

HOSPITAL BULLETIN
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Laura Coffin – Hospital Chairman

Our Ambassador for the Hospital is Debbie Sturgis. She would like to have more volunteers helping with a Final Salute to Veterans. This is conducted at each Veterans Hospital, and I believe at Veteran's Nursing Homes. For veterans who have passed away.

She would like to have everyone come up with ideas for traditional holidays and also non-traditional holidays. You can look up ideas on the computer and see what you can find and incorporate crafts or other ideas along this way. August 7th – left handers day August 8th Zucchini Day (what do you do with all of that zucchini?) Think of ways to celebrate at the VA Hospital or Nursing Homes and bring smiles to their faces.

Debbie would like to see women's veterans receive veterans' benefits and services that honor their military service. Currently women veterans comprise 15% of the active-duty military and 18% of the Guard and Reserve. Many of them may be eligible for VA Benefits including disability compensation, pension, education and training, health care, home loans, insurance, vocational rehabilitation and employment and burial.

If you want to volunteer, please remember that even an hour a day, week or month can make a difference to those hospitalized or living in nursing homes. Many don't have family nearby to come visit.

The holidays will be here before we can realize it. Can YOU or your Auxiliary donate items or gift cards to these brave men and women? When you volunteer, please remember to keep track of your hours, \$ amount spent, mileage and #of items donated. You can make a form or use the one that the VFW Has on their site (if still available) so that at the end of the year it will be easier to fill out your end-of-year reports.

IF you are not currently a volunteer but would like to be, please contact one of our VAVS Representatives or a representative at a Nursing Home or Hospital near where you live. Thank you for all you do for this Organization and for our Veterans and their families.