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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



Christmas is upon us! Tis the Holiday Season. If you have not planned to do something for our hospitalized Veterans, please do. For most of us, Christmas is a time of joy, family and giving. Veterans in hospitals, nursing homes and Veteran Homes may feel lonely, isolated, and sad. You have the power to change that! Whether you bring cheer to one hospitalized Veteran or a hundred, do something.

It doesn't have to cost a lot. Send them a Christmas card so they feel remembered. Visit them. Bake them cookies or make them a homecooked meal (as their health and the facility allows). Make creative, Christmas tray favors to brighten their day. The possibilities are endless.

What about doing something for New Year's Eve? For more suggestions, contact Voluntary Services at a medical facility or nursing home in your area.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Kalamazoo is the location of the Mid-Winter Conference, January 27 through 29. We will hold another STAR Raffle and need gift cards. The success of this fundraiser depends on the generous donations of our Auxiliaries and members. Remember, gift cards donated should range from \$5 to \$25 and be redeemable at statewide stores, restaurants, or gas stations.

NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERAN PATIENTS

The purpose of this week-long celebration (February 12 – 19, 2023) is to pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans and increase community awareness of the VA Medical Centers. Visitors to the facility throughout the week may also become

interested in volunteering on a regular basis. Take part by sending Valentine's Day Cards for Veterans to VA hospitals. I will have a limited supply of Valentine's Day Cards available for you to sign at Mid-Winter.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT and RECOGNITION

If your Auxiliary is privileged to have a hospital volunteer as a member, start gathering information needed to nominate them for Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year. The deadline for me to receive your nomination is **March 31**. The National Nomination Form is available on the Department website and in Malta. You must also send a separate sheet providing an explanation of why this member deserves the award.

One nominee will be selected from each of the ten National Program Divisions. Michigan is in Division 10. Winners will be announced at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

REPORTING

During the last several weeks, I received numerous reports with no information. This requires me to contact the submitter for details before accepting the report. Please review for completeness the information you provide before submitting. Thank you!

May your Christmas be MERRY and your New Year HEALTHY and BLESSED!



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