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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support Guide Sheet 2025-26

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Facebook Page: Veterans and Family Support – Michigan

National Theme: From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free
Department Theme: We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All

PROGRAM GOALS

VFW National Veterans Service

VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs

Assist Veterans, Service Members and their Families

Promote Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness

Veterans and Family Support is the reason we all do what we do. Remember it is the program you **MUST** report in at least once every year to remain in good standing. Everything we do as an Auxiliary at every level is to support Veterans and/or their families, now you just have to report it. That is the easiest part. Please don't hesitate to send me your reports by mail or email and I will enter them on your behalf if necessary.

What you should know...

- National Veterans Service (NVS) helps veterans, service members, and their families receive the benefits they need at no cost to them. There is a nationwide network of almost 300 VFW Service Officers who help navigate the VA system.
- VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs assist active and recently discharged service members. This program includes, but not limited to, Military Assistance Program (MAP), Unmet Needs, and Adopt-A-Unit. All of which you can make a donation to at vfw.org/ways-to-help, select the program you would like to donate to and click "Contribute."

National Awards for Auxiliaries

- Most outstanding activity and/or event to celebrate/assist service members and/or veterans in the community. To include veterans job fairs, unit homecomings, mental health-related stand downs, etc.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 program divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to celebrate/assist service members or Veterans in your community.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA member resources and under the Veterans and Family Support Department of Michigan program page. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2026.

Department Awards

- Most outstanding activity and/or event to celebrate/assist service members and/or veterans in the community. To include veterans job fairs, unit homecomings, mental health-related stand downs, etc. \$10 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary
- Best Veterans & Family Support program in each membership category. \$10 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary
- The largest total number of Veterans, Service Members and/or their families assisted over the course of the year. \$10 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary

- Best promotion and fundraiser for the National Veterans Services (NVS) and/or VFW Veterans and Military Support Program. \$10 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

#1 -10-36	#2 -37-50	#3 -51-68	#4 - 69-84	#5 - 85-98
#6 - 99-115	#7 - 116-139	#8 -140-166	#9 -167-237	#10 -238-OVER

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Promoted, participated, hosted, or co-hosted with VFW Post activities for any VFW Program (i.e., disaster relief, Military Assistance Program (MAP), National Veterans Service (NVS), Unmet Needs, Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention, and Mental Health Awareness).		
Provided direct aid to Veterans, Service Members and/or their families (i.e., meals, transportation, cards, packages, donation, etc.)		
Number of Veterans, Service Members and/or their families assisted		
Total monetary donations and/or value of donations and goods/services provided to Veterans, Service Members, and/or their families.		
Promote and fundraise for the National Veterans Services (NVS), VFW Veterans and Military Support Program.		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District Meeting		
Report every quarter		

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