

Calling Auxiliary Members, it is time to start preparing for.....

February 11th

to February 17th, 2024



As “soldiers” they all put on the uniform ready to defend and protect this country, many are now called “Veterans” and now may find themselves in VA hospitals across the same country they have served receiving medical care.....



As members of the VFW Auxiliary, we are blessed to have the opportunity to roll up our sleeves and turn our attention to thanking these hospitalized Veterans for their service but also to thank and bring attention to the staff that cares for them. **This is where we can all help to honor them.....**

*“This day is a great opportunity to honor the selfless men and women who laid down their lives for our country. Even if their active years of service may be over, they will always stand tall as heroes in our hearts.” As stated on the VHA website for **Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week***



Reach out to your members, your families, students, church groups, friends, and anyone else that wants to lend a hand and have a *Valentines Card Challenge*, who can create and collect the most cards to be presented to Veterans in Hospital facilities (don't forget to have some prizes to offer for the winners).



DON'T STOP THERE, YOU CAN DO MORE!

Do you love to bake, well I am sure there are a lot of Veteran patients who would love to have some of your homemade cookies! Of course, you know the protocol, contact the facility of your choosing, and ask those in charge if this is ok and are there any restrictions because of dietary issues, you don't know until you ask!



- Sponsor a Bingo Game
- Sponsor an Ice Cream Social
- Bring in Craft activity to do as a group!
- Sponsor a Movie Night
- Bring cookies and spend time visiting patients and talk with them.
- Need other ideas? Just ask the staff!



Any ideas to help celebrate and honor these Veterans should be approved thru the Community Living Center Recreation Staff by calling Kristina Totman-Marshall @ 603 624-4366 X2308



The VA in Manchester has not announced their plans for the week of 02/11/24 - 02/17/24 as far as honoring Hospitalized Veterans, I will email as soon as it is announced and confirmed!



- As I have shared the purpose of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans is to:
 - ✓ Pay tribute to these heroes and express our appreciation.
 - ✓ Promotes community awareness of the care at VA facilities.
 - ✓ Encourage volunteerism at VA hospitals.

- As I have shared, the goal of the Hospital Program is to participate and support:
 - Valentines for Veterans, National Salute to Veteran Patients on 2/11th to 2/17th 2024.
 - You have two months to start sharing ideas, making plans, setting it in motion, recruiting helpers and.....
 - Carrying out the task to Honor & Share your love for Veterans!
 - **Questions** - do not hesitate to contact Madeline at Cell 603 508-0843 or email: madelinelaufw@aol.com

Thank You

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