



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support Guide Sheet 2026-27

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Facebook Page: Veterans and Family Support - Michigan

National Theme: *Serving America's Heroes*

Department Theme: *Leading With a Patriots Heart*

PROGRAM GOALS

Promote Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) Veteran, Military Suicide & Mental Health Awareness

Assist Veterans, Service Members and their Families

Promote Resources for Veterans and Military Support Programs

Veterans and Family Support is exactly why our members join the VFW Auxiliary to do just that. Under the leadership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we serve and support veterans, active-duty soldiers and their families of the United States because they have and are putting their lives on the line for our country. Working together as a team we can reach the goals on top of this page and much more. Each month you will receive bulletins with information and suggestions on how to give that support. Included will be the programs & resources already in place and a few new ones.

You are asked to report every month on what your auxiliary is doing to complete the guide points listed in this bulletin. If you need any help with reporting, PLEASE contact me – I am here to support you, so you can support Veterans, Service Members & their Families. You are the key to helping Michigan and President Manke enter the "Circle of Excellence" for our Veterans.

National Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Citation and \$25 to one auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding promotion of VFW Resources for veterans, service members and their families.
2. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding activity and/or event promoting resources, including those for PTS, and assistance for veterans and their families (resources fairs, mental health clinics, etc.)

Entry forms for each Award is required and is available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form for each award to the VFW Auxiliary Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2027 for judging.

Department Awards

1. Most outstanding promotion using **VFW Resources** for veterans, service members and their families. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
2. Most outstanding Auxiliary that provided **Direct Aid** to veterans, service members and/or families. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
3. Auxiliary with the **most reported number** of veterans, service members and/or their families **assisted** over the year. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.
4. Most outstanding promotion/activity of **PTS & Secondary PTS, Mental Health Awareness**

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

#1 -10-36	#2 -37-54	#3 -55-70	#4 – 71-94	#5 – 95-124
#6 – 125-150	#7 – 151-195	#8 -196-226	#9 -227-299	#10 -300-OVER

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Promoted, participated, hosted, or co-hosted with VFW Post activities for any VFW Program (PTS/Secondary PTS & Mental health awareness, Disaster Relief, Military Assistance Programs, National Veterans Service, Unmet Needs) Explain what you did & for who - each time you report		
Provided direct aid to Veterans, Service Members, and/or their families (meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc) What did you do & for who?		
Number of Veterans, Service Members, and/or their Families assisted (name who & # served).		
Promotion of Information about Post Traumatic Stress AND Secondary Post Traumatic Stress and mental health awareness (How)		
Total monetary donations and/or value of donations and goods/services provided to Veterans, Service Members (report what & how much each time)		
Resources Used in Promoting Program (What & How)		
Donations to Department President Special Project (how much)		
Donation to National Joint President/Commander Special Project (how much)		
Purchase Department President's Pin (how many)		
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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