



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
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To: Paulette McCord, National Ambassador
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Hello New Mexico,

These next few months are holidays and what better way to bring the ray of sunshine to our Veterans. Be creative as you volunteer in the VA hospitals, senior centers, and other facilities. Halloween is the holiday. We don't want to scare our Veterans so what can we do to brighten their day.

Ask the facility if you can visit with our patients. If you are able, bring them a goody bag with sugar free candy, water, maybe a journal and pen/pencil, a card they can send to a loved one. It is going to start to get cold, possibly provide them with a pair of socks or a lap blanket. You can place your items in a Halloween Bag.

Account for those who may not be able to have peanut butter, solid food or any candy. Think of ways that you can provide them with other items to bring that smile to their face.

Always keep in contact with the VA facility regarding the number of patients, if you can visit with them, how many are able to have water and solid food/candy. Make sure to wear your auxiliary shirts, polos, name badges, etc., so they know who you are. Be very respectful and always say Thank You for Your Service with a smile.

The calendar you received from me has the following:

National Apple Month
National Pasta Month
National Pizza Month
Vegetarian Month

Think outside the box and see what you can do with these items. Bring them a goody bag with an apple. Play bingo at the VA or another facility and provide pizza. There are many things you can do for our Veterans.

It is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. You can have a fundraiser for Cancer and raffle a Pink Basket as one of our Auxiliaries will be doing now in October. Raise funds by having a dinner or luncheon. Funds raised can help purchase items for our Hospitalized Veterans or those who have appointments at the VA.

Wear your pink, honor those who were able to beat cancer, remember those we have lost and continue to support those who are going through cancer at this time. They need our thoughts and prayers.

Please don't forget to Report your hours, miles, items purchased and the amount that was paid for the items. Report this information on the NM Website behind log-in.

Don't hesitate to email or call if you have any questions.

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