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National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans

Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us

Congratulations to all the new Department officers. Congratulations Patricia Patterson for winning Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to all Hospital Chairmen that won an award at Convention. Thank you to all the those who participated in the Star Raffle. The total raised at the Convention was \$1850 which I believe is a record.

Several people approached me at the Convention to see whether the Star Raffle would continue. The answer is yes. I will continue doing the Star Raffle. Everyone seems to enjoy this fundraiser.

We are shaking things up this year. Instead of celebrating the traditional holidays, celebrate the non-traditional holidays.

- July 1 is International Joke Day
- July 7 is World Chocolate Day.
- August 1 is National Girlfriend Day
- August 7 is Left Handers Day.

Do something special for the hospitalized Veterans on those days. Check with hospital or home to make sure what can be brought in and passed out to the patients. When celebrating non-traditional holidays, don't forget the hospital or home staff. While all facilities were on lockdown, the staff stepped up to support the needs of Veterans. Just like our Veterans, the staff has seen the repetition of the traditional celebrations year after year so please include the doctors and staff in all your new celebration plans.

Here is a great link to start planning: <https://www.calendarr.com/united-states/observances-2023/>

If the facility allows handouts, pick a theme based on the day you are visiting. Make cards to pass out and decorations. Always check with the facility on their protocol.

Let's make the patient's smile. It no fun to be in the hospital. Bring joy to the patients and staff.

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VA provides health care for Veterans from providers in your local community outside of VA. Veterans may be eligible to receive care from a community provider when VA cannot provide the care needed. This care is provided on behalf of and paid for by VA.

Community care is available to Veterans based on certain conditions and eligibility requirements, and in consideration of a Veteran's specific needs and circumstances. Community care must be first authorized by VA before a Veteran can receive care from a community provider.

Types of Care provided:

- General Community Care
- Urgent Care
- Emergency Care
- Foreign Medical Care
- Home Health and Hospice Care
- Indian/Tribal Health Services
- In Vitro Fertilization
- State Veterans' Homes
- COVID & Flu Shots

As with care provided directly by VA, Veterans are charged a copayment for nonservice-connected care. Learn how to pay your bill and alternative payment options. In addition, VA may bill Veterans' health insurance for medical care, supplies, and prescriptions related to treatment of nonservice-connected conditions.

For more information: www.va.gov/communitycare

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