

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT BULLETIN

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National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans

Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us

“Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world. A veteran doesn’t have that problem.” — Ronald Reagan

Here we are - our last full month of this program year! Look over your Guide Sheet and see what else your Auxiliary can do! As always, be sure to report!

National Awards forms are **due by March 31st**. These can be printed from Malta or the Department website. Please remember that the two National Awards are also Department Awards! In addition, look over the other Department Awards that you can be in the running for should you submit reports to qualify.



The weather is getting warmer and Spring is well on her way. If your Auxiliary has not had the opportunity to plant a tree in honor of Suicide Awareness, please consider doing it this month! Don't forget to take a picture of your tree and plaque and send it to Nicole Koutz so she can put it in Madam President, Sara Manke's tree book.

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time is March 10th. It will be time to move your clocks forward an hour.

If you haven't joined the Veterans and Family Support Facebook page, please do so you can be updated on relevant information as well as be prepared for the upcoming program year information! You can find it by searching for Veterans & Family Support - Michigan on your Facebook page.

Dates to Remember

- March 3- Navy Reserve Birthday
- March 4-Hug a GI Day
- March 5- Seabee Birthday
- March 13- K-9 Veterans Day
- March 21- Rosie the Riveter Day
- March 25- Medal of Honor Day
- March 29- National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- March 31- Happy Easter



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Military kids say
goodbye more often in
their first few years

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fb.com/themilitarywifeandmom

April is the Month of the Military Child!

This month I would love for you to focus on reaching out and supporting our military children. This group of individuals experience deployments, a home with a parent not tucking them into bed at night, stress, heartache and so much more. How can your Auxiliary support them this month? One way you can show support is to "Purple Up" on Fridays! That is, wearing a purple shirt! Your Auxiliary can also host a Purple Up day! Visit www.militarychild.org/MOMC_toolkit for a downloadable poster and other supplies to assist you with your day!

This month is also the end of reporting for this program year. I want to encourage you all to look over your Guide Sheet to see what is left that you have to report. Remember to report how many veterans, service members and their families that you have assisted this program year! This will be indicated under the drop down menu that states, "How many veterans, service members and/or their families did your Auxiliary help?" on the reporting site. This number is important because it is a required number that I need to submit to National. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to email or call me, but don't wait until the last day to do so.

Last Day of reporting is April 20th! Please have all reports submitted by this date!

Last, but not least, I want to thank you all for your support this program year. You all have done a great job reaching out to the very people that we need and want to assist. Thank you for supporting the VFW National Veterans Service that supports this amazing group in getting VA assistance, supporting the VFW Veterans & Military Support program that gives scholarships, grants and unit support! And, thank you for spreading awareness in Veteran and Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness! It takes a village to make it all happen. You are the guardian angel for the very people we are eager to assist! As this program year ends, remember our job is never done! Continue being out there being active in helping and supporting our veterans, service members and their families!

Dates to Remember:

Month of the Military Child
April 5- Gold Stars Wives Day
April 9- National former POW Recognition Day
April 14- Air Force Reserve Birthday
April 23- Army Reserve Birthday

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