



KANSAS VFW AUXILIARY

2025-2026 HOSPITAL PROGRAM



Kelle Brewer-Brown, Chairman – July 2025

We rode our bicycles into the sunset and closed out the 2024-25 Hospital program on a high note. Obtaining 100% + reporting and participation AND, with monies donated from growing dollar, we met our Hospital budget goals.

THANK YOU members for your commitment to the VFW Auxiliary Hospital program.

The 2025-2026 Hospital program was kicked off during Dept Convention on June 6, 2025 at the Hospital Workshop. We started soaring with eagles...picked up some flour sacks, had some splats and some laughs and ended with some trivia and giveaways. No worries if you missed all the fun. Spend some time reviewing the Hospital materials on the KS VFW Auxiliary website, www.vfwauxks.org. Attend Department School of Instruction August 23-24 in Arkansas City, KS and experience our Hospital 'flour power' firsthand.

VAVS UPDATE: VAWS Representatives and Deputies and a few items that were purchased with monetary donations either earmarked for that facility or from the Hospital General Fund.

Ft Dodge - Dorothy Bremer continues as VAWS Representative and Mary Sanko continues as VAWS Deputy.
Outdoor chairs, Fishing gear, Windbreakers

Winfield - Shirely Booe continues as VAWS Representative and ValMarie Wood continues as VAWS Deputy.
PA/Karaoke set, Sno Cone Machine, Misc. Items for "Fun Auctions"

Leavenworth - Sheryl Gulley has stepped aside as VAWS Deputy for the 2025-2026 term. She hopes to be back in action soon.
Kristi Meid has taken on the duties of VAWS Deputy working with VAWS Representative Christine Anderson.
Darline Yelenick is Honorary VAWS Representative.
Fast food gift cards; Canvases, paint and new paintbrushes; Gardening supplies

Topeka - Janice Schweigen continues as VAWS Representative and Jan Safarik, May Gehring, Kelle Brewer-Brown continue as VAWS Deputies. Mary Jane Mann is Honorary VAWS Representative and Wilma Ross is Honorary VAWS Deputy.
MP3 earbuds

Wichita - Lloyd Rader has stepped aside as VAWS Deputy for the 2025-2026 term.
Sandra Whittemore continues as VAWS Representative and Cassandra Harnden continues as VAWS Deputy.
Popcorn Machine – by vote of VFW Auxiliary Council of Administration

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS - August 17, 2025 is National Nonprofit Day. A "holiday" which should be utilized to encourage members and non-members to not just to give financially, but challenge them to give of their time. One of the most significant benefits volunteers offer in a healthcare setting is emotional support for patients and their families. A friendly face, a listening ear, or a reassuring presence can make a huge difference to someone experiencing illness or injury. Visit your local medical facility and inquire about volunteer positions. Also a good day to say thanks to hospital volunteers.

Never Bean Better Day is on August 22, 2025 and gives us the perfect opportunity to enjoy and spread the "Bean love" with our canine companions and others. Registered therapy dogs like Bean, share their 'love' at hospitals, schools, reading programs, behavioral therapy group sessions, domestic violence, and homeless shelters, long-term care and Alzheimer's units, and with anyone else who is in need of an emotional lift.

One of the best ways to celebrate Never Bean Better Day is by taking Bean's lead and sharing your time and care with someone who needs it. Consider donating a Robotic Pet to a VA, Hospital, Nursing Home, Hospice, etc.

www.perfectpetzzz.com or www.joyforall.com

HOSPITAL HUMOR:

I'm sure it's a surprise, but as your nurse, I'd like to inform you that the big "H" you saw in front of this building does NOT mean "HILTON."

Occasions to potentially inspire a project to spread **Sunshine** to our hospitalized veterans.

July:

01- Public Health Service Commissioned Corps formed (PHSCC) 1944)
02-U.S. Army Air Corps formed (1926)
04- Independence Day
12 – Paper Bag Day (yum, popcorn?)
24 – National Refreshment Day

Aug:

National Immunization Awareness Month
Happiness Happens Month
04- U S Coast Guard formed (1790)
16- National Airborne Day
20-International Day of Medical Transporters
27- National Banana Lovers Day



REMEMBER THE C'S <CARDS < CHALLENGES <CONTESTS

<CARDS – Each month send a card (or cards) to hospitalized veterans in the medical facility(ies) of your choice.

Birthday; Thinking of You; Holiday; Military Anniversary; Just Because; etc.

Greeting cards are a versatile and meaningful way to connect with others and celebrate life's moments. Sending a greeting card is more personal than a text or email. It shows that you took the time to choose a card, write a message, and send it, which can make the recipient feel valued and appreciated. Cards can also serve as keepsakes, allowing people to cherish the sentiments expressed long after the occasion has passed. No matter the occasion, a card can make a lasting impression.

<CHALLENGES - OPERATION: Flour Sack

District Challenge - District raising most funds through an OPERATION: Flour Sack auction or sale. Send monies to Dept Treasurer. Deadline Feb. 28, 2026.

Auxiliary Challenge - OPERATION: Flour Sack – Instructions for a Valentines for Veterans project in a medical facility that utilizes some type of flour or flower. Limit 1 submission per Auxiliary. Multiple submissions will disqualify the Auxiliary. Deadline Feb. 28, 2026. (Submit instructions on back of/attached to Dept Happiness from Home form).

Member Challenge – OPERATION: Flour Sack – Recipe for a food item served to veterans in a medical facility. Limit 1 submission per member. Recipe must make use of flour in some form. i.e. flour, crackers, pretzels, flour tortilla, etc. Deadline Feb. 28, 2026 (Submit recipe on back of/attached to Dept Happiness from Home form)

<CONTEST - KANSAS VFW AUXILIARY HOSPITAL CONTEST - **From 'C' to Shining 'C'** – Deadline November 30, 2025

District # _____ Auxiliary # _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Match the ten (10) correct 'C' words on the right, with their meaning on the left..

_____ 1. Could be a pirates' favorite sword, a warplane or a model of Oldsmobile.

_____ 2. Can you find the plastid?

_____ 3. Could you play this solo?

_____ 4. Could be someone who begs, or is a peddler.

_____ 5. Can you pick out the profane person?

_____ 6. Could be a very big sword, a class of warship, or an landmine.

_____ 7. Can you pick out the computer symbol?

_____ 8. Can you match the cupboard?

_____ 9. Could be someone who begs or an eccentric old man.

_____ 10. Can you find the green pigment?

A. Calais

B. Cappybara

C. Codger

D. Chloroquine

E. Cadenza

F. Creeper

G. Chlorophyll

H. Cutlass

I. Cursor

J. Consonance

K. Claymore

L. Cruiserweight

M. Chloroform

N. Cadger

O. Credenza

P. Citroen

Q. Curser

R. Chloroplast

S. Cagey

T. Chrome