

Dear VFW Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

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Many of our women vets that have served in combat zones have been exposed to elements that affect fertility, increased cancer rates, and other medical conditions. This month is the launch of not only the Women's Veteran Care Pack Project, but also in line with breast cancer awareness: Operation Knitted Knockers.

Knitted Knockers are hand knit or crocheted soft, lightweight breast prosthetics that can be worn post mastectomy, lumpectomy and radiation, and undergoing reconstruction. These were requested from the Roseburg VA Women's Clinic medical team. This non-profit organization is based in Washington State. Patterns can be found online at <https://www.knittedknockers.org/make-a-knocker/>; also will provided by email (aux presidents and secretaries) and our website following this article. I recommend focusing on cup sizes B, C, and D for now. Please keep track of your costs and time to help me create a value for Knitted Knockers.

A recipe for women's care packs, template messages of thanks, and VA Roseburg women's clinic wish list will also be provided. In that list includes baby and postpartum items, sympathy cards/tokens for miscarriages, health awareness, etc. With any purchases, please provide copies of all receipts in your monthly reports and for the VAVS/CDCE, as they oversee all donations admitted through the VA.

Recall the definition of hospital is: any medical facility, VA or non-VA. If you would like to mirror these projects in your local community, please reach out to your civilian women's clinics medical teams and assisted living facilities.

This is a busy time for us as we prepare for Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Thank you for your valued time, hard work, and positive energy serving our veterans and their families.

Yours with Gratitude,

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