



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND
VFW AUXILIARY
HOSPITAL PROGRAM
March 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 VAVS Representative Dee Russo at Wilmington VAMC to present a check for \$2000.00 & \$300.00 in canteen books to James Coty, Chief of Voluntary Services at Wilmington VA Medical Center.



National Salute to Veterans Week at Perry Point and Baltimore VAMCs

Left: Perry Point VAVS Rep Cheri Brown assists Maryland Gold Star Mothers

Volunteer Requests:

Perry Point volunteer needs:

Sunday 9am Protestant Service escorts
Monday coffee station 8am-noon
Temporary coffee coverage will also be needed Monday 8am-noon, at least through March
Roving musicians for CLC unit
Patient visitors for CLC unit

Baltimore volunteer needs:

Afternoon escorts
VTN Drivers
Red Coat Patient Ambassadors
Patient Visitors
Groups for activities during the week & weekend on 6A

Loch Raven volunteer needs:

Morning and afternoon escorts (M-F)

Attention Hospital Chairmen

Please submit your National Hospital Program Award Entry Forms. Form must be submitted by March 31st.

Remember – Send me your scheduled volunteers' hours. We want to be sure to show them how much we appreciate their service by presenting them with their appropriate pins.

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 at 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.

150 hours	300 hours	500 hours	1,000 hours	1,500 hours
2,000 hours	2,500 hours	3,000 hours	4,000 hours	5,000 hours
6,000 hours	7,000 hours	8,000 hours	9,000 hours	10,000 hours

Pins between 6,000 and 9,000 hours are triangular with an additional prong 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 150 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 volunteers. Applications for hospital volunteer service pins are available online in VAWA 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 816.541.8633 or info@vfwauxiliary.org.



Baltimore VA Baby Shower is scheduled for Saturday May 10th.

More information will be forth coming.



VFW Auxiliary National Hospital Volunteer Recruiter Award No. 1 & No. 2 2024-2025

No. 1 "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter" Citation to one VFW Auxiliary member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Winners will be announced and citations presented at the 2025 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

No. 2 "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year" Plaque awarded to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Winner will be announced and plaque presented at the 2025 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Membership No.: _____

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's VFW Auxiliary No.: _____ Department of _____

Total number of volunteers recruited: _____ Program Division Number: _____

In case of a tie, please consider the below information.

Number of hours served from July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. _____

Total lifetime hours served as a hospital volunteer: _____

Number of VA and non-VA facilities where the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter volunteers. _____

Number of other Hospital Programs has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter participated in. _____

What are the volunteer assignments? _____

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*Auxiliary Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Hospital Volunteer Recruiter form with the most total volunteers recruited to the Department Hospital Chairman by **March 31, 2025**.*

Department Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*The Department Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Hospital Volunteer Recruiter form with the most total volunteers recruited to the National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord by **April 30, 2025**.*

Forms sent to National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.

National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord will select the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter with the most total volunteers recruited in each of the 10 Program Divisions and one Hospital Volunteer Recruiter in the nation with the most volunteers recruited to be recognized at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.



VFW Auxiliary National Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year Award No. 3 2024-2025

No. 3 "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year" Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Winners will be announced and citation presented at the 2025 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Eligibility:

- Volunteer may be any VFW Auxiliary member who serves as a VFW Auxiliary Hospital Volunteer in any medical facility in your Department (VAMC, military, community, children's hospital, nursing home, therapy center or clinic).
- Volunteer must serve from July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.
- Volunteer hours at VA and non-VA facilities may be combined for award purposes.
- VAVS Representatives and Deputies are also eligible to be considered as Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year.

Hospital Volunteer's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hospital Volunteer's Membership No.: _____

Hospital Volunteer's VFW Auxiliary No.: _____ Department of _____

Total number of volunteers recruited: _____ Program Division Number: _____

Number of hours served from July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. _____

Total lifetime hours served as a hospital volunteer: _____

Number of VA and non-VA facilities where the Hospital Volunteer volunteered. _____

Number of other Hospital Programs that the Hospital Volunteer participated in. _____

What were the volunteer assignments? _____

Please attach a separate sheet with detailed information on why this VFW Auxiliary member is an Outstanding Hospital Volunteer.

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*Auxiliary Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year form to the Department Hospital Chairman by **March 31, 2025**.*

Department Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*The Department Hospital Chairman will select ONE Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year and will forward the completed form to National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord by **April 30, 2025**.*

Forms sent to National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.

National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord will select ONE Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the year in each of the 10 Program Divisions to be recognized at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.