



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support – October/November 2025

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**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***


This year, our program will focus on these core areas:

### 1. VFW-Based Veterans Assistance Programs




The VFW provides a wide range of services to assist veterans, their families, and service members with VA claims and benefits.

At the heart of these efforts are VFW Service Officers—trained professionals who help veterans navigate the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) system to secure the benefits they have earned. Their services include:

-  Case preparation
-  Claims and appeals assistance
-  Transition support for separating service members
-  Advocacy at every step of the process

 Financial Assistance for Service Members

The VFW Financial Assistance Program supports active-duty service members (including activated Guard/Reserve) and their families who face financial hardships due to deployment, military-related injury, or other unexpected challenges.



-  Up to \$2,500 in grants – not loans (no repayment required)
-  Direct payments to creditors
-  Covers essentials like housing, utilities, medical bills, and food

 Learn more: [vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants](http://vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants)

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### 2. Support for Student Veterans

The VFW offers dedicated support for student veterans through the following programs:

-  VFW Student Veteran Support Grant
-  Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship

These programs help veterans advance their education and successfully transition into civilian careers.

 Details available at: [vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support](http://vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support)

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### 3. Veterans' Mental Health Matters

Mental health is a critical part of every veteran's well-being—and our program recognizes this as a key pillar.

If you recognize a veteran in crisis (or anyone, for that matter), here's how you can help:

- Dial 988 and press 1 for the Veterans Crisis Line
- Or text 838255 for immediate support

✅ Be aware of the five signs of emotional suffering—you never know how much of a difference you might make in someone's life by simply reaching out.

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### 4. Veteran and Spouse Employment Support

Employment is essential—not only for financial stability but also for a veteran's sense of purpose and belonging. This also extends to their spouses, many of whom must reenter the workforce after years of supporting their partner's service.

👜 How You Can Help:

- Partner with local employers, state/county workforce programs, and veteran-friendly businesses
- Host or promote job fairs
- Provide resume-building workshops
- Share training and certification opportunities

When our veterans succeed in the workforce, our communities benefit.

🔧 Tools and resources for employment support can be found in MALTA:  
👉 [malta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResources](https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResources)

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### Upcoming Patriotic Holidays/Recognition Days:

Please note the Patriotic Holidays and Recognition days in October/November and reach out, hold an event, honor them **ALL**:

- Global War on Terrorism & Desert Storm Veterans Day (October 7)
- Day of the Deployed (October 26)
- Statue of Liberty's Birthday (October 28)
- Veterans Day (November 11)

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