



HOSPITAL / VAVS PROGRAM

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"Busy Hand Doing Hospital Work"

If you didn't make it to the Council of Administration meeting in October, you sure missed out on a great, and educational, time. Thanks to everyone who brought items for our Ugly Quilt Project. Talk about "STEPPING UP~LEAVING NO VETERANS BEHIND", I was totally overwhelmed by all the material for future quilts and the "goodies" to put inside the ones that are already to be distributed. Y'all are amazing. NOW, don't forget to report on the 2011-12 Auxiliary Report Form.



For the ones of you who chose to work your own homeless veteran program by making and distributing Ugly Quilts, hats, gloves, soap, toothbrushes, band-aids, etc. in your own neighborhood, GOOD FOR YOU!! This also needs to be reported.

Here comes November, the month of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. What a great time to invite those veterans from the local VA Hospital or the local Nursing Home to come to your post for an outing. Patients' Day Out leaves our veterans feeling so special. Working with your Post members on this will be one of the most rewarding things your group does this year.

VAVS REP...please remember to forward the copies of your annual review to the correct people. Thanks for leading, guiding, helping our volunteers (and for being one!). How are you coming on recruiting this year?

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS...we need volunteers at our VA Hospitals! Could you work 3 – 4 hours a week? How about talking with your auxiliary sisters at your next meeting and see if you can't get 3 – 4 to car pool and drive to your nearest hospital together? Make a day of it. Once you have a commitment from 2 or more, contact the VAVS Representative or VA Volunteer Services Office at your nearest VA Hospital to get the ball rolling. Even if you have to drive 90 minutes to get there, that would be 3 hrs driving and 3 hrs working so you still have 2 hours for good times with those sisters before returning home. You can do this by yourself but it sure is more fun with sisters.

Please be sure you review all the material I gave your District President. I hope it will give you great ideas on things you can do under your hospital program for the rest of the year. The auxiliaries of Missouri can be "LEAPING INTO THE FUTURE FOR OUR VETERANS" by planning to purchase copies of "US Military" to distribute at VA Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Veterans Homes, etc. Also, you could set aside money for a special donation to help veterans from our Missouri VA Hospitals participate in competitions which can help improve their physical and mental health.



Ladies Auxiliary VFW
receives credit for this sale

From my husband Edd and I, Happy Thanksgiving. Don't forget to thank a veteran every time you see one. Remember, to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW it is ALWAYS Veterans Day!

Keep those hands busy doing hospital work! God Bless.