



VFW Auxiliary

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2024-2025

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Department of NY



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The Hospital Program is one of the first nationally adopted programs for the organization

- The First National Program Chairman was appointed in 1928.
- Hospital volunteerism of VFW Auxiliary member predates the formation of the Auxiliary in 1914.
- Documented involvement dates back as far as 1899, when precursors of the organization were active.



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How can you contribute and participate in the Hospital Program?

- Volunteering at any VA or Non-Facility or clinics such as local hospitals, Veteran's homes, and nursing homes.
- Volunteers can be members, non-members, youth and family.
- Opportunities are based on the facility. Some have volunteer programs with specific duties or activities.
- Honors Escort – Honor each veteran in a respectful and open manner.
- Members can earn volunteer service pins from National.



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Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support

- New Volunteers are needed everyday across the country helping to offset millions of dollars in expenses in health care.
- Recruit and keep volunteers by having a sign-up sheet for upcoming events at your meeting, or for a special event send emails and make phone calls. Public recognition for volunteers lets them know how much they are appreciated.
- In most medical facilities, an extra hand can lighten the load for staff and is greatly appreciated.
- For more information on being a volunteer, download the Hospital Program Guide and VAVS Guide in MALTA Member Resources.



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What can I do if I cannot visit?

Mail care packages

They can be holiday themed or not. The holidays are fast approaching, Halloween is behind us, but Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. Don't forget Valentines for Veterans. Saint Patrick's Day is in March and Easter will soon follow.

Send Cards

Birthday cards, Thinking of You, Holiday Cards, Thank You Veterans Cards made by Youth Groups



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Send Gift Cards

This is a great way to help with day to day needs or to purchase much needed items.

Also

Check with your facility to see what is most needed. Some items are large print books, puzzles, handheld games, word search books or treats.

Work with Youth Groups by decorating place mats or coloring pages for veterans or for any holiday. Make any day Veterans Day!



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Currently, there are 1.9 million living women Veterans, who make up 9.4 percent of the total Veteran population. At each VA medical center nationwide, a women Veterans program manager is designated to advise and advocate for women Veterans. These program managers help coordinate services for eligible women for both primary and specialized care.



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- Services offered for Women Veterans are:
 - Sex-specific primary care programs.
 - Mental health programs geared specifically for women.
 - Special services are available to women who have experienced military sexual trauma (MST).
 - Manages and screens for chronic conditions.
 - Reproductive health care.
 - Special programs providing services for homeless women Veterans and victims of domestic violence.



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Department Awards

There are National Awards for both Members and Auxiliaries. Details are in the Guidebook and Applications for awards are in MALTA member resources in the Hospital Program Tab.

- Volunteer Awards forms are fillable
- Hospital Service Pins and Bar Guards
- Hospital Volunteer Appreciation Awards
- Recruiting Charm
- Department Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award (with Plaque)



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Report by the 1st of each month.

Any questions, please contact me.