

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT VFW AUXILIARY HOSPITAL BULLETIN November 2023

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National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans

Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us

REPORTING REMINDERS

The reports I have received are amazing. Remember to include miles driven to a meeting or the facility. If you are mailing suggested donations, count the miles from your residence to the post office. Members should only be counted **ONCE** a year. Keep track of the volunteers you report so you don't duplicate members. For example: if a volunteer does 3 different projects, you only count the member for the 1st project and zero for the other 2 projects. Don't forget to report the suggested donations and recruiting new volunteers. You can add more than 1 Hospital project in a report. List each project in the description with miles, hours, number of volunteers and dollars per project. Add the total in the boxes above the description.

NON-TRADITIONAL HOLIDAYS

- November 11 is National Sundaes Day
- November 16 is National Fast Food Day
- November 21 is World Television Day
- November 28 is National French Toast Day

VOLUNTEER

Did you know Volunteer Services at the VA facilities has changed its name? It is now known as the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE). VA could not provide its extremely high-quality level of service without our volunteers. Please remember to recognize, honor and thank them. If you talk to a volunteer, they don't volunteer for the accolades. They volunteer because they want to make a difference and enjoy helping Veterans.

VA has many programs that you can volunteer your time with such as becoming a Volunteer Transportation Network Driver, greeting Veterans at the main entrance as a Red Coat Ambassador, or becoming part of the Compassionate Contact Corps by contacting socially isolated Veterans through phone calls. Your time commitment is up to you.

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Happy Holidays to all! Don't forget the Star Raffle is coming up at the Mid-Winter Conference in Kalamazoo. Donate the gift cards you may receive as a gift and won't use. We accept gift card donations in \$5-\$25 increments. Don't forget to stop by the booth and buy a star. You are guaranteed to win your money back.

Non-Traditional Holidays

- December 1 National Christmas Lights Day
- December 14 Monkey Day
- December 22 National Short Person Day
- December 28 Pledge of Allegiance Day

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

Share the love we have for our Veterans and service members this Valentine's Day by sending a store-bought or handmade valentine, hosting a party, recognition event in their honor. Fellow members, individuals and groups in your community can use their creativity to show compassion for our Veterans and service members. Stop by the hospital booth at Mid-Winter Conference and sign a card for a Veteran. I will distribute them to the VAVS representatives at the Conference to take back to their facilities. Let's shower Veterans with hearts for Valentines Day. If you have a special event, post the pictures to the Hospital Facebook page. I love seeing all the pictures of the events. Contact the facility before hosting an event. Some facilities have restrictions as to what the patients may receive. Better be safe than sorry.

Don't forget to report. I try to approve reports at least once a week. I look forward to reading the amazing work the members are doing for our Veterans.

Together in Service,

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