

## **Hospital Bulletin #1**

**Lori Nettles, Chairman**

Welcome to a new year of hospital work as we work together to “Do it for those who can’t”.

Congratulations to all the Hospital Chairman, I am looking forward to making this a great year as we give back to those Veterans that have given so much to us.

We are very hopeful that we will continue to be able to get back into our VA’s as well as nursing homes soon so that we can continue to bring smiles to our Veterans. I wish to thank all the VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service) representatives for all the work that you continue to do to. I look forward to working with each of you this year.

One of the first things that I would like to ask each Auxiliary to do is pay their hospital commitment of \$3.00 per member. 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.

As you plan things to do for hospital this year, I would encourage you to look for different ways that you can support the hospitals. National is encouraging all of us to find new ways to acknowledge and entertain our residents. I look forward to hearing about what you come up with.

Remember you can have nonmembers volunteer alongside you. This would be a great way to let people in your community know what we do. You as well as the nonmember can earn Hospital Volunteer Service pins. Make sure to keep track of your VA and Non-VA Hours for the pins.

Don’t forget to honor Veterans on all holidays. Even if we are not able to get into the facilities you can send cards or extra donations so that the Hospital representatives can do extra things for our Veterans. Remember to do something special for the Non-Traditional Holidays as well. I will have something special at the end of the year for the most creative way that you celebrated the Non-Traditional Holidays. Have fun celebrating with our Veterans that are in our Hospitals and Nursing homes.

Also, I would encourage each of the Auxiliaries to do something for Women’s Veteran’s Health as well as the Honors Escort Program. Both are wonderful programs that we need to support.

We will again have the basket raffles at Midwinter and Convention. Even numbered Districts at Midwinter and Odd numbers Districts at Convention.

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. Remember that we can Do it for those who can’t and that Banding together for Our Veterans can make a world of difference to them.

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