

# Hospital Program



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## “Banding Together for Our Veterans”

The Auxiliary Hospital Program is essential to our veterans and equally rewarding to the volunteers who dedicate their time to serve those that have served.

The pandemic has altered our Hospital Program in many ways, but the goal is still the same. Our new normal in volunteering may never resemble the way we used to do it, however, the need is still there. Check with Voluntary Services to find your fit in volunteering!

**Perry Point: Brandi Sima Voluntary Service Specialist  
410-642-1038 ext. 2-2411**

Tai Chi instructors  
VTN drivers and Office Assistants  
Sunday Protestant Chaplain  
Service (Escort)

**Baltimore: David Sevinsky 410-605-7102**

Guides for the Musicians on Call program.  
VTN drivers contact **James Perry 410-605-7000 ext. 55505.**

**Glen Burnie:**

VTN drivers  
Office support  
VTN Coordinator

**Loch Raven: Pamela Green 410-605-7000 ext. 5-5877**

Chaplain Service (escort)  
Out-patient clinic coffee station  
Red Coat Ambassador/My HealtheVet Volunteer



Members, non-members and youth can volunteer in many different types of facilities under this Program. The needs above are just a few of our most urgent needs within the VA Maryland Healthcare System. The volunteer opportunities are based on the facility where you are volunteering. Many facilities will have varying types of opportunities to suit different ages and abilities. Inquire at your local facility and ask how you can assist them.



## HOW VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERS PARTICIPATE:

- PARTICIPATE IN PROJECTS VOTED ON AND ACCEPTED BY THE AUXILIARY.
- MAKE ITEMS SUCH AS LAP ROBES, HATS, QUILTS, CARDS, ETC
- FUNDRAISER FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S HOSPITAL FUND.
- ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERS IN ALL MEDICAL FACILITIES
- PROMOTE PROJECTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY.
- PRESENT HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES.
- ORDER VFW AUXILIARY HOSPITAL PINS FOR TOTAL HOURS EARNED FROM ALL FACILITIES.
- HOURS ARE EARNED IN ALL VA AND NON-VA FACILITIES.



### Volunteer Recruitment

New volunteers are needed every day in every facility. They help create a friendly and caring atmosphere and can offset many healthcare expenses.

Veterans Hospitals

Local Hospitals

Nursing Homes

Domiciliaries - VA domiciliaries are used currently for VA's **Domiciliary Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs**; Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program; Health Maintenance Domiciliary Beds Program; General Domiciliary or Psychosocial Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program; Domiciliary Substance Abuse Programs; and Domiciliary Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Programs.

# Celebrating Non-Traditional Holidays

While our veterans have come to enjoy special days like Christmas and Valentine's Day for Veterans. I would like to shake it up and celebrate the little-known special days of the year.

With this innovative way to entertain our hospitalized or long-term care patients, they are sure to have some good times between the traditional holidays we celebrate yearly. Some facilities still do not allow visitors nor volunteers to deliver and hand out any giveaways or decorations, so contact each facility to confirm their current protocol.

Don't forget about the staff and doctors.

Have your auxiliary start planning fun days!

Here is a great link for you to start planning your fun Day

[www.calendar.com/united-states/observances-2023](http://www.calendar.com/united-states/observances-2023)



## These are just a few Non-Traditional Holidays

Always be a month ahead on the special days that you want to celebrate.

January 19<sup>th</sup> is National Popcorn Day

March 4<sup>th</sup> is National Hug a G.I. Day

June 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Donut Day

July 7<sup>th</sup> is World Chocolate Day

August 7<sup>th</sup> is Left Hander Day

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE HOSPITAL PROJECTS



### Valentines for Veterans

Share the love we have for our veterans and service members this Valentine's Day by sending a store-bought or handmade valentine, hosting a party, recognition event or dinner in their honor. Fellow members, individuals and groups in your community can use their creativity to show compassion for our veterans and service members.

