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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support Bulletin OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2026-27

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Veterans and Family Support - Michigan

National Theme: Serving America's Heroes

Department Theme: Leading With a Patriots Heart

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Promote Post Traumatic Stress, Veteran & Military Suicide, & Mental Health Awareness
2. Assist Veterans, Service Members and their Families
3. Promote Resources for Veterans and Military Support Programs

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Congratulations to Auxiliary Chairman on reporting how they are using the three goals above to work together as a team to accomplish "Serving America's Heroes". Veterans and Support National Ambassador, Beth West is passionate about the #1 goal: Promoting Post Traumatic Stress, Military Suicide, & Mental Health Awareness. "Leading With a Patriots Heart" will inspire us all to Promote the Resources we already have and find new ways to assist and Support Veterans, Military & families.

I have one reminder for reporting – Make sure the ACTIVITY type on the report is filled in with the proper guide point. PLEASE - Fill in ALL areas on the report. Don't forget to use the Veterans and Family Support-Michigan Facebook page to Share your ideas with everyone. Remember we need to work together as a team. "YOU" could be the one to lead the team to Victory by starting a "SWAP" Initiative with your Veterans and Family support IDEAS .



www.selfridgesupportgroup.org

Since 2012, every state in the U.S. has observed October 26th as #National Day of the Deployed. VFW Auxiliary President Manke has suggested Michigan Auxiliaries take this opportunity to support the deployed troops of Selfridge Air National Guard Troops based out of Selfridge, MI. The Selfridge Support Group (www.selfridgesupportgroup.org) has received a list of much-needed items requested by troops serving overseas and have arranged a way for us to help by donating through a designated Amazon Wishlist from the troops.

If you want to pick your own items to donate, You can order FROM the Amazon Wishlist by using the QR code or the link from the selfridgesupportgroup Flyer on their Facebook page. The items will be sent by Amazon directly to the Selfridge Support Group & they will collect, organize, and ensure every item gets to the 127th Air National Guard members overseas (if ordered with Prime-no charge for mailing to the support group, if regular Amazon, postage will be charged to you). If you would rather send a money donation and have the group order the items.

MAIL MONEY

DONATION TO:

Or online at Website

In the memo area of the check, earmark the donation for
***Deployed Troops or *Troops** (at base Troops & families)

Selfridge Support Group

PO Box 450021 ANGB

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****BE SURE TO REPORT****YOUR

DONATION AS DIRECT AID TO VETERANS , SERVICE MEMBERS & FAMILIES.



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November is Military Family Appreciation Month and was first recognized in 1996 after the Armed Services YMCA along with the U.S. Government expanded Military Family Week. Each year, the president declares the month through a signed proclamation. This would be a great time to adopt a military family for the holidays. Offer to run errands for military spouses who may have their hands full with their children or even their pets. Volunteer or donate services to military organizations. Make sure you invite Military families to any Veterans Day celebrations and dinners, a night out could just be what they need. Showing you care will raise moral for the Military member, by knowing their family has support while they are away and will ease the strain on the family. Don't be afraid to ask what is needed - a smile and a helping hand can work wonders. Remember, PTS isn't only with the Veteran – the families also may suffer.

Make sure Active Military Families know about the Resources available to them. The Financial Assistance for Service Members program is available to give financial help to active-duty and activated Guard/Reserve members and their families who have run into unexpected financial difficulties because of deployment or other military-related activity or injury. The program provides financial assistance up to \$2,500 to assist with daily necessities (housing, utilities, medical bills, and food) in the form of a grant – not a loan – so no repayment is required. To further ease the burden, it will pay the creditor(s) directly. You will find information and how to apply on the VFW website: [vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants](https://www.vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants).

Trained VFW Service Officers are available to help veterans with separation from active duty preparation, claims assistance, mental wellness, transition support for veterans, student support – Check it all out at the VFW Website: <https://www.vfw.org/assistance>. Then organize an informational/slash membership event with your Post, invite the Veterans & their families in the community. Maybe offer games or art projects for the kids to introduce VFW & Auxiliary Youth programs. Have a VFW Service Officer present to answer questions about what support is available for Veterans, active duty military and their families and how joining your VFW Post or VFW Auxiliary will benefit eligible Veterans. Serve refreshments and have a relaxed get together full of Veterans and Family Support.



Working together, it's always nice to say Thank-You to Team Members who have went the extra mile to support our program and help those in need. Auxiliary & District Chairman take a few minutes to use the Veterans and Family Support Citation available on the Department of Michigan VFW Auxiliary Website under the Veterans and Family Support Program to give to these "Support Angels" a well earned show of appreciation for **"SERVING AMERICA'S HEROES"** while **"Leading With a Patriots Heart"**



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