



**DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND
VFW AUXILIARY**

**HOSPITAL
February 2026**



"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.

Valentines for Veterans

**National Salute Week to Veteran Patients
February 8th-14th**

The National Salute to Veteran Patients takes place during the week of February 14 every year. This year, it takes place from February 8 to 14. The purpose of the holiday is to honor and pay tribute to the brave military veterans who receive medical care at Veterans Affairs (V.A.) medical facilities. The holiday also seeks to create more awareness about the importance of these centers and encourage more people to visit and volunteer.

This year, make it a point of duty to celebrate and appreciate the veterans whose selfless service has contributed to the safety and peace of our country.



Pat yourselves on the back!!! See what we, as a department, have done for our hospitalized veterans -

Hospital Treats:

We were able to purchase \$10.00 Visa gift cards to be distributed to hospitalized patients during Salute Week.

Homeless Veteran Support Project:

Provided \$4,350.00 to assist in feeding hospitalized Veterans as they transition out of the hospital.

Donations to Maryland VA Hospitals:

Contributed a total of \$13,750.00 to the six Maryland VA hospitals.



Thank you, thank you, thank you, Auxiliaries and Districts.

During these cold weather months if you have gently used coats, please donate to your local VA hospital.



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.

Wish List

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)-Oreo cookies-Lorna Doone cookies-Soft Mini muffins (blueberry)-Milano Cookies (Pepperidge Farm)

Perry Point:

- Full size toiletries- Body wash- Shampoo- Body wash/shampoo combo bottles-Lotion (Whole Body).



Cynthia Davis, A.K.A. Princess Leia