

Saint Patrick's Day is coming up – there is always an excuse for a celebration with our veterans.

Year-End Reports, are due to the program department respective chairmen by April 15, 2025. Make sure you take credit for any activities you have done since last April. You may send the Hospital report to me at sjones2727@yahoo.com or by snail mail to

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Early reports are appreciated so your March meeting is a good time to complete those reports. Remember, even after your report is sent, you need to keep track for April, May and June so you can report those on your next year's report. We don't want to lose those three months of good deeds.

The 100 packages of diapers in 100 days challenge is coming to a close the end of March but you can continue to donate even after the challenge ends. The VA Fort Meade Women's Health is still accepting any items for baby. If your auxiliary is donating directly to the VA, please make sure you fill out a VA donation form.

I just recently learned that Ellsworth Air Force Base (EAFB) has decided to participate in the diaper program since so many airmen have been reassigned to North Dakota while the runways are rebuilt. Their families are still here and this is putting a financial strain on the families due to maintaining two residences . Please donate to EAFB if you can.

There was a question about donating adult diapers and while the Veterans Administration will not accept adult diapers (they must order specific diapers from a specific source), the State Veterans Home in Hot Springs will accept large and extra-large briefs and pull-ups. Check with your local nursing homes as they may also accept the adult diapers. These adult diaper donations also need to be reported to Kim.

Please get those packages delivered and let Kim Vennard know as she is tracking our donations. If your Auxiliary donates to an enlisted person or a veteran in your community who needs a little extra help, that also needs to be documented. We can make this goal, but only with the help of all of you.

The Hot Springs Community Living Center (CLC) is in need of all sorts of new greeting cards. If anyone has new cards you don't want or need, please consider bringing or sending any cards to the Department Convention in June. Since we started this a couple of months ago, the recreational therapist assistant has encouraged the residents to do this as a social activity and the residents have really embraced sending cards. I provided them with postage stamps in February but those will also be a continuing need.

The Voluntary Clothing Room at Fort Meade is in need of size 3, 4, and 5X t-shirts , regular shirts and coats. We will soon be moving the winter coats into storage and putting out the spring jackets but will accept coats for use the rest of this winter and for next year. We could also use some size small and large women's clothing of newer styles. These can all be gently used.

You are making a difference in the lives of our veterans. Keep up the good work.