning for the upcoming holidays for our veterans. Here are some fun ones.

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – National Civics Day – Pass out copies of the Constitution with refreshments.

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – National Cat Day – dress up like a cat and serve refreshments to veterans.

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – National Chocolate Day

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – National Candy Corn Day -dress up like a candy corn to pass out refreshments.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup>- Veterans Day

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>- Marine Corps Birthday

Nov 14<sup>th</sup>- National Diabetes Day – pass out sugar-free candy and treats.

Nov 19<sup>th</sup>- National Men's Day

**GIFT CARDS FOR HOSPITAL ALL STAR TABLE.** Don't forget to get gift cards for the Hospital All Star Table. Amounts can be from \$5.00 to \$25.00. Please don't send checks made payable to me to get gift cards for your auxiliary. Also when bringing them to the Hospital table at Fall Conference, please let the hospital team at the table know the amount you are donating and your auxiliary information. We need this information for Gaming Commission requirements.

**BREAST CANCER-** While there is much "pink" information out there, please remember that men can get breast cancer too. October is the month for Male Breast Cancer Awareness.



**NOVEMBER IS CAREGIVERS' MONTH.** This is a time where we need to recognize the caregivers of our veterans. Maybe take a meal to the veteran and their caregiver, provide respite for the caregiver so they can have some time to themselves for a break. While the VA provides up to 30 days for *respite* for the caregiver, realistically there are not enough personnel at the agencies to provide respite care.



**TIPS ON HOSPITAL REPORTING:** If 17 members are present when motion(s) for Hospital donations or projects, only one member should be reported, not 17. When reporting online, only click on the submit button ONCE. Multiple times will create multiple duplicate reports. Include your hospital chairman's name. On reports I get 3 or 4 different names, so I don't know who the actual hospital chair is.

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