### Women Veterans Health Care

Women have served our nation for generations and are the fastest-growing group within the veteran population. Comprehensive health services are available and tailored to the unique needs of women veterans. Learn about the resources and health care services available and help them receive the benefits and services they deserve.

### WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CARE



*You served, you deserve  
the best  
care anywhere*



### Honors Escort

The Honors Escort Program is an opportunity to honor each veteran in a respectful and open manner and provides an opportunity for a veteran's family and friends, other veterans and medical facility staff to participate in a display of high regard and reverence for the individual at the time of death.



# VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program

## *Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Volunteers*

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### WHAT DOES A VAVS VOLUNTEER DO?

Volunteer assignments vary depending on the needs of the facility and at the direction of the facility's Voluntary Service Program Manager. Voluntary Service Program Managers place volunteers in assignments which permit them to utilize knowledge & skills, offer opportunities for learning, compliment their physical capabilities and contribute to the needs of the facility.

Once accepted, volunteers will be required to complete orientation and receive information concerning assignments, policies and procedures, infection control, fire and safety and liability. Each volunteer will be entered into the Voluntary Service System (VSS) which is used to record volunteer hours.

Volunteers should never discuss Veteran benefits eligibility information with a patient. Veteran benefits counseling is not a VAVS assignment.

### TYPES OF VAVS VOLUNTEERS

- **Regularly Scheduled (RS) Volunteers:** RS volunteers are individuals who participate in the VAVS Program on a regularly scheduled assignment under VA supervision. Frequency of participation is determined by the local VA facility. RS volunteers are officially authorized to serve when the RS volunteer has:
  1. Signed the "Wavier of Claims to Remuneration and Appointment Agreement," as contained in VA Form 10-7055.
  2. Been approved for assignment by the Voluntary Service Program Manager or designee.
  3. Participated in required screenings, background checks, finger-printing, interviews, orientations and training prescribed by the VA facility.
  4. Completed a trial period as established by the VA facility.
- **Occasional/Episodic Volunteers:** Occasional or episodic volunteers are those individuals serving under the VAVS Program who do not meet the requirements of RS volunteers. Individuals frequently volunteer with a group or organization on an occasional basis.
- **Sponsored Volunteers:** Non-members of the VFW Auxiliary who wish to serve under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship and supervision as volunteers at VA and non-VA facilities or in VA community-based programs. They must be interviewed and screened in the same manner as VFW Auxiliary members. Upon acceptance, sponsored volunteers are governed by the same ethics and rules prescribed for members.
- **Student Volunteers:** Student volunteers are under the age of 18 and must have written parental or guardian approval to participate in the VAVS Program. They must also have written authorization for diagnostic and emergency treatment if injured while volunteering. The minimum age for volunteers is determined by the facility.



# We Need You! Become A Hospital Volunteer



## Everyone Can Make an Impact on the Life of a Veteran. Even You!

The VFW Auxiliary is recruiting volunteers for our Hospital Program. If you and/or your family (including children) have a few hours weekly, monthly, or occasionally, and are interested in serving those who served our great nation, please contact us to find out more about our volunteer opportunities.\*

*\*You do not need to be a member of the VFW Auxiliary to volunteer with us!*

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

greeter • shuttle driver • patient attendant • patient meal assistant • administrative assistant • reader • letter writer • musician • and more!

### **VOLUNTEER BENEFITS**

learn new skills • gain experience • stay mentally and physically active • meet new people • try something new • increase self-confidence • give back to our nation's veterans • make a difference • have fun!

