

October 2024 HOSPITAL

We missed seeing many of you at Fall Council. Please check with your Auxiliary Hospital Chairman for the highlights of the Hospital program.

Dorothy Smith, a resident at Fort Meade CLC, was a WAVE and will be turning 102 years old the week of October 21-31 (they can't give her exact date due to privacy rules).

Operations Bottom Cover:

I am working to get information from the Ellsworth Air Force Base and South Dakota National Guards Public Affairs Specialists on getting our donations of diapers and wipes to their members.

Fort Meade has a women's health unit who will accept donations at either Fort Meade or the Rapid City CBOC. This unit welcomes knitted or crocheted baby blankets for those of you who need an outlet for your creations. They also accept any other baby related items such as onesies, bottles, etc., as they give all new mothers a gift basket and also try to give a basket for Mother's Day. I

I know the Royal C. Johnson also has such a program.

I need to remind you that when taking photos at the hospitals, or actually anywhere, you need to check with staff before taking photos. Some patients don't have the ability to consent.

The Fort Meade CLC staff is requesting 20 plus walker totes with pockets big enough to hold a bingo card; 30 plus western shirt type garment covers (bibs); and two fidget blankets. They also requested 20 to 30 catheter bag covers but I have that covered at this time thanks to Custer and Pierre. Of course, the CLC units can always use hospice quilts and I was pleasantly surprised when Scott Schumacher gave them a value of \$300 to \$400 each.

When your Auxiliary sends these handmade items to the facilities make sure you take credit for the amounts donated. The values you should assign are as follows:

Walker totes	\$20
Bibs of any kind	\$15
Catheter bag covers	\$10
Fidget blankets	\$50
Lap Robes – regular	\$10
Fleece	\$20
Quilts	\$300-\$400

Scott, from Hot Springs VA, reminded all organizations that the organization may sponsor activities but the VA "calls the shots" and we must go by their rules and instructions. Please work closely with your recreation therapist, or similar person, to ensure we are not getting cross-wise with these facilities. We all want to assist veterans and we must follow the facility rules or risk not being able to help the veterans.