



Hospital July 2023



Hi, everyone, my name is Karen” nursefrazzle” Johnson and I will be your Hospital Chairman for the 2023-2024 year. Our National Hospital Ambassador Della Steege would like us to promote Community Care/Telehealth/Compassionate, Non-Traditional Holidays, Recognizing Staff members, Women’s Health care service and volunteerism.

The Auxiliary Hospital Program is essential to veterans and is equally rewarding to the volunteers who dedicate their time and efforts to this Program. After 100-plus years of hospital volunteering for our veterans, the pandemic has altered our Hospital Program in many ways, yet the goal is still the same. We must find new processes and get creative to complete the work. Our new normal in volunteering may never resemble the way we used to do it, but the need is still there. Now that the VA facility, hospitals, veterans’ homes, nursing homes, other medical facilities are opening their doors again, this is the time we will need more volunteers. We lost a lot of volunteers in the Covid epidemic and a lot of them are not coming back. So please think about giving time to a veteran. Volunteers can be: VFWA members, non-members, or youth.

Community Care for veterans is so you as an Auxiliary can help veterans find their way into the VA health care system. **Telehealth clinical video** for veterans that live long distance to VA. **Compassionate** contact is trained volunteer who are matched with veteran who are experiencing loneliness or socially isolated. **Women’s health care** need and want health care they can count on. These things are important to our veterans. Please help. Do not forget the veteran.

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