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Auxiliaries are nearing the end of the year but the hospital work is never done! Volunteer work is endless whether you are able to volunteer in VA facilities or if still in lockdown, or volunteering outside the VA for hospitalized Veterans. * Have you sent cards or letters to veterans/women veterans? * What is your Auxiliary accomplishing with hospitalized veterans? * Is your Auxiliary remembering the hospitalized veterans on special occasions or holidays?

- ✚ **Look** in your neighborhood, community, church groups, gatherings, events, etc., if there are hospitalized veterans in need of rides to the hospital, rehab, assistance with appointments, or computer work to make appointments, or review their lab, Doctor summary, condition or disease reports, or education of their condition within the VA library.
- ✚ We were able to tour the **Tomah** VA facility, and saw some of the renovations in progress, and remodeling. It is still a work in progress but they are accomplishing a lot with volunteers and are able to assist veterans with their rehab programs.
 - Tomah has a **VA2K—May 18th**— Not open to community, but looking for Volunteers to escort inpatients.
 - **Fishing Tournament**, Thursday, **May 19th** —has been approved for Inpatients Only
 - For both events, they need Volunteers to help escort inpatients. All Volunteers must be Vaccinated and “Regular Volunteers” and comply with current COVID testing (could be swab or just temp screen)
- ✚ **Union Grove is in need of volunteers!** If anyone is able to volunteer at Union Grove please call and set up a date and time to volunteer. Union Grove is also in need of water for their new Homeless shelter. The Homeless shelter is a transitional living facility for homeless veterans with full wrap-around programming and services.
- ✚ **Zablocki VA medical Center** is very slowly returning volunteers to their positions. Some changes have to be made and they have been working diligently to figure them out. If items brought in that are new there is no quarantine!

It is never too late to **Donate to Hospital projects!** The donations help fund all rehab projects, PTSD, games, events, programs, and all other projects and events, rehab services and kits, etc.



- ✚ Remember Hospitalized Veterans on **Memorial Day May 30th** (send cards, letters, call veterans, send “Hope Box”, games, appreciation letters, baskets of gift items, etc.). **June 27 is National PTSD Awareness Day.** Educate yourself on the symptoms of PTSD, spread the word in your Auxiliary, Post, community, events, programs, etc. Spread the word on social media, etc. Paint rocks that you are thinking of the Veterans, color pictures, sew, etc. or call me for ideas! Don’t forget the Women Veterans! There are new and exciting ways the VA has to offer women veterans in our communities with podcasts like “She Wears the Boots,” an official VA sponsored podcast.
<https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/WOMENSHEALTH/LatestInformation/swtb.asp>

Remember our mission is never-ending because we continue to cultivate and “*Honor Our Mission to Serve our Hospitalized Veterans.*”

“Don’t FUDGE on Care for Veterans” as we’re “Soaring Above and Beyond”



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