

## Hospital report

August 2023

Our National Hospital ambassador is promoting Non-Traditional Holidays. While veterans have come to enjoy special day like Christmas and Valentine's Day for veterans, Della would like to shake it up and celebrate the little-known specials day of the year. With this innovative way to entertain our hospitalized or long-term care patients, they are sure to have some good times between the traditional holidays we celebrate yearly. Always be a month ahead on the special days that you want to celebrate. Some facilities might not be ready for these special events, so contact each facility to confirm their current protocol and then get your Auxiliary to sponsor a non-Traditional holiday. And do not forget the staff and doctors. While all facilities and hospitals were on lockdown, it was the staff that stepped up the needs of veterans. Just like our veterans, the staff has seen the repetition of the traditional celebrations year after year so please include the doctors and staff in all your new celebration plans. Here is a great link for you to start your planning: [calendar.com/united-states/observances-2023](https://calendar.com/united-states/observances-2023). National and Department have awards for the program.

National awards for Auxiliaries:

- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and /or event that recognizes veterans on non-traditional holiday.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each four conferences that host the most outstanding activities and/or event recognizing veterans on Non-traditional holiday.

Department awards for Auxiliary:

- Drawing of \$10 for the Auxiliary who sponsored the most volunteers in there Auxiliary with member or non/members and reported to me.
- Drawing of \$10 to the Auxiliary who sponsored an event that recognizes veterans on a non-traditional Holiday and reported to me.

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