

## **Northern Neck Groups Rally to Support Veterans at McGuire**

**Kilmarnock, VA – On Dec 15, three area organizations – Cobbs Hall Chapter NSDAR, the Knights of Columbus Saint George Assembly #2821 and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - teamed up to deliver a vehicle filled with a variety of much needed items to recovering veterans at Hunter Holmes McGuire Veteran Hospital in Richmond just before the holidays.**

**Spearheaded by the Cobbs Hall Chapter's Veteran Project Chairman Anne Wolski in 2013 after discovering some veterans were transitioning out of intensive care units into a regular hospital room without basic hygiene items. Additionally, in working with the Volunteer Coordinator staff, she realized there was a need for clean and warm clothing for some veterans to wear as they were discharged from the hospital especially at this time of the year. Since then, Cobbs Hall has ensured that personal hygiene 'ditty bags' were delivered on a quarterly basis and new sweat shirts and pants delivered each December. However, it didn't take long for the word to get out about this worthy project reports Wolski and right away other organizations here in the Northern Neck expressed an interest in helping. For the last three years, the Knights of Columbus Saint George Assembly have been contributing both personal care items and sweat sets, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has been donating sweat sets and have purchased 'Canteen Coupon Books' which are used by indigent patients at the commissary to obtain haircuts and other needed items. Additionally, area dentists Drs. Radcliffe, Newman and Fina have contributed dental care products.**

**Along on the December delivery, Cheryl Davis, Anne Wolski and Susan Hudson represented the Cobbs Hall Chapter NSDAR, Gene Wolski represented the Knights of Columbus Saint George Assembly and Susan Hudson also represented the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. At this delivery, these organizations delivered 105 ditty bags amongst the Surgical**

**Intensive Care Unit, the Critical Care Unit and Emergency Room. Also, a total of 49 sets of sweat shirts and pants and 190 Canteen Coupons were delivered to the Volunteer Services Coordinator for distribution to the needy veterans over the holidays.**

