



## **Hospital Promotional Message – December**

Season's greetings as we close out 2025. As we approach the holidays, let us remember and support our Veterans and their families. The Auxiliary's mission is to provide comfort and cheer, especially to those in hospitals and care facilities.

New Mexico supports three key institutions: the VA Hospital in Albuquerque, Ft Bayard in Santa Clara, and Tor C in Truth or Consequences. Consider extending your generosity to these or other local centers, such as skilled nursing or assisted living facilities with Veteran residents. Many Veterans have limited family nearby, and your outreach can make a meaningful difference.

For Christmas, Ft Bayard requests colorful cards, lap blankets, and knitted hats. TorC Hospital welcomes holiday gift bags, T-shirts or socks, and sugar-free candy. The VA Hospital is seeking men's underwear, puzzle books, canteen books, writing materials, backpacks, comfort items, reading glasses, nail clippers, and belts. If you wish to contribute, please contact me, Shelly Ravak (TorC), or Mary Girl Sanchez (Ft Bayard).

Volunteering supports not only the facilities and staff but, most importantly, our Veterans. A Veteran is someone who has selflessly served our country. Let us honor their commitment to this holiday season.

Best wishes for a joyful holiday, Barbara Santillanes\ Department Hospital Chair, NM

