

December 2024 Hospital

As the calendar year comes to a close, we are all preparing for the holidays. This is always a good time to spend a little extra time and/or money on our veterans. Keep in mind your local folks, as well as those in the five facilities we sponsor as a department. Please keep our hospitalized veterans in your thoughts and let those thoughts become actions. Many of our veterans will be without loving families near, during the holidays, so they may feel isolated and lonely. While there will be holiday parties and festivities at all the facilities just knowing someone from outside cares makes a huge difference. Please take a minute to drop in for a visit or send a card. You can send cards to the following addresses in South Dakota:

Laura Inman, Activities Coordinator
South Dakota State Veterans Home
2500 Minnekahta Avenue
Hot Springs, SD 57747
Needs 80 cards

Veterans Administration Hospital
Attn: 1 East
500 North 5th Street
Hot Springs, SD 57747-1480
Needs 10 cards

Community Living Center
ATTN: Recreational Therapy
Bldg. 148, Room A120
113 Comanche Road
Fort Meade, SD 57714
Needs 40 cards

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System
ATTN: Crystal Reimers CDCE 135
2501 West 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Needs 75 cards

Yankton Human Services Center
3515 Broadway Avenue
PO Box 7600
Yankton, SD 57078-7600
Needs 30 cards

This is also a great youth project as the residents enjoy seeing the unique cards from the kiddos.

Operation Bottom Cover Update:

The Fort Meade Women's Health will gladly accept not only the diapers and wipes but also any other baby items you would like to donate. These can be dropped off at the Fort Meade VA, Building 53, Second Floor, Room 203 to Malisa, the Support Assistant. or at the Rapid City Community Based Outpatient Center (CBOC).

East River you can contact Kim Vennard for drop-off locations.

Remember that your Auxiliary decides where the diapers and wipes go. If you have an enlisted person or a veteran in your community who needs a little extra help, please keep the items in your own area. I am sure the recipients will be delighted for a little help during these economic hard times.

If any of your auxiliaries are sewing any of the items that are on our website, I want to let you know that the Fort Meade CLC staff, Hot Springs CLC staff, and the MJF State Veterans Home are requesting: 20

plus walker totes with pockets big enough to hold a bingo card; 30 plus western shirt type garment covers (bibs); and ten fidget blankets , please let me know if you are willing to make any of these items.

Sioux Falls Royal C. Johnson is in need of catheter bag covers. We have enough catheter bag covers west river for right now.

The Fort Meade VA is currently experiencing a heavier than usual demand for hospice quilts. At this time, they are unfortunately using at least two hospice quilts a week. If you can donate a quilt or two it would be greatly appreciated.

I worked with Kim Vennard and we have added the rest of the patterns and some other information you might find useful on the vfwauxsd.org website Please take a minute to go there and keep checking out what is available on the Hospital site.