

Hospital April 2026

While this Program Year has ended, I would like the Auxiliaries to look forward to our *next* year for Hospital.

We are fortunate to have the Department of Arizona Hospital Grant- one available, each year, to each Auxiliary with a simple application letting me know, as the Hospital Chairman, what it is the Auxiliary will be doing to bring comfort and joy to Veterans and their families in a care facility.

In fact, I would like to challenge EACH Auxiliary to apply for the Hospital Grant this year, either individually or together with another Auxiliary (or more) to bring smiles to our Veterans.

How about getting an early start with Christmas in July? More than one care facility has mentioned it is great everyone wishes to donate at the holidays- care facilities have patients (and family members) year-round.

Speak with the VAVS Reps in your area: Linda Thuringer in Prescott, the north, Kim Sloan in Tucson, the south, or I would love to share what is really appreciated and needed at the Phoenix VA Hospital. We all have lists, lists with simple items, lists that could include handmade items, to lists with virtual reality items. And the Auxiliary is NOT limited to just the VA Hospitals- VA Homes, local hospitals, assisted living facilities- any location that serves a Veteran population.

What matters most to patients and their families is the time and consideration of the Auxiliary members- going that extra mile to bring comfort and show care.

As this year's National Ambassador, Kim Copson wrote: "By caring for our Veterans like the ocean caring for the waves", so much can be embodied through the Hospital Program to demonstrate care continues.