

KANSAS VFW AUXILIARY 2024-2025 HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Kelle Brewer-Brown, Chairman – August 2024



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

During the 2023-2024 term Districts, Auxiliaries and members gave monetary donations of almost \$25,000 toward the Department Hospital General Fund & special project. I'm hoping you will again get those **WHEELS IN MOTION** to MATCH, or surpass, this amount to the Department Hospital General Fund for the 2024-2025 term.

Auxiliaries whose donation of \$100+ is received and reported prior to November 30, 2024 will be entered into a special drawing. Winner to be announced at Department Mid-Winter, January 10-12, 2025 in Salina, KS.

Watch for these symbols throughout the year for ideas, challenges, thoughts to ponder, and other updates.



What do you get from a tree? **PAPER.**

Hold a paper hat making/decorating contest, party or parade to celebrate monthly birthdays.

Make and float paper boats in a wading pool or big tub to celebrate US Coast Guard, Navy or Sea Cadets Anniversary.

Make and fly paper airplanes for US Air Force or National Airborne Day.



Hospital Program Challenge

DRAWING for \$20
Awarded Mid-Winter Conf.
January 10-12, 2025, Salina, KS

One entry per
Auxiliary/District
for each challenge
accepted, completed
and reported.

CHALLENGE #2

\$10 or more donation,
sent to Dept Treasurer,
by November 01, 2024
earmarked
Veterans Voices.



Shower thoughts

On any given day in a hospital, you can find people having the best day of their life, the worst day of their life, the first day of their life, and the last day of their life all under one roof.

**
Heat, Pressure and Time. The three things that make a diamond are also the three things that make a waffle.

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You've survived 100% of your worst days.



To complement National President Brenda Bryant's special project, 'Operation Bottom Cover', the Kansas Hospital program is introducing an improved **OPERATION: We Got Your Back(side) 2.0.** (Showering Our Veterans with Care and Compassion) While the original **OPERATION:** involved providing diaper kits to veterans, their babies and to facilities supporting them, (A HUGE success. Thank you.) our **OPERATION: 2.0** version involves providing care and compassion for the veteran.... (backside frontside, inside, outside) ...and their babies.

For more information visit the Department website: www.vfwauxks.org

Approximate patient counts for VA and Kansas Veteran Facilities:
Leavenworth-50; Topeka-70; Wichita-80; Ft Dodge-90; Winfield-110

September is Suicide Awareness month.

Show your support by educating yourself, and others, of the five warning signs of suicide:

1. Not feeling like themselves
2. Agitation
3. Withdrawn
4. Not caring for oneself
5. Feeling hopeless

Provide information about the Veterans Crisis Line. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

Send Birthday & other occasion cards for the August Card Shower.....Assist hospitalized veterans in registering to vote....
...Enter the Hospital Contests.....Check out KS VFWA HAPPINESS FROM HOME.....Post a "ticker tape" type message or greeting in the hallway of a hospital or nursing home.....Donate hygiene items for Women Veterans.....

The **United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** is a Cabinet-level executive branch department of the federal government charged with providing lifelong healthcare services to eligible military veterans at the 170 VA medical centers and outpatient clinics located throughout the country. Non-healthcare benefits include disability compensation, vocational rehabilitation, education assistance, home loans, and life insurance. The VA also provides burial benefits to eligible veterans at 135 national cemeteries.

Hand out copies of this page to veterans and their families for easy access to helpful healthcare information.

VA Services & Resources – When You Need Them

Veteran Benefits Hotline

1-800-827-1000

www.va.gov

www.homes.va.gov

Health Benefits Hotline

1-877-222-VETS (8387)

www.va.gov/vhealthcare

MyVA411 Information Line, 24/7

1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)

Ask VA (AVA) • ask.va.gov

If you have questions about your health care you can also contact your healthcare team or local Patient Advocate Office.

Access and Quality in VA Healthcare

www.accesscare.va.gov

Burials & Memorials

1-800-827-1000

www.va.gov/burials-memorials

Center for Minority Veterans

www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans

Community Care

(Includes Urgent Care and Emergency Care)

www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/

programs/veterans

Devices for the Deaf (TDD) Dial 711

Homeless Programs

1-877-424-3838

www.va.gov/homeless

LGBTQ+ Health Program

www.patientcare.va.gov/LGBT/

Mental Health

www.mentalhealth.va.gov

Military Exposures

(Agent Orange, Gulf War Illnesses, etc.)

1-877-222-8387

www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures

National Center for Patient Safety

www.patientsafety.va.gov

National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Call Your VA or dial 988 then Press 1

www.ptsd.va.gov

Office of Survivors Assistance

1-800-827-1000

www.va.gov/survivors

Travelling Veteran Coordinator

www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/where-you-go-for-care/

Contact your PACT or local VAMC

VA Caregiver Support Program

1-855-260-3274

www.caregiver.va.gov

VA Facility & Urgent Care Locator

www.va.gov/find-locations

Veterans Experience Office

www.department.va.gov/veterans-experience

VHA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

www.prevention.va.gov

Virus Protection (Flu, COVID-19, etc.)

www.publichealth.va.gov

Whole Health

www.va.gov/wholehealth



Women Veterans Call Center

Call or text: 1-855-829-6636

www.womenshealth.va.gov

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If a phone number is not listed, call 1-800-827-1000 or 1-877-222-8387.



www.myhealth.va.gov

1-877-327-0022



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DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

Text 838255 • www.veteranscrisisline.net



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veteranshealthlibrary.va.gov



Mobile Health

VA Mobile Apps: www.mobile.va.gov



Health & Benefits



Video Connect



Online Scheduling



Live Whole Health



Mindfulness Coach



Stay Quit Coach



MOVE! Coach



PTSD Coach



PAIN Coach



Insomnia Coach



Ask a Pharmacist



Rx Refill