



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support Guide Sheet 2024-2025

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***National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches: Extending Service to Our Veterans***

***Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire***

### **PROGRAM GOALS**

**VFW National Veterans Service (NVS) - VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs**

**Assist Veterans, Service Members and Their Families**

**Promote Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness**

### **VFW National Veterans Service**

NVS helps veterans, service members, and their families obtain the benefits they deserve – at no cost. NVS provides a nationwide network of nearly 300 VFW Service Officers who help veterans navigate the Veterans Affairs system.

### **VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs**

VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs serve active-duty and recently discharged military. They include:

- **Military Assistance Program (MAP)**
- **Unmet Needs**
- **Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship**

### **Promote Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness**

Make a difference in the life of a veteran or service member in crisis by educating yourself and others about the warning signs of suicide.

### **NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES**

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military and their families.
  - Citation and \$25.00 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity or event to increase awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military, and their families.

**An Entry Form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Veterans and Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.**

## DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

- Best overall activity/event that increased awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military, and their families. Auxiliary must send the required entry form to the Department Chairman. \$10 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary
- Best Veterans & Family Support program in each membership category. \$10 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary
- Best overall promotion and fundraising for the National Veterans Services and VFW Veterans and Military Support program. \$10 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary
- Best overall promotion and fundraising for the Mid-Michigan, Talons Out and/or U.P. Honor Flight Programs. \$10 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary
- Best overall promotion and fundraising for Operation Bottom Cover. \$10 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Promote, participate, host/co-host with your VFW Post activities for any of these programs: Disaster Relief, Military Assistance (MAP), National Veterans Service (NVS), Unmet Needs, Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness		
Host a fundraiser to help with the Mid-Michigan, Talons Out and/or Upper Peninsula Honor Flight Programs. Donations may go directly to chosen Honor Flight Program or may be used to sponsor a chaperone		
Coordinate an open house event or activity that includes VFW accredited Service Officers to help all veterans, military and their families to navigate the VA system to obtain their benefits		
Promote veteran and military suicide prevention and mental health awareness		
Provide direct aid to military, veterans and/or their family members (i.e. cash, rent, bills, funeral, food, school supplies, diapers, tuition, transportation). Report monetary donations and number of veterans, service members, and/or families assisted		
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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