

Kansas VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program

2026-2027

The VFW Auxiliary Hospital program supports hospitalized veterans through volunteer efforts, providing companionship, assistance, and various activities to enhance their care and well-being. The VFW Auxiliary Hospital program has been dedicated to meeting the needs of hospitalized veterans since its inception in 1914. Auxiliary members volunteer over 400,000 hours annually, focusing on providing support in VA Medical Centers and other medical facilities across the country. The program promotes volunteerism among members, non-members, youth and families, allowing them to contribute to the care of veterans in various settings, including nursing homes, clinics, and hospice.

The primary goals of the Hospital Program include:

- **Improving Patient Care:** Volunteers engage with patients by providing companionship, reading, playing games, and assisting with activities that enhance their overall healthcare experience.
- **Supporting Medical Staff:** Volunteers help alleviate the workload of medical staff by providing administrative assistance and participating in fundraising efforts for hospital programs.
- **Fostering Community:** The program encourages community involvement and recognizes the importance of creating a friendly and caring atmosphere for veterans.

Volunteers play a crucial role in the Hospital Program, and opportunities vary based on the facility and the volunteer's age and abilities. Some ways to get involved include:

- **Patient Support:** Providing companionship and comfort to patients during their hospital stay.
- **Administrative Assistance:** Helping with clerical tasks to support hospital staff.
- **Special Projects:** Participating in activities like art therapy or gardening to enhance the hospital environment.

With the increasing number of veterans utilizing VA medical facilities, the need for volunteers has grown significantly. The VFW Auxiliary emphasizes the importance of recruitment to ensure that veterans receive the quality care and support they deserve. Volunteers are recognized for their contributions. Their involvement is vital to the success of the program.

By participating in the VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program, volunteers not only provide essential support to veterans but also contribute to a meaningful cause that honors their service and sacrifices.

It is our duty to care for these men and women who served our country so selflessly.

ALL Members, Auxiliaries and Districts are encouraged to make contributions to the
Department Hospital General Fund.

Contributing to the Hospital General Fund supports our Hospital program; our VAVS Representatives and Deputies; and our hospitalized veterans.

Facilities with VFW Aux. VAVS Representatives and Deputies; Approximate Patient Count:

Ft Dodge Soldiers Home	-	90
Leavenworth VA Medical Center	-	50
Topeka VA Medical Center	-	70
Wichita VA Medical Center	-	80
Winfield Veterans Home	-	110

Kansas VFW Auxiliary Department President Kim Butcher theme:

One Team Reaching for the Stars

Department Hospital Chairman - Kelle Brewer-Brown

Department website: vfwauxks.org

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National VFW Auxiliary President Donna Mills theme:

Serving America's Heroes

National Hospital Ambassador – Debbie Sturgis

National website: vfwauxiliary.org

Key topics this term:

Hospital Dept General Fund Donations

Volunteer Recognition & Recruitment

VAVS (CDCE)

Women Veterans Health Care

Honors Escort

Valentines for Hospitalized Veterans

OPERATION: Sparkle 250