

 <p>“Be the Reason a Veteran Smiles Today” by “Having a Heart For Hospitalized Veterans.”</p> <p>Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services Representatives and Deputies Promotional Material</p>	<p>The Brick Road to the Department of Missouri Hospital Program</p>  <p>March/April 2025-2026</p>	<p>Karen Cypret 2222 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 Keeps Us Free” we should be “Caring For Our Veterans Like the Ocean Caring For the Waves.”</p>
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**FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD — REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!**

The Tin Man is listening... and **we want to hear from YOU!**

Tell us about your **favorite part of the Hospital Program** and the moments that truly touched your heart. Whether you were a volunteer, worked alongside hospital staff, or served with a VFW Auxiliary team, **your story matters.**

💡 What moment gave the Tin Man his heart? 🌟 Which project or event shined like the Emerald City? Your stories help light the way down the Yellow Brick Road and highlight the amazing work being done in VA Hospitals across Missouri.

**🎯 REPORT YOUR OUTSTANDING PROJECT!**

Was there a project that made you proud?

One that showed compassion, teamwork, and heart for our veterans? Tell us what you did, who helped make it happen, and why it mattered.

📧 Share your stories, photos, or even a short paragraph—we would love to feature **YOUR heart in action.** Because every project completed, every act of kindness, and every smile shared proves what the Tin Man already knows... **Missouri’s Auxiliary has plenty of heart.**



**Just a friendly reminder from the Tin Man:**

As we follow the Yellow Brick Road toward judging time, the reporting site will *pause* on **April 15** while program activities are reviewed. Don’t worry—after a little polish and shine, it will be back up and running on **May 1!**

Thank you for helping keep our programs strong and our hearts (and gears!) moving forward.

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