

AUGUST 2023

Dear VFW Oregon Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

Guess what family? We won first place for our Division in the Hospital Program at National! Your efforts and reports excelled and were noticed by our National Hospital Ambassador, Miss Mary Spindler!

Let's be proactive this year and submit our Hospital Obligation Fund dues to Miss Sonya (Sallee, Dept Secretary) as soon as possible. The new fee will be \$2.00/member. Many of you already were rounding up for this, and it has not gone un-noticed nor without appreciation.

I would like to also serve as a point of contact to support our VAVS/CDCE Representatives and Deputies. Please reach out to me if you/your auxiliary/post would like to contribute to the Veteran Facilities. I will be in communication with the Reps on a regular basis and may be able to tell you what they need. If monetary donations are an option, please, PLEASE route all to Miss Sonya with specifics as to which facility. If sent directly to the facility, your donation will not be tracked for department and have risk of use toward what you may not have desired.

Remember our new "twist" of Non-Traditional Holidays and appreciation of the Medical Care Team of our Veterans. The Medical Staff is relatively easy due their small numbers pending on the facility; especially a day dedicated to their specialty.

Here are some Ideas that I found via www.nationaltoday.com:

August: also known as National Peace Month, American Appreciation Mo., Nat. Peach Mo.

First week is Nat. Clown Week (you cootie bugs out there). Week 2 is **Nat. Health Center Wk.** Aug 1- Tues: **Nat. Promise to Care Day.** Aug 3- Thu: Nat. Watermelon Day. Aug 9- Wed: **Nat Psychiatric Tech Day.** Aug 19- Sat: World Honeybee Day (buzzy). Aug 23- Wed: **Health Unit Coordinators Day** (front office- "the bottleneck" often underappreciated but critical).

September: also known as National Sewing Mo., Nat. Dog Svc Mo., Nat. Suicide Awareness Mo.

Week 1: Nat. Waffle Wk. Week 2: **Nat. Assisted Living Wk.** Week 3: **Nat. Rehab Awareness Wk.**

Sept 1- Fri: World Letter Writing Day. Sept 3- Sun: World Pet Rock Day. Sept 5- Tue: **Nat. Shrink Day**. Sept 7- Thu: **Grateful Patient Day**. Sept 8- Fri: **Nat. Oncology Nurses Day & World Physical Therapy Day**. Sept 9- Sat: **Emergency Services Day**. Sept 25- Mon: **World Pharmacist Day**.

One act of kindness by you and your auxiliary with these Non-Traditional Holidays, will go a long way to touch another's life. As a Provider, I know that when providing care for others I unintentionally give a piece of myself, even more so for Veterans. Feeling appreciated is critical to continuing in any job, especially one that takes care of patients.