



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support – April/May 2026

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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*

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to President Debbie for appointing me as the Veteran and Family Support Chairman this year. I am truly honored by the opportunity to have served in this role and to continue supporting the veterans and families who have sacrificed so much for our nation.



Grants you should be familiar with:

As we move forward, I want to highlight the importance of National Veteran Services and the many resources available to better serve our veterans and communities. Our mission remains clear: to ensure that veterans and their families receive the support, recognition, and assistance they deserve.



Now is the time to begin looking into the Student Veteran Support Grant. This grant provides a meaningful opportunity to assist student veterans as they pursue their educational goals. Whether it's helping with supplies, transportation, or other essential needs, this is a tangible way we can invest in their future success.

The #StillServing Grant supports innovative projects that make a real difference in the lives of veterans and their families. This grant encourages creativity and impactful service initiatives within our communities. With the applications for the 2026-2027 school year this may be the time to bring this grant to the attention of those who qualify.

The Uniting to Combat Hunger Grant is another vital resource. Food insecurity affects many veterans and their families, and this grant allows us to address that need directly. Through food drives, meal programs, and partnerships with local organizations, we can ensure no veteran goes hungry. Do you already participate? This is a great item to report for the National Award!

Additionally, the Post Assistance Grant offers support for posts that need assistance to continue their important work. If your post could benefit from this program, I strongly encourage you to explore the opportunity and submit an application. Your Post must be the one to apply for this grant, but don't hesitate to bring it to their attention if you feel it would be of help!

While the program year is nearing its end, our work is not finished. There is still much we can accomplish in the months ahead. I encourage each of you to continue the outstanding service you have been providing all year. Your dedication, compassion, and commitment truly make a difference in the lives of veterans and their families.



Finally, please remember that the National Award submissions are due to me by March 31. I welcome early submissions, so feel free to send them in as soon as they are ready. All other reporting will end on April 20.

Thank you again for your continued hard work and unwavering support of our veterans. Together, we will finish this year strong and continue making a lasting impact.

Upcoming Patriotic Holidays & Recognition Days (April/May)

Please consider hosting an event, reaching out, or taking a moment to honor these important dates:

- **Month of the Military Child** – Month of April
- **Gold Star Spouses Day** - April 5
- **Air Force Reserves Birthday** – April 14
- **Army Reserve Birthday** – April 23
- **Silver Star Service Banner Day** – April 29
- **Military Spouse Appreciate Day** – May 8
- **Children of Fallen Patriot Days** – May 13
- **Armed Forces Day** – May 16
- **Memorial Day** – May 25

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