

## **Department of Arizona VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program 2026-2027**

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Welcome Fall and cooling off into the 90s!! What a wonderful time of year to go out and about. It's also a great time of year to think about what we can do for our veterans in our VA hospitals, VA homes and other facilities that help our veterans.

I am very pleased to have received several invitations to visit your district meetings. I am really looking forward to speaking with you all and answering questions. I am also going to ask you for some wonderful ideas to share with other auxiliaries on how to use the hospital grant.

Here is a great example of how our auxiliaries can work together with other organizations to help our veterans and utilize the hospital grant! VFW Auxiliary 10386 purchased memorial flags for a local care home that services numerous veterans in that community. The date to present the flags (purchased with the hospital grant and money from the VFW Riders) to Cornerstone Caregiving worked out to their "Grand Opening" Ribbon Cutting Event on September 15th.

Members of the VFW Auxiliary 10386, the VFW Riders District 9, Connie Hargreaves District 9 Auxiliary President, the Kingman Chamber of Commerce, Caregivers with Cornerstone Caregiving and other community members were in attendance.

Each of the Memorial Flags presented are also accompanied by a note on the VFW Auxiliary Letterhead, designating "the Flags are made possible by the Department of Arizona VFW Auxiliary Hospital Grant" and inviting the "family members" to visit with us for any needs or to speak about their Veteran's story.

Remember to let me know when your auxiliary does anything for our veterans that are in the hospital or a care home. If you would like me to attend any of your activities, please let me know when and where and I will do my best to be there. Also, remember to send me pictures of your activities so I can send them to National. I really love reporting your activities to National so I can brag on our auxiliaries!!