

KANSAS VFW AUXILIARY 2025-2026 HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Kelle Brewer-Brown, Chairman – October 2025



A Hospital report is due to the Department Chairman by **October 31, 2025**.

Enter online, behind member logon, at: vfwauxks.org OR send through snail mail.

Find more inspirational occasions to spread **SUNSHINE** to our hospitalized veterans at: holidayscalendar.com

October:

- 13 - Columbus Day
- National M & M day
- 17 - National Mulligan Day
- 22 - National Color Day
- 24 - United Nations Day
- 25 - Make a Difference Day
- 29 - National Oatmeal Day - Cookie anyone?
- 31 - Halloween



November:

- National Scholarship Month
- 01 - National Cinnamon Day
- 04 - Election Day
- 05 - American Football Day
- 10 - U.S. Marine Corps formed (1775)
- 11 - Veterans Day -
- 18 - Apple Cider Day
- 28 - You're Welcomegiving Day

Partner with other Auxiliary Chairmen on joint projects for Hospitalized veterans. Split hours and monies on your reports.

- ...Americanism Chairman in recognizing patriotic holidays and military birthdays.
- ...Buddy Poppy Chairman for a **National Color Day** project!
- ...Legislative Chairman to assist hospitalized veterans in their voting efforts on election day.
- ...Veterans & Family Support Chairman in promoting awareness of PTSD.
- ...Scholarship Chairman in providing KS Endowment & Continuing Education information for their family members.
- ...Youth Chairmen for National Color Day or a reverse **Halloween** where kids hand out treats to veterans.



On October 22, **National Color Day**, add some color to a veterans life. It's a good day to add a burst of color to their clothing (ex: boutonniere, lei), room (ex: flowers, pictures), walker or wheelchair (ex: bag). Use art (painting, color books, etc) with a wide swath of colors to help them express emotions. The most popular color in America is blue. The color pink has a calming effect on most people. Color can create a positive mood in a person.

November 5th is almost the middle of football season and as the U.S.'s most popular sport, it is appropriate this day be observed as **American Football Day**. Observing this holiday is as simple as enjoying some football for the day. No matter whether it is professional, college, high school or little league football. What matters is the people come together to celebrate. Hospitalized veterans would enjoy a football trivia contest and some snacks or a 'tailgate' party before the game. For those veterans that are ambulatory tickets and transportation to a game would be most appreciated.

Just for fun:

How many points would you have if you made two touchdowns, missed one extra point, made three field goals, and a safety?

REMEMBER THE C'S <CARDS < CHALLENGES <CONTESTS

<CARDS – Each month send card(s) to hospitalized veterans in the medical facility(ies) of your choice.....Report it!

This is the simplest, most inexpensive project any Auxiliary, or member, can do.

A card can serve as a tangible reminder of the sender's thoughts and care.

Creating a sense of belonging and support and making the card a cherished item that can be kept and treasured over time.

< CHALLENGE – Deadlines Feb. 28, 2026 (Submit recipe on back of/attached to Dept Happiness from Home form). . . .Report it!!

<CONTESTS – Enter the Hospital Contests..... Report it !!!

It's never too early to plan **Veterans Day**, **Christmas** and **Valentines** projects for Hospitalized Veterans.



App Store Preview

US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

iPad & iPhone



iPhone



With the VA Health & Benefits app, veterans can manage their VA health care, benefits, and payments from their mobile phone or tablet.

Health care tools

- Refill and track VA prescriptions
- Send and receive secure messages from their VA health care team
- Review appointments and add them to their calendar
- Get their records for VA vaccines, such as COVID-19

Benefits tools

- Check their disability rating
- Review their claim or appeal status
- Submit evidence for their claim or appeal
- Download common VA letters

Payments tools

- Review VA payments sent them
- Update their direct deposit information

Facility locator

- Find VA facilities and services near them

Veterans Crisis Line

- Get quick access to the VA Crisis Line

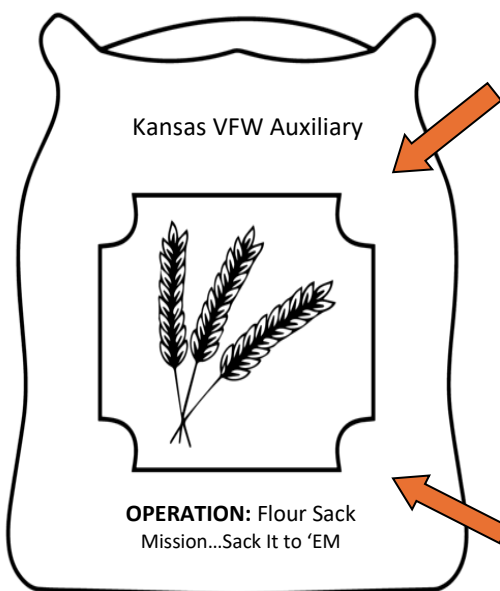
Proof of Veteran status

- Show proof of their Veteran status



WHAT'S IN YOUR SACK ?

Fill your sacks with gifts, goodies and gratitude for our hospitalized veterans.



Suggestions.....

SOMEONE TO LISTEN

hoodie
comb
pie
movie passes
granola bars
lotion
painting supplies
shower shoes
origami
potato chips
shaving cream
Games
3D models
bowling night
chili lunch
Robotic pet
disposable razors
sweat pants
Snacks
cup of coffee
???? - Use your imagination

HOSPITAL SERVICE PINS AND RECOGNITION AWARDS

The local VFW Auxiliary Hospital Chairman orders pins for ALL members.

Pins bearing the VFW Auxiliary emblem and designating the number of hours a volunteer has devoted to hospital work will be awarded to members meeting the eligibility requirements noted below. Pins earned in all non-VA facilities must be ordered by the local VFW Auxiliary Hospital Chairman. Forms for ordering pins and recognition awards are available on the VFW Auxiliary website, www.vfwauxiliary.org or by contacting the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters, ATTN: Program Awards Administrator.

Volunteer hours at a VA and non-VA facility may be combined for award purposes.

Volunteerism is not limited to Auxiliary members. Non-members and youth can also volunteer and be sponsored by your Auxiliary. As age and abilities vary, volunteer opportunities also vary with the different medical facilities. Inquire with the facility on how you may best assist them.

Members have the opportunity to earn Hospital Volunteer Service Pins from National Headquarters for their volunteer hours. Non-members can also earn a one-time only volunteer pin for 100 hours.

For more information on being a hospital volunteer or specific pin information regarding hours required and proper forms go to: vfwauxiliary.org/resources/hospital.

November is

National Family Caregivers Month!

Celebrate with your Caregiver Support Team!



The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Caregiver Support Program (CSP) offers clinical services to caregivers of eligible and covered Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system. The program's mission is to promote the health and well-being of family caregivers who care for our Nation's Veterans, through education, resources, support, and services. Every VA facility has a Local Caregiver Support Team. Visit: www.caregiver.va.gov

