

Department of Kansas VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program

Kelle Brewer-Brown, Chairman – October 2023

The brain is an amazing organ.
It really makes you think.



Noteworthy.....

Entering the Hospital Contests counts as participation in the Hospital Program. Report under question:

4. Did your Auxiliary host, OR, jointly host with your VFW Post, any activity listed below? Veterans Health Care (VHA)

Which non-traditional October holidays will you **Celebrate** with our hospitalized veterans ?

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

5th - National Do Something Nice Day

14th - National Chess Day

28th - Make A Difference Day

31st - National Knock-Knock Joke Day

Additional observances listed at vfwauxks.org or www.holidays.calendar

October 12, 2023 - KS VFW Auxiliary Hospital Project Day Ideas

World Arthritis Day

October 12

World Sight Day

October 12

National Physician Assistants Week-

October 6-12

Take Your Medicine Americans Week

October 10-17

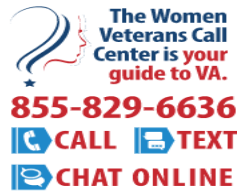
Emergency Nurses Week

October 11-16, 2023

In November

November 7, 2023 – Natl Hug a Bear Day

Let's make sure all hospitalized veterans have a bear to hug.



The Center for Women Veterans' (CWV) mission is to monitor and coordinate VA's administration of health care, benefits, services, and programs for women Veterans. CWV serves as an advocate to raise awareness of the responsibility to treat women Veterans with dignity and respect.

The Veterans Administration (VA), partnering with White Ribbon USA and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), have a shared goal of taking an active stand of ending sexual harassment, sexual assault and domestic violence by promoting **White Ribbon VA** under the Stand Up to Stop Harassment Now Campaign.

White Ribbon VA is a national call to action to eliminate sexual harassment, sexual assault, and domestic violence across the Department of Veterans Affairs by promoting a positive change in culture so that the actions outlined in the pledge become the organizational norm.



White Ribbon VA is an awareness movement where All—regardless of their gender—can participate. You are invited to join in making a pledge to stop violence against others and to symbolically wear the white ribbon.

White Ribbon VA Pledge:

I, (your name), pledge to never commit, excuse or stay silent about sexual harassment, sexual assault or domestic violence against others.

Document your commitment by accessing this webpage:
<https://www.whiteribbonusa.org/whiteribbon-va-pledge>

Did you know: if there is a need for mental health services related to PTSD or other mental health conditions linked to their service (including conditions related to an experience of military sexual harassment, assault or rape) veterans may qualify for VA health benefits right away, even without a VA Character of Discharge review or a discharge upgrade.

HONORS ESCORT is part of the End of Life protocol for Veterans who depart while in care at a VA or other medical facility. The

HONORS ESCORT is an opportunity to honor each Veteran in a respectful and open manner and provides a way for a Veteran's family and friends, other Veterans, and staff to participate in a display of high regard and reverence for the individual at the time of death.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget the highest appreciation is not to utter words – but to live by them.

John F. Kennedy



Individuals who served our nation honorably, whether during times of war or peace, are deserving of respect and special consideration. These Veterans have proven their loyalty to their fellow citizens, and we owe them a distinct tribute and devotion in return. As VFW Auxiliary members we should encourage medical facilities to develop an HONORS ESCORT program.

COMING SOON....

November 18 – National Prince/Princess Day

It's a day dedicated to the idea that everyone can be a prince or princess, no matter who they are. It's an opportunity to help our veterans experience what it feels like to be treated like one. So, make plans now to help make our Veterans wishes come true!

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Your carriage awaits.....

Valentines for Veterans



Kansas VFW Auxiliary

Valentines
for
Veterans

National Salute to Veteran Patients Week



START PLANNING NOW!

Gimme 3 Clues - Name the TEAM – Oct 2023

A team is defined by its interdependent parts. The actions that one person takes affect the outcomes for everyone else. Unlike groups, teams are made up of people who coordinate their efforts and who depend on each other for overall team success.

1. Pop Warner, D Eisenhower, Jim Thorpe

2. Barry, Robin, Maurice

3. Stenerud, MO., GEHA Field

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4. Nite Owl, Rorschach, The Comedian

5. Moe, Larry, Curly

6. R. Palmeiro, D. Dean, MLB

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BONUS TEAMS:

7. Blondie, Angel Eyes, Tuco

8. Leslie Groves, 1940's, Los Alamos

9. NBA, Barcelona '92, Magic

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VFW Auxiliary Teams- Banding Together - Working for Veterans Dreams

Deadline December 31, 2023

District # _____ Name: _____

Auxiliary # _____ Address: _____