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This year I have been assigned the program of encouraging the Auxiliary members of the State of South Carolina to visit, honor and show respect for the great service members that have protected our freedom.

We can do this in a number of ways. First and foremost is to visit them in person in whatever facility they are in. I have done this and to see their faces light up is heartwarming. Often their hand is outstretched waiting to shake yours and to tell you their "story". All they want is an ear to listen.

So, it is this program that the Auxiliary can use to repay a debt we owe these brave soldiers. By visiting the facilities that are home to them we can offer a smile, a handmade gift, cards - often made by children in our schools, delicious treats and even a song or two. I've seen Bingo being played at the VA with the help of Auxiliary members. Grumpy vets yelling "Bingo" makes it all worthwhile. A good time to visit is of course on holidays, more importantly are the patriotic holidays. These are the days that are most important to them. These are the days they laid their life on the line for. Communication with the facility you are visiting is important. For help with setting up your visit please contact your VAVS Representative (listed below).

Florence Outpatient Clinic – Lucille Smith @ 864-610-6264

Greenville Outpatient Clinic – Laura Jo Sweetsir @ 864-275-7264

Myrtle Beach Outpatient Clinic – Maureen Sedelow @ 843-241-9917

Spartanburg Outpatient Clinic – Cassandra Cole @ 903-288-8692864-807-7886

Ralph H Johnson VAMC – Cathy Barna @ 843-304-3960 & Sandra Rowland @ 843-870-3048

WM. Jennings Bryan Dorn VAMC – Janice Negus @ 803-438-9165 & Audrey Smith @ 803-586-2662

The most important item you need to provide is your "time". All you need to do is devote some time and in return be offered a smile.

Enclosed you will find a report form to fill out and returned to me and a copy to your Auxiliary President for their records. **Please remember I need the date of your visit.**

Please send your reports to:

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God bless each and every Auxiliary in the great state of South Carolina.