



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY

**HOSPITAL
September 2025**



"A FORCE 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.

"BE A FORCE FOR OUR HOMELESS HOSPITAL VETERANS" speaks volumes. Supporting homeless veterans, especially those seeking care at VA hospitals, is both urgent and deeply honorable. Here's how you can help amplify and support this project:

- Write compelling donation appeals, press releases, and social media posts
- Draft speeches or talking points for community events or VFW Auxiliary meetings
- Create flyers or brochures that highlight the mission and impact
- Provide convenient drop-off bins within your community
- Schedule a weekly pickup to keep bins from overflowing
- Organize Veteran Food Drive Saturdays with local businesses

Engage Local Organizations


- Ask schools, scout troops, and civic clubs to run mini-drives
- Offer a printable "Food Drive Kit" with flyers, checklists, and talking points
- Recognize groups publicly—think certificates, social media shoutouts, or newsletter features

We're collecting:


- Ready-to-eat meals (pop-top cans, protein bars, fruit cups)
- Bottled water and juice boxes
- Snack packs and hygiene items


**Help us feed those who've served—
right here in Maryland.**

Report... Report... Report... and be recognized!

 Reporting Reminder – Your Chance to Win!

Submit your monthly report and earn a raffle ticket for each qualifying entry.

 Reports must cover one calendar month—multiple reports for the same month will count as one entry.

 All entries will be entered into a drawing at the Department Convention, where one winner from each membership group will receive a \$25 prize!

Your reports help us showcase the incredible work you do—and now they could bring a little extra reward too!

VAVS REPS & DEPS please attend your meetings and report your wish list from your assigned hospital.

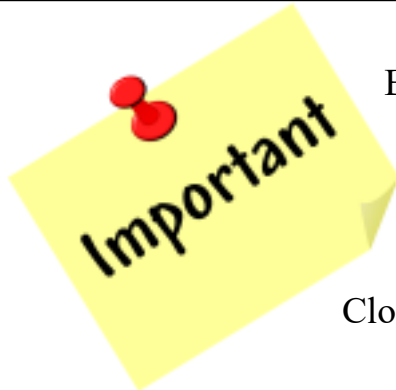
If your auxiliary hasn't made donations Hospital Funds and Hospital Treats, please remind them.

Thinking of you and get-well cards are always welcome donations to the VA Hospitals

Upcoming events:

Baby Shower at Martinsburg VAMC is September 4th

The DC VA Medical Center is gearing up for its annual Winterhaven Homeless Veterans Stand Down, November 1st



Be mindful of toiletries donations - we need to consider allergies and expiration dates.

All lotions and shampoos must be in original container with unbroken seal. No used products.

Clothing should be clean and useable.



Cynthia, A.K.A. Princess Leia