

## SURGEON'S PROGRAM 2025-2026

The Surgeon's Program will run from April 1st, 2025 through March 31st, 2026

Post surgeons shall use the Post Surgeon report form to report to their respective District Surgeons

Post Surgeon report forms are available from the State Surgeon or may be downloaded from the Department Headquarters Web site ([www.vfwks.org](http://www.vfwks.org)) under forms.

District Surgeons shall use the District Surgeon report form supplied by the State Surgeon. If a Post submits a blank report for credit, the District Surgeon will place "N/R" for that Post on their report submitted to the Department Surgeon. If a Post submits nothing at all, the District Surgeon will not indicate anything for that Post on their report to the Department Surgeon.

Post surgeons should send their reports to their respective District Surgeons by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month. District Surgeons should send their reports to the Department Surgeon by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

The Department Surgeon will send reports to Department Headquarters, District Commanders, and District Surgeons by the end of each month.

### AWARDS

The 100% reporting Posts in each District will receive a certificate and monetary award\*\*. The highest scoring District Surgeon in terms of reporting will be awarded the "Golden Stethoscope Award Plaque". The second highest scoring District Surgeon in terms of reporting will be awarded the "Silver Stethoscope Award Plaque". In the event of a tie, each District will be awarded the "Golden Stethoscope Award Plaque".

**\*\* If a Post submits a blank report, they will be ineligible for a monetary award**

**---No District can win Gold or Silver Stethoscope awards 2 years in a row---**

## *\*Surgeons Program\**

### *"How To Submit Post Surgeon's Report"*

Hospital Reports: Post Surgeons should submit their Surgeon reports to their respective District Surgeons by the 10th day of each month. District Surgeons should send their reports to the Department Surgeon by the 20th day of each month. If a District report is late, that District will score lower on the evaluation scale for awards. The Department Surgeon asks that all Post submit a monthly report to their District in a timely manner. If a Post has nothing to report, the Department Surgeon asks that you send a blank signed report to your District Surgeon for credit. All Posts with 100% reporting (12 monthly reports for the year) will be recognized at State Convention.

Update Dist. Surgeons (2025/2026)

District 1 Surgeon - Hans Hull -Hul340@gmail.com

District 2 Surgeon – Bob Teetsel – teetsel@gmail.com

District 3 Surgeon - Michael B. Holland – Michaelbholland47@gmail.com

District 4 Surgeon – Nathan Lammers – nathandlammers@gmail.com

District 5 Surgeon – Jacob Schluckebier – ksdist5surgeon@outlook.com

District 6 Surgeon – Jerry White – jpwhite@ruraltel.net

District 7 Surgeon - Herb Schwartzkopf – [gmadj@ksvfw.org](mailto:gmadj@ksvfw.org)

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# Operation: HELPING HEROES

HELPING HEROES is a statewide annual campaign sponsored by the Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars to assist Veterans with financial or quality of life needs they may have. Please donate generously to those Heroes that have sacrificed so much for our country.



**2025-2026 Goal:**

Raise \$5,000 to help rebuild VFW Post #3544 in Winfield and to help purchase 2 wheelchairs for the children of one of our own Veterans.

See attachments for details





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## **HELPING HEROES**

On the 7th of November, 2024, VFW Post #3544 in Winfield, KS. suffered a devastating fire which resulted in a total loss of their Post Home.



This VFW Post was insured, however the rebuild costs have and will exceed the amount of coverage. It is a constant struggle for the Post to continue serving the community in the many ways it has in the past which include:

- Easter egg hunts for community children.
- Free swim day at the community pool. The VFW Post would cover the cost for all to swim.
- Food drives for the local food pantry
- Quarterly donations of \$250 to Eagles Nest which provides assistance by ensuring women are properly attired and trained for job interviews and employment.
- As well as many other community activities.

VFW Post #3544 is clearly a very active Post that contributes greatly to Veterans and their community. Please donate generously. Our Heroes need your help.

