



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
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HELLO NEW MEXICO!!

The holidays are upon us – time to bring sunshine and smiles to our Veterans. Start creating gifts or purchasing items for our Hospitalized patients.

If your VA allows, schedule a time to visit the wards. Set-up a date and time to play BINGO or have some pumpkin pie and a small gift for each Veteran. Continue to make lap robes and start to think of the cold weather and how to keep them warm during the winter months. You could bring hats, gloves and scarves.

Look to some of your members and their children. Do they belong to any sports teams, church groups, school youth group, etc. Adopt a youth group and have them help you put baskets together, make cards, placemats for their meals. Ask them how they can help you and listen to their ideas. Also, recruit Volunteers who can go into the hospitals and nursing homes to bring the ray of sunshine. It won't always be sunny outside, think outside the box.

On another note, this past month was Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Don't forget those who are going through cancer. In November we have lung cancer (White/Pearl), Gastric cancer (Periwinkle) and pancreatic cancer (Purple) awareness.

Highlight our members who are making a difference. How are they helping hospitalized Veterans? How many hours do they volunteer and in what capacity. Keep track of all your hours and plan a Volunteer luncheon or dinner. Don't forget the hospital pins.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email.

Happy Thanksgiving to You and Your Families!!

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