

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT VFW AUXILIARY HOSPITAL BULLETIN January 2024

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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans

Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Don't forget the Star Raffle at Mid-Winter Conference in Kalamazoo. We need gift card donations. Denomination of \$5 to \$25. You can mail them to me or drop them off at the booth. The booth will be open Friday 8:00-4:00 (closed for lunch 12:00-1:00) and Saturday 8:00-12:30. The Star Raffle made \$1655 at Fall Conference. Thank you for donating or purchasing stars. Stop by the booth and sign a Valentine's Day card for a Veteran. Or just stop by and say hi. I want to thank my booth partner, Darlene Burcicki. I couldn't work the booth without her.

NON-TRADITIONAL HOLIDAYS

- January 1 National Spaghetti Day
- January 15 National Hat Day
- January 26 National Peanut Brittle Day
- January 30 National Croissant Day

Don't forget these Non-Traditional Holidays can be found at www.calendarr.com/united-states/observance-2024/. These days are creative ways to celebrate with our Veterans in Hospitals or Homes.

REPORTING

3rd quarter reporting ends January 31. Don't forget to submit those reports. The reports I have been getting have been wonderful. All the wonderful work you have been doing at the hospitals and homes are amazing. Thank you for volunteering. I know the patients look forward to seeing visitors who aren't medical personnel. Let's put a smile on their faces and make their time at the facility as enjoyable as possible. If you donate or volunteer at a VA baby shower, please make sure you report. This can be split with Veterans' and Family Support. Divide money, your time and miles between the two chairmanships.

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The Star Raffle was a success again. I will post the total made on the Star Raffle on the Hospital Facebook page. Thank you for all the donations. I enjoy seeing all the members stop at the Hospital booth.

Non-Traditional Holidays

- February 1 National Freedom Day
- February 9 National Pizza Day
- February 22 National Chili Day
- February 25 National Pancake Day

February 11-17 is National Salute to Veteran Patients. The purpose of the holiday is to pay tribute to the Veterans who receive care at any Veterans' Affairs medical facility. This is a good week to celebrate this holiday with Valentines' Day. Honor the Veterans with store-bought valentines or homemade. At an auxiliary meeting, host a card making party after your meeting. An alternative is to bring store bought cards and have the members at your meeting sign a card. This is a great way to get youth involved also. Contact a local school and maybe an art teacher would make this a class project. Take the cards to a VA hospital or home.

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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