

BULLETIN – NOVEMBER 2023



HINES VA MEDICAL CENTER Mercie Woolfolk, VAVS Representative

Just as leaves are changing and the temperature is dropping, we at Hines closed summer with the annual Drive-Thru Baby Shower for 24 veteran Mothers to Be. We donated Even Flo car seats to each. Special thanks to Diane Ahrens VAVS Deputy and Jan Bakes Past 19 District President in conjunction with Hines Women's Clinic for coordinating the event.

The "Be A Warrior" spirit has become very active after the Covid years. Our first Bingo was held on September 30th for 17 veterans in CLC. Diane Ahrens VAVS Deputy coordinated the event along with volunteers from Auxiliaries 2164, 2801, and 2298. The veterans were delighted to have us back and enjoyed the treats, prizes, and other personal items. Naperville Post and Auxiliary holds Bingo in SCI with the excitement of the veterans. We are all set to have Bingo on October 23rd, November 20th, and December 18th. The Frozen Robins Christmas Caroling is scheduled for December 11th in the SCI, BRC, and Building 200 (Main Hospital). The storage room has been filled with toiletries and personal items to service to our "in-patients" on the 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 floors in the Hospital. Thanks to Maggie Davis for the generous donation of assorted cards that will be well used at Hines, especially the birthday cards.

We donate Watercolor Kits to the Caregiver's Support Programs, The benefit of our generous donation was highlighted in the Daily Herald News and VA GOV website. To learn more about the CSP program, a link to both articles can be found on the Department website under Hospital.

I encourage all to keep checking the Department website under Hospital for Hines Wish List on needed items and make donations accordingly. On behalf of our veterans, your generous donations will be greatly appreciated.

If your veteran is in the hospital and would like for me to visit, please feel free to call me directly.

Dates to Remember:

November 11th: Veterans' Day — Celebration available at Hines.

November 23rd: Thanksgiving Day and dinners for Veterans throughout the month.

December 11th: Frozen Robins Christmas Caroling

December 25th: Christmas Day and Goodwill to all the entire month of December.

Thanks for all you do for our veterans and keeping the "Be A Warrior" spirit.