

# **KANSAS VFW AUXILIARY**

## **2025-2026 HOSPITAL PROGRAM**

Kelle Brewer-Brown, Chairman – School of Instruction – January 9-10, 2026 – Junction City, KS

Christine Anderson has stepped down and Kristi Meid has stepped up as the Leavenworth VAVS Representative. Please reach out to Hosp Chair Kelle or President David if you are interested in becoming a VAVS Deputy for the Leavenworth VA.

Our goals are:

**1. For each District to be 100% District REPORTING & PARTICIPATION by March 31, 2026.**

Districts 1 and 4 have reported. When reporting for your District use Auxiliary number 0 (zero) and your District number.

**2. For each Auxiliary to be 100% REPORTING & PARTICIPATION by January 31, 2026.**

Missing reports from the following 11 Auxiliaries:

District 1 – none

District 2 – 1980

District 3 – 1372, 3018

District 4 – 6240, 6485, 8773

District 5 – 3111, 7253

District 6 – 1751, 6882, 8871

District 7 – none

FINAL reporting deadline is March 31, 2026.

**3. Department Hospital General Fund Donations \$0.05+ above Dept Hospital Program budget.**

Total Budgeted Hospital expenses\* - \$17,830.00      Donations as of 12/14/25 - \$11, 533.50

\* Awards; Badges/Name tags; postage; Guaranteed Special Events Budget; VAVS monthly allowance

Hold a flour sack, or some other type of fundraiser to raise funds for Hospital General Fund. Every Auxiliary and District should be contributing to this fund to help meet our budgeted obligations. Monies to Dept Treasurer by March 31, 2026.

**4. 5,000 Valentines for Veterans presented. We can do this !**

Check out the new Valentines Card under the Hospital/printables tab on KS VFW Auxiliary website  
February 14, 2026-Valentines for Veterans ; February 08-14, 2026 – National Salute to Veteran Patients Week

Cards can be sent anytime for any occasion. Please utilize the facilities list on the KS VFW Aux website.

This list contains the name of at least one medical facility in each town/city where a KS VFW Auxiliary is located.

**5. Five hundred (500) reported projects for the Hospital program.**

We are over halfway meeting our # of projects goal of 297 !

Of those 297 projects, members have accrued 2,796 hours, spent \$19,713.72; member in kind donations \$5,352.44

### **District President & District Hospital Chairmen.....**

Email updates have been sent to you the last two months regarding missing reports from Auxiliaries in your Districts; and your District's donation to the Hospital General Fund. Watch for an upcoming email with updates on missing reports and announcing:



**\*\*NEW\*\* PRINTABLES on the KS VFW Auxiliary website:** Valentines Card; Compliments tear-off poster; Recipes.

Remind members to fill out the forms for the various National and Department Awards

**National Hospital Auxiliary Award No. 1**

Most creative/unique activity and/or event to interact with and provide happiness to veterans in hospitals (VA and non-VA facilities).

**National Hospital Member Award No. 1 & No. 2**

No. 1 "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter"

No. 2 "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year"

**National Hospital Member Award No. 3**

No. 3 "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year".

**National Volunteer Hours pins and bars;**

**Department: Volunteer Certificates; Happiness from Home (Sew/Bake/Craft) Certificates; Hospital Contests; Challenges.**

ALL information, including submission deadlines, for these awards can be found on the KS VFW Auxiliary website.

At the Hospital workshop last June I paraphrased this song:

Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin'

Into the future

I wanna fly like an eagle

To the sea

Fly Like an eagle

let the spirit carry me. ....

Feed the **veterans**

Who don't have enough to eat

Shoe the **veterans**

With no shoes on their feet

House the **veterans**

Livin' in the street

Oh, oh, there's a solution

WE, the VFW Auxiliary members, among others, are that solution.

"Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water, it will make ripples throughout all the seas."

~Author Unknown

As fly like the eagle soaring above, with the

wind beneath our wings (that helps to carry us);

the touch of our talons (that have a firm grasp),

our keen eyesight (that allows us to see even the smallest of things),

our white feathers (that projects confidence and fearlessness),

or the breath we make as we call out to the heavens....

All helps us to carry out small acts that create a ripple effect across the seas as we honor our veterans who keep us free.

Thank you for all you have done, and will continue to do, for our Hospitalized veterans and our organization.

What questions do you have?

Loyally,

Kelle Brewer-Brown  
Department Hospital Chairman  
2025-2026