## Hospital Program General Bulletin # 5 April 2025



Margie Lindberg <u>margiesvfwaux@yahoo.com</u> 206-669-2344 12012 75<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Seattle, WA 98178 UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

This has been a successful year for the Hospital Program. So many of you really stepped up your volunteer engagement. I would like to share with you some of the information that I gathered from the 34 Auxiliaries reporting that will be sent in a report to my National Ambassador.

We have 57 Auxiliaries here in the state, 34 sent in a report, so 60%.

Of those 34 Auxiliaries, 96 members actively volunteered or helped with an event.

Those 96 members spent a total of 9,012 hours serving Veterans.

The 34 Auxiliaries that reported pledged and spent on craft materials, gifts, clothing, food and snacks, and other personal comfort items for Veterans a total of \$34,705.27\*.

- o NOTE: Many members ask what their pledge and donations go for. As I listed above, craft materials, gifts, clothing, food and snacks, and other personal comfort items. Monies have also been spent for picnic tables and umbrellas, TVs, popcorn machines basically anything the Federal Government or State Government does not provide for ... the little extras that make life comfortable and fun.
- o Of 57 Auxiliaries, as of March 31,2025 only 44 have paid their Hospital Pledge, for a total of \$19,038.00.
- o Of the 34 Auxiliaries that sent in a Hospital Report, only 30 paid their Hospital Pledge which came to a total of \$11,862.00.

\*This comes down to the fact that of the 34 Auxiliaries that reported spent an EXTRA \$22,843.27 for our Veterans in the hospitals and homes! Thank you!!!!!

Thirteen Auxiliaries have <u>not</u> honored their Hospital Pledge which leaves us with a shortfall of \$4,140.00 of our projected budget from the beginning of the year for our Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service Representatives. You can still send in your Pledge to Cindy Burkey, Dept. Treas. The pledges are greatly needed and most appreciated!

FINALLY, My Last Reminder as your Hospital Chair!

We serve <u>ALL</u> 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, and monies donated on your report for the Hospital. As I said before, you will need this for your year-end report.