

Dear VFW Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

September 2026

I enjoyed seeing those of you that could make it to our Training Academies last month in Redmond and Roseburg. My apologies to not making it to Linn, I appreciate your understanding.

This is going to be an exciting year for us with our Hospital Program. I am learning much as a Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) representative for Roseburg from our Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) Chief, support staff, and volunteers. Thank you, Miss Sue and Jean, for your continued years of service and mentoring, you are my boots on the ground.

Currently a liaison is being established with the Roseburg VA Women's Clinic staff to integrate a project/s for our lady vets. I have inquired about creating hygiene care packs for reproductive, menopausal, and post-menopausal stages with feminine accent items (hand cream, chapstick, body deodorant, etc). Hidden challenge: prize to auxiliaries that pay their hospital obligation dues prior to Oct 31. Every veteran counts. Let's not miss the minority population of our women veterans.

This year's national challenge is providing a creative, unique activity interacting with veterans providing happiness in a hospital setting. Remember the definition of hospital in our program is any medical facility. Project opportunities present in: October for Breast Cancer Awareness, November for Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. You do not need to be exclusive of Vets but inclusive none the less. Often, we cross paths in serving family members of our Vets with our projects, who may open up to you in thanks.

Please refer to past articles during the year to help with continuity. I look forward to receiving and reviewing your reports from April to date. There will be a prize for those that are consistent in sending reports month by month, starting now. Thank you for your time and service to our veterans and their families.

Yours with Gratitude,

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