
	<p>"Be the Reason a Veteran Smiles Today" by "Having a Heart for Hospitalized Veterans."</p>	<p>The Brick Road to the Department of Missouri Hospital Program</p>  <p>July/August 2025-2026</p>	<p>Karen Cypret 22222 Whiplash Lane Washburn, Mo. 65772 417-342-7652 <a href="mailto:mohospitalvavs.kcypret@gmail.com">mohospitalvavs.kcypret@gmail.com</a></p> <p>"From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans – Who Keep Us Free" we should be "Caring for Our Veterans Like the Ocean Caring for the Waves."</p>
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What kind of plans does your Auxiliary have for those veterans who live in nursing homes and hospitals?



Will you be shooting off fireworks with them, holding a "bar" night, or ice cream social? Or will you take some members and do a "drive-through car wash" with them, spraying them with a hose as they walk through with their walkers or ride through in their wheelchairs? These are just a few fun things you can partner with the homes for the veterans' amusement. Summertime is a fun time for all.

Use **#MehospitalVAVS** when you are posting on social media.

Department President Patti Burge's special project is the Hospital Program. Please send donations often to this program. If you don't have it in your standing rules to make a yearly donation, make a motion to have a yearly donation of a specific amount in your Auxiliary standing rules. This way, you don't have to vote on it each year. Any other donation for the Hospital can be voted on during the year.

*National Hospital Ambassador Kim Copson* said, "As we continue to support our veterans', we want to keep bringing the bright smiles of sunshine to our veterans' faces, as they are the stars of this great nation." These words are inspirational to myself and I hope to you also as we strive to be the best for our veterans who need us the most, those who are hospitalized, living in a Veterans' Home or a nursing home.

Please let us know what you have been doing for our veterans.

How do you do that? By reporting it online.

Online Reporting at <https://vfwauxmo.org>



As we walk this yellow brick road toward veterans' healthcare needs, let us be ever mindful that they are more than deserving of our time and efforts by "having a heart for hospitalized veterans." Until next time... Let us keep our hearts turned toward our veterans. Karen