

## VA&R Action Plan

The VA&R action plan for 2016-2017 is at VA facilities in North Dakota to sponsor the gift shop and holiday parties that have become a revered tradition and valued program. Members, units, and departments also purchase essential equipment and supplies for these facilities. With the money that is collected we have a volunteer that goes around with a cart to supply needs for the Veterans that are in both the VA hospital and the Veteran's Home.

The Auxiliary joins with the VA as a national co-sponsor of the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Through this sponsorship, the Auxiliary supports special visual and performing arts therapies for veterans. February 13 – 17 in conjunction with other groups we will be participating in the VA Hospital Creative Arts Festival in Fargo, ND. We are at this time trying to get things coordinated and will get back to everyone when we can get more information.

Whatever a veteran needs – job assistance, transportation, food, clothing, etc. – Auxiliary volunteers will do their best to provide it. With troops constantly deployed during our nation's longest period of war and with many of our volunteer service members serving multiple deployments, our mission to assist veterans and their families as they transition back to civilian life has never been more relevant than it is today.

### Needs for Christmas Boxes for Overseas Military

- Beef Jerkey
- Baby Wipes
- Cross Word Puzzle Books
- Pens
- Socks that go above the calf in black
- Chewing tobacco
- Honey roasted mixed nuts

These are some of the needs of the military that is deployed overseas. This was given to Janie Pflaum from someone in the military. Thank you Janie for the great information. I am hoping to get names of those deployed that we can send these boxes to.

Needs of the VA Hospital and CBOCS are the activity bags for the young children that come with their parents. The new back packs are great for this project and they are greatly appreciated.

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