



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY HOSPITAL PROGRAM



February 2025

To My Maryland Rays of Sunshine,

Thank you to all auxiliaries that sent their Hospital Fund and Hospital Treat. You made it possible for Department President Debbie Sturgis and Chief of Staff Betty Ann Johnson along with our Representatives and Deputy Representatives to present these generous checks.



Perry Point VAMC VAVS Rep Cheri Brown and Deputy Rep Nancy Shenk presenting check for \$2,000.



Loch Raven VAMC VAVS Rep Patty Palmer presenting check for \$2,000.



Baltimore VAMC VAVS Rep Cynthia Davis presenting check for \$2,000.



Item and Volunteer Need Requests

Perry Point	Loch Raven
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's sneakers • Men's winter boots • Men's winter gloves • Monday and/or Thursday Coffee Station 8a to 12p • CDCE Office Volunteer • Red Coat Ambassadors, Fridays 8a to 12p • Escorts for Sunday Protestant Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee cart snacks • Lorna Doone cookies • Pre-packaged Folgers coffee • Coffee Station OPC AM • Escorts • Assistant for Recreation outings
<h3>Baltimore</h3>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweats for Vets - Urgent need for sweatshirts & sweatpants New and/or gently used, all sizes • Men's and Women's undergarments (all sizes) • Chapstick/lip balm • Trial size lotions, body wash, shaving creams & deodorant • Adult coloring books, colored pencils & ballpoint pens • Playing cards • Word Find puzzle books • Magazines (2024 and 2025) • Afternoon escorts • VTN Drivers • Red Coat Patient Ambassadors • Groups for activities during the week & weekend on 6A 	



Upcoming Events

National Salute to Veteran Patients Week (February 9-15, 2025) program pays tribute and expresses appreciation to America's Veterans, increases community awareness of the role of VA medical facilities, and encourages citizens to become involved in the care of Veterans through the VA CDCE program. If you are interested in visiting Veteran patients or providing additional support during National Salute to Veteran Patients Week, please contact your local Voluntary Service Specialist to schedule a visit or donation drop off. Please also encourage others to consider volunteering with the VA Maryland Health Care System.

Tell A Friend

Tell a friend about volunteering for Veterans at the VA Maryland Health Care System.

- Contribute to the Veteran community.
- Meet interesting people.
- Develop job skills.
- Earn community service hours towards school requirements.
- Explore career & educational opportunities.
- Gain valuable experience in a health care setting.
- Earn a free meal during four + hour shifts.
- Make a difference by giving back to others.

Serve those who served – our Nation's Veterans



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Thank you for everything you do for our hospitalized veterans. Cheer them up with a card or a visit.

Cynthia