To participate in Operation: Helping Heroes:

Send your monetary donation to: Kansas VFW P.O. Box 1008 Topeka, KS. 66601-1008

(make sure your donation is ear marked for Operation: Helping Heroes)



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# HELPING HEROES



Pictured here with family are Dean and Wyatt Lammers, ages 9 and 8. They both have Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and need your help.

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is a rare disease that affects about one in 3500 boys. DMD affects all muscles including heart and lungs starting at about age 6. By the time they are 9 or 10, they will have lost all ability to walk. There is currently no cure for DMD, and life expectancy for someone with DMD is generally in their early 20's. In addition to motorized wheelchairs, they will need an entire house renovation as well as a vehicle that allows for 2 wheelchairs at once.

Every journey starts with a first step. Will you help this Veteran family in need?

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# HOSPITAL EVALUATION SHEET

## TO BE USED IN COMPILING ALL HOSPITAL REPORTS

1. BOOKS AND MAGAZINES
  - Books - pocket size (new) purchase price
  - Books - regular bound (new) purchase price
  - Books - pocket size (used) \$ .50 each
  - Books - regular bound (used) \$1.50 each
  - Magazine subscriptions purchase price
2. COMFORT ARTICLES
  - Cigarettes, razors, blades, shaving cream, etc purchase price
3. FOOD - ALL HOMEMADE
  - Cakes \$4.00 each
  - Pies \$2.50 each
  - Cookies \$2.25 dozen
  - Cupcakes \$3.00 dozen
  - Candy \$4.00 lb
  - Jams & jellies \$ .20 oz.
  - Meals serves to patients at VFW Days \$3.50 person
4. SPECIAL GIFTS TO PATIENTS, WARDS OR HOSPITALS
  - Appliances, equipment, etc. Purchase price
5. MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES
  - Playing cards (new) purchase price
  - Playing cards (used) \$ .50 deck
  - Flowers (purchased) purchase price
  - Flowers (home grown) \$2.00 bouquet
6. PRIZES OR OTHER GIFTS FOR PARTIES purchase price
7. REFRESHMENTS FOR PARTIES purchase price
8. ENTERTAINERS
  - Amateur prevailing rate
  - Professional prevailing rate
9. MILEAGE TO AND FROM HOSPITAL
  - Mileage per person, regardless of number in car \$ .14 mile
10. DONATIONS
  - Blood donations to blood banks or direct \$69.00 pint
  - to veterans of VFW sponsored donors
  - To Department or District Actual cash given
  - To VFW Hospital Day Actual cash given

**11. VISITS AND PARTIES - SPECIAL PROJECTS****\$28.54 hour****12. SEWING PROJECTS**

Bed soakers, jackets, pajamas, bathrobes, scuffies, lap robes, stump socks, crutch pads, chest binders, utility bed bags, commode cover, pan covers, laundry bags, wheelchair cushions, neck pillows, etc. (price of material only - no labor charged)

**13. CLOTHES FOR REHAB WORK**

Suit of clothes	\$25.00
Sport coat	\$15.00
Sport slacks	\$15.00
Shirts	\$ 2.00
Ties (new)	purchase price
Ties (used)	\$ .50
Socks (new)	purchase price
Socks (used)	\$ .25

**14. HOBBY SHOP**

Discarded clean nylon hose	\$ .75 lb
Discarded clean cotton dresses	\$ .50 lb

**15. HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT**

Hospital beds	\$80.00
Lift Chairs	\$80.00
Electric Carts	\$75.00
Wheelchairs	\$45.00
Commodes or Tables	\$25.00
Crutches or Walkers	\$20.00
Bed pan	\$15.00
Crowfoot Canes	\$15.00
Blood pressure Cuffs	\$ 5.00

NOTE: Check with local hospital equipment rental agency to obtain the dollar value rates if so desired.