



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY

HOSPITAL

December 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.

The cost of our freedom can be seen at any VA Hospital.

Merry Christmas

Please keep our **Homeless Veteran Project** in mind. If you are attending the Christmas Conference, consider bringing a monetary donation, and note "Hospital Homeless Project" on the memo line.

Christmas Gift Program for Hospital Patients – Auxiliary members may participate by arranging Christmas carol performances or delivering gifts to patients. Volunteers may serve as Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, or elves in a respectful and organized manner.



Valentines for Veterans- Salute Week



This Valentine's Day, let's show our appreciation for veterans and service members by sending them store-bought or handmade valentines, or by organizing events like parties, recognition ceremonies, or dinners in their honor. Members can get creative in expressing their gratitude and compassion for these individuals.

Donation Needs

Baltimore:

- Sweats for Vets - New and/or gently used sweat tops and bottoms, all sizes
- Knit hats and gloves
- New Men's and Women's undergarments (all sizes)
- Playing cards
- Word Find puzzle books
- Magazines (2024 and 2025)

Loch Raven:

- Shaving Cream
 - Splenda- individual packets
 - Sugar
- Coffee- Folgers (Classic Blend) ground or prepacked filters
- Items for coffee cart:
 - Peanut butter crackers
 - Popcorn (individual packs)
 - Breakfast cereal bars (soft)
 - Oreos cookies
 - Lorna Doones cookies
 - Soft Mini muff ins (blueberry)
 - Milano Cookies (Pepperidge Farm)

Perry Point:

- Full size toiletries
 - Body wash
 - Shampoo
 - Body wash/shampoo combo bottles
 - Lotion (whole body)

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.

Volunteer Needs

Perry Point:

Coffee Station: Monday and/or Friday mornings

Red Coat: Thursday mornings 8-noon

Protestant Service Escorts: Sunday mornings

Loch Raven:

Escort Wednesday mornings.

Baltimore:

VTN (volunteer) drivers for Baltimore & Glen Burnie Red Coat Ambassadors

Make a donation to Wilmington VAMC

Contact us

For more information on donating items or to schedule a drop off time, please contact our Voluntary Service office coordinators:

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Clothing (new items only)

- Gloves
- Hats (winter hats and baseball caps)
- Hooded sweatshirts
- Jeans and pants
- Long-sleeve shirts
- Shower shoes, flip-flops
- Sneakers and shoes
- Socks
- Suspenders and belts
- Sweatpants
- Sweatshirts
- T-shirts
- Underwear (all men's and women's sizes)
- Winter coats

Assorted items

- Chess and checkers sets
- Disposable cups, napkins, plates, forks, and spoons
- Fleece blankets (twin size)
- Gift cards for gas and groceries (\$10 to \$25 each card)
- Ground coffee
- Markers and other craft items for art projects
- Personal-size bedside fan (not floor models)
- Puzzles
- Puzzle books, unused
- Reading glasses (1.25 and higher) and eyeglass repair kits
- Wheelchair cup holders