

SURGEON'S PROGRAM 2023-2024

The Surgeon's Program will run from April 1st, 2023 through March 31st, 2024

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) under forms.

District Surgeons shall use the District Surgeon report form supplied by the State Surgeon.

Post surgeons should send their 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.

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

AWARDS

The top 100% reporting Post in each District will receive a framed certificate.

The top Post Surgeon overall will be awarded the "Silver Stethoscope Award," Plaque.

The top District Surgeon overall will be awarded the "Golden Stethoscope Award." Plaque.

******No one can win Gold or Silver Stethoscope awards 2 years in a row.**

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SOI Notes

- Have the individual submitting the project use the project report sheet.
- You as the Post surgeon, fill out the automated Post Surgeon Report. The individual doesn't know how to properly fill out the Surgeon's Report.
- And lastly, you need to determine if this is a legitimate Surgeon's report.

Example: Blood donation – Blood donated at a VA Hospital or Soldier's Home, we know that the blood went to a Veteran and is a legitimate Surgeon's Report. If the blood was donated at for example, Geary County Hospital, then the report would go under Community Service.

If the individual gets paid for the blood donation, then they can't submit it as a report because they, themselves have benefitted from the donation.

The project MUST benefit someone OTHER than the people doing it. "I (as a Veteran) took myself to a medical appointment" does not count.

**HOSPITAL EVALUATION SHEET
TO BE USED IN COMPILING ALL HOSPITAL REPORTS**

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| 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 served 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 to veterans of VFW sponsored donors | \$69.00 pint |
| | To Department or District Hospital Fund | 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.

Operation:

HELPING HEROES

HELPING HEROES is a statewide annual campaign sponsored by the Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars to assist Veterans living in assisted living facilities such as VA Hospitals and Soldier's Homes. Please donate generously to those Heroes that have sacrificed so much for our country.

Needed Items:



SOCKS

Any color , adult sizes



UNDERWEAR

Any color, all styles, adult sizes up to 4X



T SHIRTS

Any color, adult sizes up to 5X

All donated items will go to one of the following:

Topeka VA Medical Center - Topeka, KS

Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center - Leavenworth, KS

Kansas Veterans Home - Winfield, KS

Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center - Wichita, KS

Kansas Soldiers Home - Fort Dodge, KS



Operation: Helping Heroes

Helping Heroes is a campaign designed to help Veterans living in assisted living facilities with needed items, such as clothing, personal hygiene items, comfort items, etc..

This year, the campaign will start immediately and end on 31 Dec 23. Subsequent year(s), the campaign will start at the beginning of the VFW cycle year (June) and end on 31 Dec of that year.

Concept of Operations:

This year, the focus is on under garments (socks, underwear and t-shirts). Any participating Post will hold their own drives in an effort to collect as many of these as possible. Each item is a "Unit". A pair of socks is a "Unit", a pair of underwear is a "Unit" and a t-shirt is a "Unit". The Large Post (251 members or more) that collects the most Units, will be awarded a certificate and \$250. The Small Post (250 members or less) that collects the most Units will be awarded a certificate and \$250.

Posts will turn in their collected items to the District Commander (or Surgeon) to be tallied. I will coordinate with the District Commander (or Surgeon) to pick up those items and distribute them during the Hospital Tour. As the District Commanders (or Surgeons) report to me their numbers, I will keep a running total of what Post collected what.

I will email the Flyer to all the District Commanders and Surgeons to be printed. The flyer is high resolution so it can be blown up to poster size without becoming pixilated.

The donated items must be new and in original packaging. The donated items can be of any color.

Remember, we have larger residents that require 4X and 5X under garments. We also have male and female residents. So it will be up to the individual Posts to manage the collection of those items.

Thank you so much for your participation in *Operation: Helping Heroes*. It means the world to those Veterans knowing that there is still someone who cares about them! Good luck and Happy collecting!!