

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Oregon Auxiliary Family,

Please forgive me for the recent mid-month Hospital Newsletters. This will be a joint month letter to focus on upcoming Veterans Day and the Thanksgiving Holiday.

This past weekend I spent several hour intervals making Veterans Day Thank You Cards. These items are fun to do, yet take time and planning not only to make, but arranging delivery. Cards of Thanks, Thought and Acknowledgement to our Vets in a Hospital, Assisted or Retirement Facility falls under the Hospital Program. Cards can be purchased or crafted by anyone.

Please be prepared for a Facility to request the cards/gifts to be delivered up to a week prior to the Holiday date so that they may "virus sit" as a precaution. This was practiced much during the peak of COVID. I expect this to continue with many Federal and State ran facilities regardless of mask policies. I also recommend inquiring of the Civilian Facilities as to the number of Veterans residing; plus give a few extra cards just in case they learn of a Veteran's status at the last minute. If you have extra cards or do not have a place to disperse them, keep them on hand in a small tote during Veterans Day/Weekend to gift as you move throughout your community or attend a parade. Be Creative. Our Veterans do not expect them, so any gesture is often a surprise and usually touching.

Veterans Day effects all Vets differently. Yet in general it is felt as a positive holiday of Thanks and Acknowledgement to our Veterans and their Families. Veterans Day encompasses all Veterans. While Memorial Day is somber and reserved as Remembrance for the Fallen who are no longer with us. As my Husband/Love-in-Arms says of Veterans Day: "This is my day."

Thanksgiving will also follow suit open to all facility residents/patients. Planning a small event in any Medical Facility in your Community, including decoration, by your Post and Auxiliary Members is also a Hospital Program Project.

Lastly, please check with your Treasurer if your Auxiliary Hospital Obligation Fund has been established and sent to Sonya Sallee, Department Treasurer. Ideally it should be sent in July, yet please do not go into the new year. If you are not sure, ask your President and Treasurer now so that it can be arranged. This fund is \$1.25 per member and goes toward Department Hospital Projects. Don't forget to log and send your reports of service my way.

Wishing you all a wonderful fall season and upcoming Month of Thanks to our Veterans and another,

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