## **Hospital Bulletin #2**

## Lori Nettles, Chairman

Wow we are already into November which means lots of upcoming holidays that will give us many opportunities to support all our veterans in all facilities. Remember there are many veterans that do not have anyone to come visit them and that the holidays can be very lonely for them. Send them a card, stop by to visit them. Come up with ways to bring smiles to their faces during what can be a very difficult time for some of them. The smallest action that is done with compassion, honor, and respect will result in the biggest smiles from our Veterans!

Have you paid your hospital commitment of \$3.00 per member yet? This money will ensure that we can continue to support our veterans in all our facilities. Please send your money to Department Treasurer Cindy as soon as possible. I will be reaching out to Cindy soon for a list and will be following up with the ones that have not sent theirs in. If you have sent yours in THANK YOU!

Robyn and I have started making the Hospital Visits. We visited Spokane VA and Veterans home a few weeks back. It was so nice to be able to visit the Veterans and see what each of the facilities is doing to support them. Thank you to all our VAVS representatives and deputies for all you do for all our Veterans in the facilities, you all make such a difference in their lives. We are both looking forward to visiting all of the facilities.

Please look at the Department Website and the Auxiliary Hospital Facebook page for important updates. I am hoping that we can use this to share ideas and provide information on the needs of each of the facilities.

Are you coming up with ways that your Auxiliary is helping the hospitalized veterans "see the light from the beacon of the lighthouse." Remember you can do this by sending cards, participating in local events, visiting veterans in VA's and local nursing homes and so much more. Please share with me what you are doing so that I can share with our members.

For Midwinter I am asking even numbered Districts to bring a basket for the raffle. Gift cards are also needed for a game that we will be playing. You can mail the gift cards to me, bring them, or send them with someone who is coming to Midwinter. In place of the grab bags, it was decided that we would do a 50/50. Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you for all that each of you do for our Veterans in our VA's and Nursing Homes. Nothing is too small to make a difference and remember that "From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans who keep us Free" will allow us to continue "Working together to keep the home fires burning.

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