
 <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>May/June 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 Keeps Us Free" we should be "Caring for Our Veterans Like the Ocean Caring for the Waves."</p>
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The VAVS Reps and Deps are vital to the Hospital Program as they are the ones who serve in the VA medical facilities. These members participate as Regularly Scheduled (RS) volunteers or Occasional volunteers. As the Reps and Deps you were appointed by Department President Patti Burge. She has faith in your ability to perform this important position, as do I.

Volunteers should familiarize themselves with the rules of the facility they are visiting.

Regularly Scheduled (RS) volunteers perform the following:

- Comply with VAVS Guidelines
- Participate on a regular basis
- Supervised by a VA employee

Occasional volunteers: I'm sad to report

- Do not meet requirements of RS volunteers
- They volunteer with a group or organization occasionally

VAVS Reps, please schedule to have your Annual Joint Review (AJR) and with Volunteer Services. The deadline for the completion of the form is January 30. You can get the form from your facility.

**HOURS earn VAVS AND VFW Auxiliary Awards!**

Scan this QR code and it will take you to the Hospital Program information on the Auxiliary website.



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

