



VFW Auxiliary
Department of New Mexico
Hospital Program

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From: Jeanette D Garcia, Department Chairman, New Mexico

Hello New Mexico,

How can we volunteer at our VA Facilities and Non-VA Facilities. Our Facilities are always looking for volunteers to help in many ways. There are times that you can do some volunteering from home. You can either volunteer in the Hospital program or the VAVS Program. What is the difference:

Hospital Program

Members Participate after Auxiliary has Voted on projects.
Provide Handmade items
Auxiliaries will have fundraisers to provide necessities to patients at the Hospital

VAVS Program

Become Certified/Trained Volunteers
Sign required documents
Comply with VAVS Guidelines
Supervised by a VA employee
Hours earned at VA facilities

Within the Hospital program there are many other locations and facilities that an Auxiliary may participate in, such as hospitals, nursing homes, veterans' homes, VA facilities and other wings of a hospital. New Mexico has (3) facilities: Raymond G. Murphy VA Hospital in Albuquerque, T or C Veterans Home and Ft. Bayard Veterans Wing.

Please make sure that you call ahead of time to see if you can visit patients on each of the wards. You may bring lap robes, holiday goodies, blankets, and any needs that are requested by the hospital. The Department and Auxiliary Hospital Chairman will provide you with the necessary information.

Recruit volunteers, keep track of your hours with the facility you are working with, report the needs of the hospital, work closely with the VAVS Representative, **report monthly**.

I have attached a calendar for you. It lists monthly celebrations. Please review the calendar and see what has been highlighted each month, for example, now in August, it is National Peach Month, call your hospitals or Non-VA Facility and see if you can deliver peaches to our veterans.

It is also Sandwich month. Make or purchase sandwiches and serve to our Veterans while you are playing Bingo.

Report to me what you have done to bring a smile to their face. If you used the calendar, tell me which celebration you chose, how you used the celebration and how many veterans you visited.

There are so many ways to bring a Ray of Sunshine to our Veterans. As long the Facility approves, visit with them and bring that smile to their faces. They love to hear “Thank You”, but more importantly they would love to see you visit.

Bring a Ray of Sunshine



Thank you to all the Hospital Chairman and your hard work with our Veterans. Don't forget to Report and have a Smile on your face when you visit our Veterans.

Loyally,
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