## Hospital

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Since 1914 VFW Auxiliary members have been working to meet the needs of hospitalized veterans in VA Medical Centers and care centers across the country. The Hospital Program is truly all about **the Veteran** and more than 400,000 volunteer hours are logged annually by Auxiliary members. This year National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord would like to challenge all Auxiliaries to find unique, new and creative ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients. Through volunteering and finding creative ways to interact with our hospitalized Veterans we can help fulfill National President Brenda Bryant's mission "From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to our Veterans" and Department President Renee's mission of "Serve The Family, Serve the Veteran".

### **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, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Entry form (required) available on MALTA Member Resources. Winners will be announced and citations presented at the 2025 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.
- 2. "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year" plaque awarded to one Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Entry form (required) available in MALTA Member Resources. Winner will be announced and plaque presented at the 2025 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio
- 3. Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Entry form (required) available on MALTA Member Resources. Winners will be announced and citations presented at the 2025 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio

#### **AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:**

- 1. Most creative ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients.
  - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that were
    the most creative in ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients.
    Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must
    send the required entry form to their Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2025
    for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

# **Department**

#### **MEMBER AWARD:**

1. Citation to the Auxiliary member who volunteers the most hours at a VA or non-VA facility (care center) for the 2024-2025 program year; minimum 50 hours. Proof required.

### **AUXILIARY AWARDS (Citation only):**

- 1. Citation to the Auxiliary that best promotes and recognizes Women's Veterans Health Care Programs. (Documentation required.)
- 2. Citation to the Auxiliary that hosted or co-hosted any activity with their VFW Post at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility. (Documentation required.)
- 3. Citation to the Auxiliary who involved older Auxiliary members who are unable to attend meetings by asking them to assist with a special project example: making blankets or hats for veterans (sewing, knitting, or crocheting), creating Valentines for Veterans. (Documentation required)
- 4. Citation to the Auxiliary who came up with the most creative way to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients in any VA and/or non-VA medical facility (long-term care facility) in their community. (Documentation required)

# **District**

1. Citation to the District who reaches 100% participation first when all Auxiliaries in their District have donated to the Hospital General Fund.

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