

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

Thank you for your support of the STAR Raffle held at the 2022 Department Convention! Together we raised \$1,655 for our five Veterans Hospitals and three Veterans Homes. We will hold STAR Raffles at the 2022 Fall Conference, 2023 Mid-Winter Conference and the 2023 Department Convention. Please donate gift cards valued from \$5 to \$25. The cards should be redeemable at statewide businesses and restaurants.

Innovation in Serving Veterans

Veteran patients get bored, especially those in long-term care facilities, rehabilitation centers and homes. So, let's change things up! There are lots of ingeniously crafty, creative people in this Department.

Even if you choose to do the same kind of event, spice it up. You can still hold a bingo for patients or residents but change the prizes or make it a theme bingo. The sky is the limit within reason.

NOTE: With COVID restrictions, radical changes in routine events may need to be cleared with the individual facility or home (i.e. Don't plan a Camel Race with real camels.)

Volunteer Recruitment

Have you ever considered how lonely a patient in a hospital or nursing home can be without visitors? Set an example - Become a Volunteer; a little of your time, a few hours a week or even once a month, can make a huge difference! The rewards of making a Veteran laugh, putting a smile on their face, helping them to know they are not forgotten are all priceless.

Once you start volunteering, talk it up! Volunteering is contagious. When other members see how rewarding it is for you and how much fun you have, they, too, will want to "join the volunteer team".

Volunteers are needed at:

- The new Veterans Home in Chesterfield Township (located near 21 Mile Road and I-94) Contact Pat Patterson for more information. They also need Bingo

Sponsors.

- The new Outpatient Clinic in Canton (located north of Ford Road off Lotz, behind Sam's Club). For more information, phone Volunteer Services, Ann Arbor VA at 734-845-3467.

Women Veterans Health Care AND Veterans Health Care

Women Veterans are still the smallest group using their VA health care benefits and we need to continue to help educate them. However, National is asking us to help all Veterans utilize their VA benefits to the fullest.

For Women Veterans Health Care information, visit - *www.WomensHealth.va.gov*

Most VFW Posts have a Service Officer who could provide more information. Perhaps you could invite him or her to give a brief presentation at an Auxiliary meeting.

Don't forget to report whatever you did for Women Veterans Day (officially June 12).

PLANNING

As you plan your events for the year, please keep in mind that National is encouraging us to work with our VFW Post especially on the following projects:

- Honors Escort
- National Salute to Veteran Patients – Valentines for Veterans
- Veterans Health Care
- Women Veterans Health Care

Since I need to report to National the number of Auxiliaries that co-hosted events or did joint projects with their post, please include that information in your project description when reporting.

Reporting Tips

- Be a good reporter; answer the questions WHO, WHAT, WHEN, and WHERE.
- Be sure to include an email address in case I have questions.
- July 31 is the last day of this reporting quarter.

Together in Service,

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