

Hospital Program General Bulletin # 3 November 2024

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Hello and Happy Holidays!!

I have some very specific information you need for our Mid-Winter Conference in Pasco. I am going to list these, so they are clear. If you have questions, **PLEASE CALL ME!**

1. **All even numbered Districts are required to provide a Gift Basket for a raffle. Be creative and have fun with it! All the proceeds will go to the hospital fund. The odd Districts or individual Auxiliaries may bring a gift basket if they wish, it will be most appreciated.**
2. **Each auxiliary is expected to bring 3 to 5 Gift Cards valued at \$5 to \$25 for a Poppy Flower Pick Game. You will get a chance for \$5.00 to pick a Poppy flower from a vase, if the stem is colored red, you get to pick a gift card at random. Cards can be from Walmart, Fred Meyer, Target, Starbucks, Amazon, or fast-food chains. Please try in tape the verification receipt to it, we have had problems in the past with unverified card. Be mindful that they must be able to be used across the state. All the proceeds will go to the hospital fund.**
3. **We need Grab Bags. Grab Bags are sold for \$1.00. Please fill a lunch sized sack with something valued at \$1 to \$3. Some ideas are water bottle and granola bar, instant microwavable cup of soup with a spoon, macaroni and cheese, packaged snack packs of cookies or cheese and crackers, note pads and pen or pencil, word search, gloves, scarves; the \$1.25 store is great for these kinds of finds. Please note or label if it is gender specific. It does not have to be fancy, but not junk folks are going to toss in the garbage - just thoughtful items that can and will be used! All the proceeds will go to the hospital fund.**

If you have paid your Hospital Pledge THANK YOU!!! If not please pay your \$3.00 per member Hospital Pledge ASAP; mail it to Cindy Burkey, Dept. Treasurer. Our Volunteer Service Representatives in the hospitals and homes depend on it for the extra needs of our Veterans.

The rest of this bulletin has some repeated information.

A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER:

We serve ALL VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, and THEIR FAMILIES.

ANY VETERAN or SERVICE MEMBER at ANY facility, hospital, nursing home, or private home facility.

ALWAYS coordinate with the person/s at the facility before visiting, donating, or bringing items. Mailings and hands free drop off at the door can be arranged.

REPORT ALL ACTIVITY!!! Keep track of hours, materials/items, monies donated on your report for Hospital. You will need this for your year-end report.

Here is a partial list of hospital requests. At the very end you will find addresses for each of the Veteran Facilities here in the state. **Please contact me for more information and how to reach out to specific VAVS Representatives for donation information.**

Holiday Greeting Cards are always needed and welcomed.

The easiest way to address these is to **“Any Resident or Patient”**. Include a cute short note such as, thinking of you, wishing you warm memories of holiday seasons passed.

Remember people in your local nursing and senior homes. Addresses provided so you don't have to look them up.

Walla Walla Wainwright VAMC CLC

Volunteer Services

77 Wainwright Dr

Walla Walla, WA 99362-3975

Walla Walla Veterans Home

Volunteer Services

99 Wainwright Dr

Walla Walla, WA 99362-3975

Spokane/Mann Grandstaff VAMC CLC

Volunteer Services

4815 N Assembly St

Spokane, WA 99205-6197

Spokane Veterans Home
Volunteer Services
222 E 5th Ave
Spokane, WA 99205

VA Portland Health Care System
Vancouver Division VAMC
Volunteer Services
1601 E Fourth Plain Blvd
Vancouver, WA 98661

VA Puget Sound VAMC CLC
Volunteer Services
1660 S Columbian Way
Seattle, WA 98108

Orting Soldiers Home
Volunteer Services
1301 Orting Kapowsin Hwy
Orting, WA 98360

Retsil Veterans Home
Volunteer Services
1141 Beach Dr E
Port Orchard, WA 98366

American Lake VAMC CLC
Volunteer Services
9600 Veterans DR SW
Tacoma, WA 98493-5000

For a list of items needed or requested by our hospitals or veterans homes, please go to the Dept. Website, access Hospital and then click on Programs. You will find these lists there.

Have a wonderful winter season, stay warm and healthy. I hope to see many of you in Pasco.

Humbly,
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