

Department of Arizona VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program 2026-2027

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Hello everyone!! Happy almost end of summer in Arizona!! I am very happy to tell you all about our amazing MIT that we had in August. We had a so much fun on Friday night with the reps from Humana. It was a great way to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

On Saturday we did our trainings and all of the participants were excited to be there and learn about the programs. It was especially great to see so many participants from the comrades' there. I did my best to make sure to cover all of the points that our National ambassador is advocating. I also pushed my own favorite point, our Hospital Grant program.

Speaking of which, I want to give you some great ideas for using the grant!! We have VFW Auxiliary Post 10227 using it to buy socks for the VA hospital in Prescott and the VA home in Flagstaff! VFW Auxiliary Post 12128 is using the grand to get holders for DVD players and game controllers as well as tablets for our bed-ridden vets at the VA home. We also have another auxiliary that wants to use the grant to buy gift cards for the Vetsgiving at the Phoenix VA hospital in Phoenix. These are great ways to use your grant if you don't have any other projects in mind.

That's a great introduction to the Vetsgiving at the Phoenix VA hospital. This event will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at the Phoenix VA hospital parking lot near the VAVS building. This is a fun event with music, food and lots of people! It is also a great way to utilize your hospital grant money. You can purchase 10 \$25.00 gift cards to go to the veterans that attend this event. If interested, contact me for additional information.

Last, but not least, Fall conference. This event was held in Tucson, AZ and was well attended. The trainings were held on Friday and Saturday afternoon with great success. The trainings were done with both the auxiliary program chairman and their comrade counterparts. It was truly a great collaboration and I think everyone left the conference with new friends and a greater understanding of how much more can be accomplished when we work together.