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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Hospital Guide Sheet 2026-27

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National Theme: *Serving America's Hero's*
Department Theme: *Leading With a Patriots Heart*

PROGRAM GOALS

Recruitment of Volunteers - Supporting VA Programs
Women's Veteran Health Care – Honors Escort

Looking at the past, it will help us better the future. This year I would like to emphasize on our VA Medical Centers, Homes for Veterans and the Fisher House. Each month I will highlight one of the facilities. When they opened and what services they provide. Also, throughout the year I will provide a wish list of needs for each. By better understanding each facility will help your Auxiliary know why donations are so important.

We will still be collecting gift cards valued at \$5 to \$25 for Fall Conference, Mid-Winter Conference and Department Convention. See bulletins for more information.

National Awards for Members

1. Citation to one VFW Auxiliary member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital (VA and non-VA facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027. Required entry form is available on MALTA Member Resources. Citations to be mailed directly to winners from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.
2. "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year" plaque awarded to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital (VA and non-VA facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027. Required entry form is available on MALTA Member Resources. Plaque may be mailed directly to winner from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.
3. Citation to the "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year" in each of the 10 Program Division. Required entry form is available on MALTA Member Resources. Citations to be mailed directly to winners from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

National Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most creative/unique activity and/or event to interact with and provide happiness to veterans in hospitals (VA and non-VA facilities).

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the VFW Auxiliary Department Hospital Chairman by April 15, 2027 for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Department Awards

1. Most creative/unique activity and/or event to interact with and provide happiness to veterans in hospitals (VA and non-VA facilities) Must send required National entry form to the Department Chairman. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary, in each membership category.
2. Plaque presented to Michigan’s Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of Year at the 2027 Department Convention.
3. Best Overall Hospital Program. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.
4. Best promotion of an Auxiliary sponsoring a youth group volunteering at a VA or non-VA facility. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary, in each membership category.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

#1 -10-36	#2 -37-54	#3 -55-70	#4 – 71-94	#5 – 95-124
#6 – 125-150	#7 – 151-195	#8 -196-226	#9 -227-299	#10 -300-OVER

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Report total number of Auxiliary members who volunteer at any VA or non-VA facility (Auxiliary member to be counted one time per year.)		
Total number of hours that Auxiliary members volunteer at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility (Report through the year every time.)		
Total number of hours that Sponsored Volunteers and/or students volunteered under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship and supervision at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility.		
Promote, participate, host or co-host any activity with or without your VFW post such as but not limited to National Salute to Veteran Patients, Cards of Veterans, Veteran Health Care (VHA), Women Veterans Health Care Program		
Total dollar amount spent on all Hospital Program related items and/or projects.		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District Meeting		
Report every quarter		

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