

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS & AUXILIARY

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- TO: VAVS REPRESENTATIVES, VAVS DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVES ALL ECHELONS and PRESIDENTS ALL ECHELONS
- FROM: Elaine A. Diaczun National Auxiliary VAVS Representative 182 North Beech Street, North Massapequa, NY 11758-2605 (516/799-0157) E-mail to Zuned@aol.com

SUBJECT: 2024/2025 NATIONAL AUXILIARY VAVS HOSPITAL PROGRAM

We are proud of all that is done by CWV Auxiliary volunteers for our Veterans in the VA Hospitals, Extended Care Centers, Community Living Centers, Out-Patient Clinics, etc. and look forward to your continued support on their behalf. It is hoped that your report of your activities will inspire other members to add themselves to this very important duty we have to the people who have served and continue to serve our country.

REGULAR SCHEDULED VOLUNTEERS: are needed at all VA facilities in every State. Age is not a barrier as some of our best volunteers are Senior Citizens. No special talent is required, just your time, patience and interest in hospitalized Veterans.

Annual "COMPILED REPORT for ACTIVITIES and DONATIONS FORM" to be sent to VAVS Deputy Representative Elaine A. Diaczun (E-mail is welcomed) before June 30, 2025

"VOLUNTEERS BY ORGANIZATION (Detail)", "COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE LISTING" and VA Form 10-1240 "VAVS SUMMARY OF ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW" also to be sent to VAVS Representative Elaine A. Diaczun (E-mail is welcomed)

"COMPILED REPORT for ACTIVITIES and DONATIONS FORM": This compilation should reflect ALL your Auxiliary's VAVS Hospital Activity from <u>September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025</u>. These forms are prepared by the Unit VAVS Rep or Dep and are to be forwarded through echelon to the Department VAVS chairperson. These report forms should be completed and sent to me ANNUALLY, before the deadline date of June 30, 2025.

The activity reflected is work and or donations done <u>AT OR FOR THE VA HOSPITAL</u> for which you are a Rep or Dep These activities could include Bingos, Holiday parties, assisting Care Coordinators, assisting Voluntary Service Officers (VSOs), donations of books, newspapers, comfort items, "Welcome Kits", home-made items, etc.

It should <u>NOT</u> reflect work done for Veterans <u>outside</u> the facility - such work should be listed on the WELFARE Officer's form or AMERICANISM form, et al.

This final COMPILED report is the basis for the <u>VAVS DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE</u> awards at the 2025 National Auxiliary Convention. If you think further explanation of the final report is necessary, you may include a summary narrative.

"<u>Volunteers By Organization (Detail)</u>" form: This report, which your VA Voluntary Service Officer prepares <u>generally upon your request</u>, or gives to the Rep or Dep who attends the Hospital's quarterly meetings, indicates the number of Regularly Scheduled, Occasional times and hours, and Rep and Dep Committee attendance hours spent at the facility served by each volunteer who has designated that the time is to be credited to the CWV Auxiliary. Please have it sent <u>before the June 30 deadline</u> to Elaine A. Diaczun at the address listed or by E-mail. If you have difficulty getting this report, please let me know.

VA Form 10-1240 VAVS SUMMARY OF ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW (AJR): This report describes the statistics, evaluates the VA Staff and cites the goals and objectives from the Chief of Voluntary Services and the CWVA Representative. Normally, the Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary is scheduled to appear for the AJR in October.

The "Volunteers by Organization (Detail)" form and the Annual Joint Review reports are the basis for the VAVS REPRESENTATIVE awards at the National Auxiliary Convention.

CERTIFYING or RE-CERTIFYING OF REPRESENTATIVES and/or DEPUTIES:

In most cases, certification is for an "indefinite period". Letters of Certification or Re-certification should originate from the Unit and go up through the echelons, signed by each echelon's President, leaving space for the signatures of the Department President and Department VAVS Chairlady. The Department notifies the National VAVS Representative who in turn notifies the Hospital Voluntary Services Coordinator. If assistance is needed on these letters, contact Elaine Diaczun at 516/799-0157.

I look forward to receiving your 2024–2025 reports.

Trusting you to continue your interest in the needs of the hospitalized veterans, I remain

Yours in CWVA

Elaine *Q. Diaczun*, National VAVS Representative

NOTE: Since the Hospital Activities form(s) have been **eliminated**, the legend on the bottom of the "COMPILED REPORT for ACTIVITIES and DONATION FORM" should read as follows:

You may attach copies of receipts, Recreation Therapy Activity Reports (sign-in sheets), letters of acknowledgement showing donations and reiterating individual activities if you wish. You may also give explanations of the activities on a separate sheet if you feel it necessary.

NATIONAL VAVS <u>DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE</u> AWARDS based on the fiscal year of <u>September 1st, 2024 through June 30th, 2025</u>	
DEPARTMENT:	First Place - \$25 check and National Citation Runner-up – National Citation
CHAPTER:	First Place - \$25 check and National Citation Runner-up – National Citation
BEST OVERALL PROGRAM:	First Place - \$25 check and National Citation Runner-up – National Citation
BEST SPECIAL PROJECT:	First Place - \$25 check and National Citation Runner-up - National Citation