

## Hospital Bulletin #3

### Mid-Winter Conference

Mid-winter conference is fast approaching. We will again have District basket raffles provided by the even numbered Districts and turtle pond with useful gift cards as prizes. Donations of the gift cards are needed and can be sent to me or bring them to Yakima. All proceeds go toward the hospital program.

### Hospital donations

We have these fund raisers at our conferences because not all Auxiliaries pay the needed \$3.00 per member which support the work done at the facilities on behalf of all of us. The consolidated report sent out by our Treasurer shows who has paid so far (Thank you) and I have contacted those who haven't. Not even half of the budget is funded. If your Auxiliary can't afford the full payment at this time, partial payment is appreciated.

### VAVS

The VAVS program has changed its name to Center for Development and Civic Engagement. This change has not changed what we call our facility representative or what we do.

### Hospital needs.

The VFW and Auxiliary leadership were able to meet with the Seattle VA Director and tour the facility. The message from the Director was to get vaccinated to they can welcome you back. The facilities can also accept your holiday cards, banners and tray favors, but they do need to be quarantined for at least two weeks before they can be given to patients. The Seattle Chief of Center for Development & Civic Engagement (CDCE) (*formerly VA Voluntary Service*), for the VA Puget Sound Health Care System said they could also accept lap robes. This also includes the American Lake facility in Tacoma. Check with your VAVS representative or call the volunteer office before delivery.

### National Salute to Veteran Patients

The week of February 14<sup>th</sup> is the traditional week to thank hospitalized Veterans for their service and put a smile on their face. Couple with youth groups to make cards and pictures. Remembering the quarantine period, reach out early.



Thank you for all you do.

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