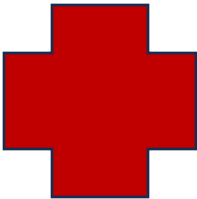

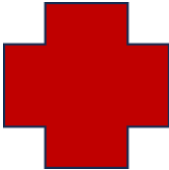




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<p><b>Crafting at Home</b></p> <p>#MohospitalVAVS</p>	<p>How about making coasters? You can make them by sewing, plastic canvas, crocheting and even wood blocks. Use your imagination. Contact the Liaison of your nearest veterans’ home and see what they would like at that particular facility.</p>
<p><b>National President Brenda Bryant</b></p> <p><b>Operation Bottom Cover.</b></p>	<p>Our own National President Brenda Bryant has a special project called <b>Operation Bottom Cover</b>. This is to help get diapers and wipes to veterans and active service members. Diapers and wipes are expensive, if there is one thing we can do to help young families, it is sharing these items. Bring them to the C of A. We will make sure they get where they need to go.</p> 
<p><b><u>Missouri Veterans Homes</u></b></p> <p><b>St. James Veterans’ Home</b> 620 N. Jefferson St. James, MO. 65559</p> <p>1-573-265-3271</p>	<p><b>St. James</b> was founded in 1896 as the State Federal Soldiers Home. As the first Veterans Home to open its doors in the State of Missouri, we have been home to numerous Veterans who have served our nation across the globe. Since that time, we have been dedicated to providing the highest quality and compassionate care for our Veterans. In 1931, the Home was purchased by the State of Missouri and later renamed the Missouri Veterans Home in 1974. Positioned on 40 acres, the Home is surrounded by oak trees, some of which have stood since its original founding, much like the original Chapel standing strong today, a landmark in time to the Home. Today, the Missouri Veterans Home – St James is a beacon of pride for the community and its Veterans as it is a showcase to the American Heroes that live within. Administrator is Brittany Ritter and the Volunteer Services is Lanna Sowers. The Dept. of Mo. VFWA Veterans Home Liaison is Darla Nebel.</p>
<p><b>St. Louis Veterans’ Home</b> 10600 Lewis &amp; Clark Blvd St Louis, MO. 63136</p> <p>1-314-340-6389</p>	<p><b>St. Louis</b> opened its doors in 1993 and for over 20 years, has offered Veterans a place to call Home. As you enter the grounds you will notice a large artillery tank and the beautiful atrium windows in the front of the building. Veterans and Team members can often be found in the dining room playing Bingo or in the activities room playing cards or watching movies. They also offer a variety of outings for Veterans to get outside the Home and enjoy the community. The Administrator is Leonard Rhine and the Volunteer Services is Sherita Cosby. The Dept. of Mo. Veterans Home Liaison is Rosemary Wood.</p>

<p><b>Handmade</b></p>  <p><b>Cards</b></p>	<p>Make cards for 9/11 to remember the day that we said we would NEVER forget. 9/20 is Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day is another. Is there someone who is in a nursing home who is missing a loved one who hasn't come home? Make a card for them. 10/31 is Halloween, these are fun cards to make. Get your children to help you. The unusual days listed below are fun cards to make also.</p>
<p><b>VAVS Reps AND Veterans' Homes Liaisons</b></p>	<p>Monthly Reporting...I know this is a new thing for some of you. I want to know what you are doing in your Veterans Homes and the Hospitals. Are there some things your home has extra of and will be willing to share with another home? Does your home NEED something, if so maybe I can help in facilitating in helping that need. This is a way we can help ALL of our homes. Coming soon will be Criteria for the Homes.</p>
<p><b>Online Reporting</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.vfwauxmo.org">www.vfwauxmo.org</a></p>	<p>Don't forget to report your projects. Hospital only has 5 questions.</p> 
<p><b>Physicians' RX</b></p> 	<p>Have you sent in your donations yet? Make your donations early and often. How about a fundraiser for a hospital or nursing home? I am here to help in any way for your success in helping our veterans'.</p> <p>Don't forget to use the hashtag <b>#MohospitalVAVS</b> when you post on social media.</p> <p>Until next time, be safe and work, work like the ants, as a team.</p> <p>~ Dr. Karen ~</p>