

# **VFWA Department of NM**

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**Della Steege, National Hospital Ambassador**

**Victoria Jensen, Department VAVS Hospital Chairman**

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## **Promotional #1**

**June 18, 2023**

On May 19th, of this year I completed my 25th year volunteering. Due to the pandemic, I wasn't able to volunteer like I would have liked to. The VAMC in Albuquerque hasn't let us visit our hospitalized Veterans yet. When they do, I will be there. During the mean time, we can bring them items they need.

Our Ambassador, Della Steege has great ideas to promote non- traditional holidays like: July 7<sup>th</sup> World Chocolate Day, July 9<sup>th</sup> Sugar Cookie Day; August 7<sup>th</sup> Left Hander's Day; Jan 19<sup>th</sup> National Popcorn Day; Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Chocolate Cake Day; Feb. 3rd Four Chaplain's Day; March 4<sup>th</sup> National Hug a GI Day and April 12<sup>th</sup> Grill Cheese Day. Put your minds together and make up a day. Remember, it must be voted on and permission has to be granted at the facility you plan your event.

There are many units that need your help. If you don't have funds as of yet, there's used clothing like jeans and t-shirts to donate at the VA men's clothes closet. We also have a Women's clothes closet. A Veteran, (male or female) gets a form from their case worker to receive clothing. Donation drop off only on Fridays at the volunteer office (505) 256-2771.

Who can volunteer?

Members, non-members; youth and family members can volunteer. If you want to keep count of your hours, please go to the volunteer office and go through the process that's needed to get a badge. Call (505) 256-2771.

Where can I volunteer?

You can volunteer at Hospitals, Nursing homes; VA Facilities and Hospice Facilities. Whatever is in your area. Always speak to the director of the facility,

before volunteering. Ask for a sign in sheet. Report it to your President and me. We need to honor our volunteers with pins or certificates.

## **Let's play a card game!**

### **Play 50/50**

**Since there are so many wards and clinics in need of items, label cards with all the different clinics and wards to be able to choose one.**

**Duplicate the two deck of cards with " Ward 6c"; " Ward 7"; "infusion Clinic"; "men's clothes closet"; "women's clothes closet"; "Recreational therapy" "Fisher House" : Community Living Center" or "winner's pick", so you will have a choice. You can add more clinics if you want.**

**If you sell the cards at \$2.00 each, the Auxiliary will have \$52.00 left (after you pay the winner). The Auxiliary can buy snacks for the Fisher House, or colored pencils and notebooks for Ward C are just examples of what to buy. Let me know what clinic or ward was chosen, so I can text you their needs. You can call the Volunteer Office.**

**Get the comrades involved. Have some FUN!**

**Cc:**

**Beth Miller, Department President**

**Della Steege, Hospital Ambassador**

**District Presidents**

**Auxiliary Presidents and Hosp. Chairman**

