

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Having just completed the busiest season of the year and completed 2025 we need to plan this year. Holidays are great but there are many more non-holidays to consider. Visiting people is always uppermost on my mind and we need no excuse beyond assuring our veterans they are not forgotten. Conversation is the cheapest treat we can provide.

Speaking of cheap, there are many of you who have not applied for your hospital grant this year. That's \$250 times a bunch of auxiliaries, around 12,000\$. The rules are simple and on every form. Read it carefully and apply now. Amazon Haul is another site with discounted materials, and the wish list is kept up-to-date to give you some ideas. Remember local facilities have wish lists too. Ask. You might be surprised by what items they actually need and want.

Sitting here at my tiny desk I often wonder what you are all doing. I pray you are reporting your time and donation amounts through your post. I wish everyone would put out on Facebook every time you plan an activity, how many people go and where. #AZ2526Hospital. This encourages others to follow suit and reminds everyone how great the need is. I volunteer at the Phoenix VA hospital and every day I am reminded that budget is planned considering the number of volunteer hours. "You as an Auxiliary need to make sure you are filling out your Auxiliary reports that go to the Chairmen. All your hard work deserves to be counted, and the reports show just how much you are doing in your state for our veterans", quote from Kim Copson, national Hospital chairman.

Are you a Hospital volunteer? Do you want to be? Contact me and find out how to get started. There are always ways to help at events, or to just simply say hello, as every day is Veteran's Day.

Coming up in February is National Hospital Patient Appreciation Week Feb. 9 thru 14. There will be cake cutting at the Phoenix, 32nd St., and Southeast clinic locations Monday thru Friday We need crews to man those hours and locations. Again give me a call. 480-560-8863.

**Veterans keep us free.
Amy Timbes**