### **LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

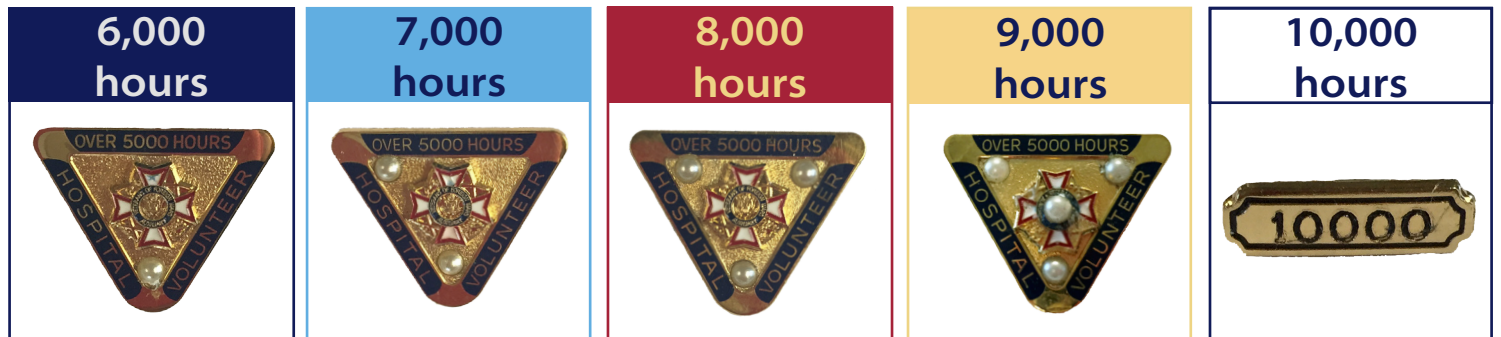
For more information, visit [www.vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/hospital](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/hospital)

# VFW Auxiliary Hospital Volunteer Service Pins

Pins bearing the VFW Auxiliary emblem and designating the number of hours a volunteer has devoted to hospital work will be awarded to members in good standing who have volunteered a minimum of 150 hours under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship in any hospital (VA and non-VA). ONLY the pin or bar indicating the highest number of accumulated hours, per request, will be awarded and should be worn.




Pins between 6,000 and 9,000 hours are triangular with an additional pearl for each 1,000 earned. A bar guard signifying 10,000 hours may be attached to this pin, and bar guards are available for each additional 1,000 hours.





**Sponsored Hospital Volunteer Pin**

The sponsored hospital volunteer/student volunteer who volunteers a minimum of 100 hours under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship in any VA or non-VA facility is eligible to receive this pin from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters. *This award is for non-members and only one pin awarded during volunteer's lifetime.*



**Hospital Recruiting Charm**

A charm from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will be awarded to each member recruiting one or more volunteers between July 1 and May 31. These charms are available for both VFW Auxiliary members and sponsored hospital volunteers/student volunteers.

**NOTE:** Please apply for pins when accumulated hours are earned by volunteer. Applications for hospital volunteer service pins are available online in MALTA Member Resources. Applications are to be prepared by the local VFW Auxiliary Hospital Chairman. All pins are available from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at no cost to the Department, Auxiliary, member or non-member volunteer. If you have questions, please contact VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at 816.561.8655 or [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org).





# Hospital

## 2021-2022 Report Form

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Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting Period: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

**This month - Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Projects Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers # \_\_\_\_\_**

Hospital Volunteers - VA and non VA Medical Facility: Number of Volunteers # \_\_\_\_\_ Hours # \_\_\_\_\_

New Hospital Volunteers Recruited Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Youth # \_\_\_\_\_

Did your auxiliary recognize hospital volunteers? # \_\_\_\_\_ of Hospital Appreciation Certificates

# \_\_\_\_\_ of Hospital Volunteer Pin Presented

Total number of hours that Sponsored Volunteers and/or students volunteered under the your auxiliary sponsorship and/or supervision of your auxiliary. # \_\_\_\_\_

Did your Auxiliary promote, participate in or host any activity listed below?

Honors Escort	Yes	No
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National Salute to Veteran Patients- Valentines for Veterans	Yes	No
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Veterans Health Care (VHA)	Yes	No
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Women Veterans Health Care Program	Yes	No
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Did your Auxiliary promote, participate in or co-host with your VFW Post, any of the activities below?

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Hospital Treat donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital Fund donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other projects or activities (use additional sheet if necessary):