

KANSAS VFW AUXILIARY 2025-2026 HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Kelle Brewer-Brown, Chairman – November 2025



??? Has your Auxiliary ???

Sent a donation to the Dept. Hospital General Fund ?

Sent at least one card to a veteran in a medical facility?

New Veterans Day cards on KS website under Hospital/printables !

Had member(s) volunteer in a medical facility ?

Completed and reported at least one Hospital project?

***** Department Goal=100% Reporting and Participation by January 31, 2026. *****

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



Please don't wait until it is too late.

November:

National Family Caregiver Month

11 - Origami Day

13- World Kindness Day

18 – Apple Cider Day

26 – Nat'l Cake Day – What's your favorite?

28 – Thanksgiving Day



December:

01 - Walt Disney Day - Movie anyone?

04 – National Sock Day

06 – Mitten Tree Day

13 – National Guard Birthday

16-Nat'l Chocolate Covered Anything Day

25 - Christmas

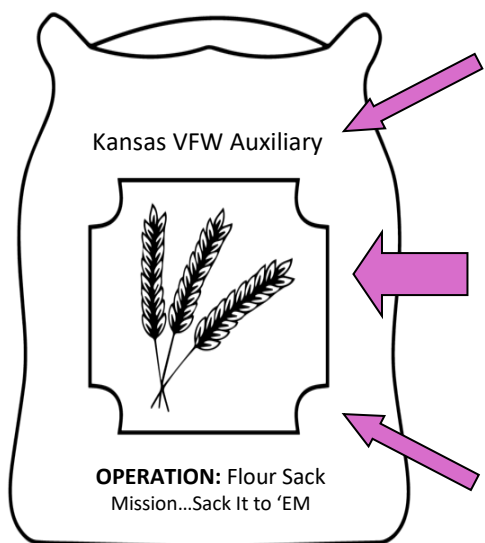
Origami has interacted with and contributed to mathematics, geometry, the sciences and technology.

It has also become a popular hobby for calm and enjoyment.

Christmas will be here before we know it. What project is your Auxiliary planning for hospitalized veterans ? Card shower, holiday meal, "flour sacks" filled with goodies, caroling, in person visits...hugs ?????

WHAT'S IN YOUR SACK ?

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



Suggestions.....

GRATITUDE

fast food gift cards

flowers

stuffed animal

Rice Krispie treats

3D wooden puzzles

occasion cards

chicken dinner

art & craft supplies

hand & foot warmers

ballgame tickets

coloring books/pencils

Christmas treats

wallets

sweat pants

bingo night

flashlight

gas/grocery gift cards

???? - Use your imagination



National Salute to Veteran Patients Week, February 8 to 14, 2025 is observed annually during the same week as Valentines Day.

Share some love and show you care.
Send a Valentine to a hospitalized veteran.

Start gathering up your craft supplies and coordinate a day/night of card making with Auxiliary members, a youth group or family members. Encourage Post members and the community to join in and show the love to our Veterans in medical facilities.

Look for more VALENTINE info
in the next Sunflower Express.

REMEMBER THE C'S <CARDS < CHALLENGES <CONTESTS

Veterans Day – 11/11/2025

ThanksGIVING – 11/27/2025



If you help care for a Veteran who gets their health care from VA, you may be able to get certain support services.

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.

CSP promotes the health and well-being of Veterans' caregivers through education, resources, support and services. Every VA facility has a CSP team that provides valuable information about resources to help caregivers stay informed and supported as they support Veterans. More information can be found www.va.gov/the-program-of-general-caregiver-support-services/.

The **Caregiver Support Program** is comprised of 2 separate programs;

Program of General Caregiver Support Services (PGCSS)

The PGCSS offers essential support, training, and resources to caregivers of veterans enrolled in VA health care, helping them enhance their caregiving skills and connect with other caregivers. The PGCSS provides a variety of services aimed at enhancing the skills and well-being of caregivers, regardless of whether they are relatives or live with the veteran they care for.

Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC)

The PCAFC is a VA program created to support family members who act as caregivers for seriously injured veterans. The program includes a monthly stipend, CHAMPVA health insurance, mental health counseling, caregiver training, and at least 30 days of respite care per year.

Both programs offer these services:

- A caregiver support team at your local VA facility
- Phone and text support
- Support and services, such as coaching, peer support mentoring, support groups, and training and education

PCAFC also offers these benefits to eligible Primary and Secondary Family Caregivers:

- Enhanced respite care
- Mental health counseling
- Travel and lodging daily allowance when traveling with the Veteran for VA-approved health care

And PCAFC offers these benefits to eligible Primary Family Caregivers:

- A monthly stipend (payment)
- Access to health care through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA)—if you don't already qualify for health care under another plan
- Legal and financial planning services related to the needs of the injured Veteran

Eligibility for PCAFC

Veterans may be eligible for this clinical program if they:

Sustained or aggravated a serious injury (or illness) in the line of duty in the active military, naval or air service during any service era. Among other applicable eligibility criteria, an eligible Veteran must:

- Have a single or combined service-connected disability rating by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of 70% or more, and
- Be in need of personal care services (requiring in-person personal care services) for a minimum of six continuous months based on any one of the following:
 - An inability to perform an activity of daily living.
 - A need for supervision or protection based on symptoms or residuals of neurological or other impairment or injury; or
 - A need for regular or extensive instruction or supervision without which the ability of the Veteran to function in daily life, would be seriously impaired.

NOTE: A Veteran may also be entitled to a separate monetary benefit administered by the Veterans Benefits Administration called Aid and Attendance if certain requirements are met.

Both **Caregiver Support Programs** are administered by the Veterans Health Administration. To apply both the Veteran and the designated caregiver must complete and file a VA Form 10-10CG using the instructions provided with the form or apply online at: https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/support_benefits.asp

Call the Caregiver Support Line at 855-260-3274 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET. You can also reach out to the caregiver support team at your nearest VA facility.