

	Hospital/VAVS November-December 2023-2024	Cathline Vest 10295 Hwy 7 Clinton, MO 64735 816.223.7412 cvest28@gmail.com
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Throughout the year, our focus will be on the **2023-2024 Hospital/VAVS Goals:**



- Celebrating Traditional and non-Traditional Holidays including Valentines for veterans.
- Recruiting and engaging our Members’ and Non-Members as volunteers.
- Community Care, Telehealth and Compassionate Contact Corps
- Women’s Health Care

➤ Educate our local VA and non-VA medical facilities about the Honor Escort Program

The leaves will soon be turning and there will be a nip in the air and cabin fever will soon here. Celebrating the traditional holidays with our veterans are probably already on your calendar. November: 10-USMC Day, 11th-Veteran’s Day, 23rd Thanksgiving, December: 7th-Pearl Harbor Day, 25th Christmas Day, 31st New Years Eve, Here’s a few non-traditional ideas that I hope will encourage your to do something special for our veterans.

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
6 th Nat’l Nacho Day	1 st Eat a Red Apple Day
13 th Caregiver Appreciation Day	8 th National Brownie Day
16 th Have a Party with Your Bear Day	13 th Ice Cream Day
28 th French Toast Day	21 st Crossword Puzzle Day

You can make an impact in the Hospital Program this year with the BITS 4 VETS fundraising drive. My challenge to Missouri this year is to *stand up* and Cheer:



Two Bits - Four Bits - Eight Bits – A Dollar
All for our Veterans, Stand Up And HOLLER!

Imagine how big of an impact \$0.25, \$0.50, or even \$1 will have for our Veterans. **“BITS 4 VETS”** will ensure that the Department Hospital Program will remain funded in the coming years and our hospitalized veterans are not forgotten

Volunteers are an integral part to the success of the Hospital Program. Almost *every* community has a nursing home that includes veteran residents who do not have spouses or close relatives to assist them. Volunteers that serve the Hospital Program are giving that extra hand, which, in turn helps lighten the load for staff, improves the life of our veterans. Include some non-traditional holiday celebrations and don’t forget to recognize the staff that are there daily for our veterans.

Hospital Volunteer Service Pins! Members have the opportunity to earn Hospital Volunteer Service Pins from National Headquarters for their volunteer hours. Information on hours required and required forms may be obtained from the Department Hospital Program Chairman or vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

Be sure to print the 2023-2024 Hospital/VAVS Year End Report for your Auxiliary members to use as a guideline in working towards the 2023-2024 Hospital/VAVS Department Awards. I am looking forward to all the amazing ways you will be serving our veterans in the Hospital/VAVS Program as we move forward through our **“Show-Me Year”** while **“Banding Together for Our Veterans.”**

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