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We are beginning a new year with some members taking on new positions within the Auxiliary. This is a great opportunity to mentor and assist these members in their new responsibilities. The hospital program is important to all of our Veterans in one way or another. It could be that we can educate them on programs within the VA facilities that are available to them. It could be that we provide items that they need. It could be that we just provide support to them when they most need it. Donations to our VA facilities and the hospital pledge help make this happen. The hospital pledge donations are used solely to support our VAVS reps, associate reps, and deputies. These reps spend countless hours and miles picking up items that our VA facilities need. Please consider this when making your donations.

The VA facilities are beginning are starting to open back up to volunteers and guests. Start planning now on what your Auxiliary can do to provide parties, bingo, or other games, or activities to bring joy to our Veterans. I am sure that they have missed the interaction with volunteers and Auxiliary members. Check the calendar. See what quirky holiday is coming up. We don't need to just do something on the main holidays. Bringing joy to our Veterans is a 365 day a year priority.

Now is also a good time to discuss the honor escort program at a facility near you. Speak to your local facility on the importance of giving our Veterans the final tribute they deserve for their service to our country.

Check with a VA facility near you to see what they are doing for our women Veterans. The number of women Veterans continues to grow every year. The VA facilities have been working to provide more and more programs for these Veterans. Let's see what we can do to help.

I am looking forward to a great year and I know that our Auxiliaries are too. Remember to report, report, report!!! Let's **"BE A WARRIOR"** for our Veterans.