

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin  
HOSPITAL AUGUST 2025

My name is Laurie Coffin. I am your Hospital Chairman for this coming year. Our Hospital Ambassador is Kim Copson from Manchester, New Hampshire. As in every other year, our Goal is to continue to get volunteers to help our Hospitalized Veterans. There are many ways we can do that. Some ways are to make and deliver cards, knit, crochet or sew items. Make small quilts for their wheelchairs. Host a bingo or other game night. VOLUNTEER at a VA or a VETERANS' HOME. It is your presence that makes a difference – the presents come next. At our local Tomah VA, the residents need help getting to their appointments, extra-curricular activities, church and etc. If they don't get enough volunteers the residents cannot participate and must stay on their floor where their rooms are. No matter where you live, there is a VA Facility not that far away. Talk to your Auxiliary and see if they can afford to take transportation money from the relief fund once a month so that your Auxiliary can participate. In Tomah they are currently asking for at least 4 volunteers each time we play bingo so that the residents can come down to play bingo.



**HOSPITAL SUGGESTED DONATIONS:**

You are asked to give \$2.00 per member based on the Auxiliary membership as of 06/30/2025. The Hospital Suggested Donation is used to cover the operating costs of the Hospital Program – i.e. Mileage for the VAVS Representatives, Deputy Representatives and Associate Representatives; canteen books, smocks, coffee, the annual gifts given to each facility during the Department President's official visit.



**HOSPITAL PROJECTS:**

Hospital Projects donations cover all of the special events and holidays i.e. King Day, Tomah Day, Christmas Cheer, Veteran's Day Cheer, Easter Cheer, Thanksgiving Treats. Some of the facilities have treats for Halloween, Memorial Day, New Year's Eve, - Birthday treats, the Spring Prom at King and so on.

**SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS:**

Donations are used for a special gift which is given during the month of February to ALL Hospitalized Veterans.

Hopefully this explains why it is important to send donations for the Hospital Program each year. When you do your Standing Rules for your Auxiliary you can put the donation amount for these items and vote on them at that time and then you don't have to vote on them each time you make a donation – unless you change the amount to be given.

**AWARDS** for participating in the Hospital Program:

**\$10.00** to an Auxiliary who can come up with creative ways to interact with the Veteran Patients and make them happy and REPORT to me.

**2 - \$5.00** Awards to Auxiliary members who recruit and retain New Hospital Volunteers and REPORT to me,

**PLUS:** I will have \$100.00 to hand to a VAVS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER. Can You Meet This Challenge?

Think about what You Can Do to make a difference in a life of a Hospitalized Veteran. Can you spare a couple hours of your "free" time to volunteer at a VA Hospital? Think about it!

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