**Hospital Program – March -April 2020**

**Volunteer Needs**

Current Volunteer needs at the VA are: Caregiver support in-home respite volunteers with daytime availability; Whole Health volunteers with weekday morning availability; CLC Companion volunteers and recovery room assistants in both ambulatory surgery and GI weekday morning availability. Please contact Jaid Nelson at the VA Voluntary Services if you are interested in any of these positions. The need for volunteers is up, but volunteer numbers are down. Please try to recruit a Hospital Volunteer.

In April our Post and Auxiliary will hold a Volunteer Banquet for all volunteers to recognize their support this year. I hope your Auxiliary does something to remember all the hours they put in to help our veterans. Volunteers are precious. They give their time freely and we cannot thank them enough for what they do for our veterans. The VA also holds a banquet for volunteers that volunteer a certain number of hours that year. This year it will be held In April and the invitations will be mailed out shortly. The VA staff gives out Years of Service Awards as well as Hours of Service Pins at this banquet.

**Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year**

Please send in your nominations for Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year by March 1st. The volunteer may be any Auxiliary member and must serve from March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020. Even though they do not volunteer for awards or recognition, It is extremely important to recognize what they do.

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