



2011-2012

## HOSPITAL V.A.V.S. PROGRAM

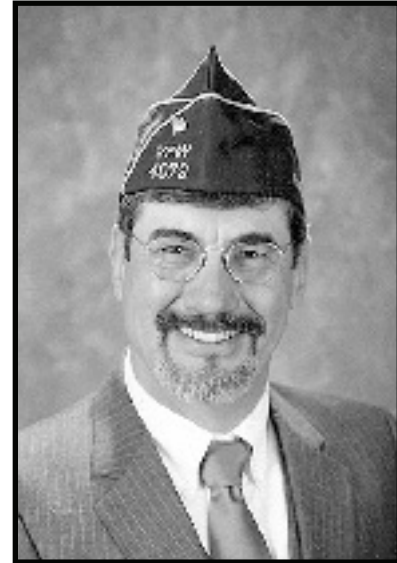


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### ***“WE CONTINUE TO SERVE”***

State Commander Bill Phillips’ theme “WE CONTINUE TO SERVE” should remind each of us to take a good hard look at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hospital & VAVS Program. Veterans in VA Hospitals, Veterans Homes, and Nursing facilities need our help because in many cases, they cannot help themselves. Hospitals may provide the medical treatment for veterans, but it’s the volunteers that can help them cope with the daily routine. Volunteers can provide that extra ray of sunshine or smile to those less fortunate. All veterans are not in Federal or State facilities; they can be confined to private facilities in the community or even at home. As volunteers, we provide that service to show the community that we care and have not forgotten the people that are less fortunate. Volunteers also provide valuable service to insure that facilities are providing adequate care for our men and women.

Post/District Hospital Chairmen should coordinate with Directors of State Veterans and Community Health Care facilities to identify the activity the volunteers can provide for the Veterans. Hospital Chairmen ensure the volunteers are registered at our VA facilities and others to receive proper recognition. As Chairmen, he/she needs to include the responsibility for recruiting volunteers, maintaining records of hours served by the Post volunteer, and requesting appropriate certificates and/or pins from the State Hospital director.

If you are planning activities or visits at facilities and you would like a State Representative there, you can call, e-mail, or write me describing your activity or visit, with dates and times, and I will try to coordinate with you. Remember as much advance time as possible is always helpful. If, during your visit, you encounter something that needs to be corrected, please bring this to our attention. Sometimes, we can help to change things...***NOT ALWAYS, but SOMETIMES.***

The Hospital & VAVS Program starts May 1, 2011 and continues through April 30, 2012. ***Please use the Community Activity Report Form “on line” to report the hospital work that you and members of your Post are involved in. Please report HOURS, DOLLARS AND MEMBERS keeping in mind that you can include the actual cost of items you purchased to donate to our various Hospitals and Nursing Facilities.*** Each year, Post and Districts lose valuable credit for their efforts because nobody takes the time to report.

### POST AWARDS

The **“Top Post** in each membership Division will receive a plaque.

Membership Divisions for this program are:

Up to 150 members

151 to 300 members

301 and up

All Posts reporting participation in the Hospital VAVS Program will receive Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts. These will be presented during the State Convention.

### DISTRICT AWARDS

All Districts who achieve 100% in Post participation in the Hospital/VAVS Program by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 will be awarded \$50.00 CASH to be used in the continuation of their Hospital/VAVS Program.

### VA Hospitals

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| 1. Danville Veterans Adm. Medical Center<br>1900 E Main St.<br>Danville, IL 61832<br>Phone: (217) 554-4525                                      | 2. Hines Veterans Adm. Medical Center<br>P.O. Box 5000, Roosevelt Road & Fifth Ave.<br>Hines, IL 60141-5000<br>Phone: (708) 202-2523<br>Fax: (708) 202-2246 |
| 3. Marion Veterans Administration Medical Center<br>2401 W. Main St.<br>Marion, IL 62959<br>Phone: (618) 993-4121<br>Fax: (618) 993-4155        | 4. North Chicago Veterans Adm. Medical Center<br>3001 Green Bay Road<br>North Chicago, IL 60064<br>Phone: (847) 578-3714                                    |
| 5. Jesse Brown VA Medical Center<br>820 S. Damen Ave.<br>Chicago, IL 60612<br>Phone: (312) 569-8387, Ext. 56109<br>Fax: (312) 469-2383          | 6. Illiana VA Medical Center<br>1900 East Main Street<br>Danville, Illinois 61832<br>Phone: 217-554-3000  |
| 7. St. Louis Veterans Adm. Medical Center<br>#1 Jefferson Barracks Drive<br>St. Louis, MO 63125<br>Phone: (314) 289-6393<br>Fax: (314) 289-7658 |   |

### VETERANS HOMES

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| 1. Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno<br>Administrator: Reginald Booker<br>1 Veterans Dr.<br>Manteno, IL 60950<br>Phone: (815) 468-6581, Ext. 259 | 2. Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy<br>Administrator: Bruce Vaca<br>1707 N. 12th St<br>Quincy, IL 62301<br>Phone (217) 222-8641, Ext. 386                       |
| 3. Illinois Veterans Home at LaSalle<br>Administrator: John Koehler<br>1015 O’Conor Ave.<br>LaSalle, IL 61301<br>Phone: (815) 223-0303, Ext. 259 | 4. Illinois Veterans Home at Anna<br>Administrator: Linda Hadley<br>792 N. Main St.<br>Anna, IL 62906<br>Phone: (618) 833-6302, Ext. 125<br>Fax: (618) 833-3603 |