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We have many traditional and non-traditional holidays coming up this month. What does your Auxiliary have planned for the Veterans that are in our nursing homes, hospitals and assisted living facilities in your area? We are coming to the time of year that our Veterans need us the most. A lot of our Veterans do not have family or have family that are close by. It is up to us to visit them and provide them conversation, treats or just a smiling face stopping by to say hello.

Have you made your hospital donations and hospital pledge yet? The deadline for citations is the end of the year. Many Auxiliaries have already done this, but I am hoping we can be 100% reported by the end of the year. The money collected from hospital donations is solely used to provide items for our Veterans who are in nursing homes, hospitals or assisted living facilities. The hospital pledge is used to help our reps with the mileage traveling back and forth to our VA facilities. Some of our reps travel over 1,000 miles a month to provide for our Veterans at the VA facility.

Have you reached out to a facility in your area to discuss the honor escort program? Many of our Veterans have lived in nursing homes and assisted living facilities for many years and consider it their home. What an awesome way to pay tribute to them when they pass. Connect with Post members and make this a joint effort for your Post and Auxiliary.

I have received several pictures of donations, projects and parties that the Auxiliaries have provided for our Veterans. I love to see these pictures and the smiling faces of our Veterans having a great time. Keep up the great work.

I want to say thank you to the 15th District Posts and Auxiliaries for purchasing the benches in memory of Marilyn Crawford. Marilyn was an associate rep at Anna Veterans Home for over 20 years and passed away in December of 2022. I was honored to attend the dedication of these benches in October. We had a beautiful day (a little windy, but the weather was great). Thank you Barb Wilson for organizing the event and having the Veterans outside to attend along with Marilyn's family. In addition to the benches, we gave a plaque from the Department for Marilyn's many years of assistance to our Veterans at Anna. She will be greatly missed.

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My shout out this issue is to Auxiliary 450 for taking a jeep run to Manteno Veterans Home. The Veterans loved seeing the jeeps and visiting with Post and Auxiliary Members. Great job!!!



Keep up the great work!! Our Veterans definitely deserve everything we can do for them!!