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Greetings,

I am Janelle Miles. I live in Pierre, SD. I joined the Auxiliary Post 2038 in March, 2020. I joined under my husband, Craig Miles. Craig is starting his 3rd year as Post Commander. I wasn't very active to begin with. I have started to do better. I am the Guard for my Post and also the Conductor for District 6. I thought about becoming a State Guard. However, my Dad who was a Veteran passed away in May and I didn't want to start anything new during that time. Karen offered me the position Department Hospital Chairperson and I wanted to do this.

I have worked at Avera St. Mary's Hospital, Maryhouse Nursing Home, Parkwood Retirement Home and our Bistro (all one facility) in Pierre for 28 1/2 years as a Supervisor/CDM in the Food and Nutrition Department.

When Covid became a thing, my husband had to have a Below Knee Amputation in December. We had to do wound care and adjust to a new way of doing things. In February 2023, he again went to the hospital and had another BKA. We have gone through much time in the hospital and I know what it means to the patients for visitors and any programs. While I sat in the hospital with him, I made pocket prayers for other patients. I would give them to the Nurse and have them give it to someone who needed a prayer or to feel like someone was with them/thinking of them. I heard back from several Nurses how the people felt when they received them.

I have been going through the resources for the Hospital program and am excited to learn/do more. I would appreciate any feedback and ideas to help me learn.

Sincerely,

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