

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

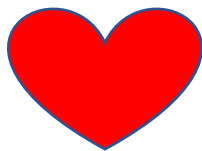
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Let's all make a New Year's RESOLUTION to do more for our hospitalized Veterans! They need all our support.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

On Friday, January 27, I will be at my Mid-Winter Conference booth to answer your questions (9 a.m. until noon and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.). On Saturday morning, I will give a brief presentation on what is needed to close out the program year. Hope to see you there!

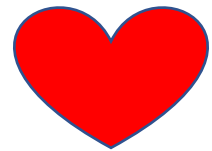
STAR Raffle

Our STAR Raffle is a great fundraiser to support Michigan's hospitalized Veterans. When donating gift cards, they should range from \$5 to \$25 and be redeemable at statewide chains, stores, restaurants, or gas stations.



COMING SOON:

NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERAN PATIENTS' WEEK



What are your plans for participating in this week-long celebration, scheduled for February 12 – 18, 2023? Sending Valentine's Day Cards for Veterans to VA hospitals is a great, inexpensive start. Take Valentines to your January meeting and have every attendee sign some. Be sure to include your Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary number so the Veterans know our members are thinking of them. I will have a limited supply of Valentine's Day Cards available for you to sign at Mid-Winter.

Contact your local VA Medical Facility to see other ways you can assist in the celebration. If allowed, you could make room visits or provide snacks to be distributed.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT and RECOGNITION

An Auxiliary can only submit one entry for Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year. If your Auxiliary has more than one member who is a hospital volunteer, perhaps another Auxiliary in your District would be interested in nominating the other volunteer.

The volunteer being nominated should be a VFW Auxiliary member in good standing and has volunteered between July 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023. Volunteer hours at VA and non-VA facilities may be combined for award purposes.

Remember, I must receive the Official National Nomination Form by **March 31** along with an explanation why this member deserves the award. The form is available on the Department website and in Malta.

REPORTING

If your Auxiliary has paid all or part of the \$1.00 Suggested Per Member Hospital Donation, please report it.

Any hospital related activity completed after April 20, 2022 and now, can be reported but credit will be given under the current month.

When reporting that the Hospital Bulletin was read and discussed at the Auxiliary meeting, please only count one member. Only one member should be counted when reporting a monetary, hospital donation taken from the Auxiliary's checking account.

If your Auxiliary or any of its members sent greeting cards (get well, thinking of you or holiday) to a Veteran or their family member who is in a hospital or nursing facility, you may report the cost of the card plus postage and 0.25 hours per card.

To all VAVS Representatives and Deputies, be sure to report all your volunteer hours and any unreimbursed mileage (includes extra trips to your facility, shopping, etc.). Items purchased via your VAVS checking account should not be reported under your own Auxiliary. If items are purchased with your personal funds, they may be reported under your Auxiliary.

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