FALL CONFERENCE
INFORMATIONAL PACKET
2026-27 FOR

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM REPORTING

Honoring
Supporting
Empowering

★ FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY! ★

★ Together We Make a Difference! ★

VETERANS
FAMILIES
COMMUNITIES
ALWAYS

1 COMPLETE THE BASIC INFORMATION

FILL IN THE BLANKS FOR:

- ☑ Auxiliary (name/number)
- ☑ District
- ☑ Date of Activity
- ☑ E-mail Address

Accurate Information Helps Tell Our Story! ★

2 CHOOSE PROGRAM & ACTIVITY

VERY IMPORTANT!

Choose the correct **PROGRAM:**

Veterans and Family Support

Then choose the **ACTIVITY** from the list in the drop down:

- ☑ Co-hosted with VFW Post
- ☑ Provided direct aid
- ☑ Number of Veterans served
- ☑ Promotion of information about PTS & Secondary PTS
- ☑ Total Monetary Donations
- ☑ Resources Used (name them)
- ☑ Donation to Department Project
- ☑ Donation to National Project
- ☑ Purchase Department Presidents Pin
- ☑ Attend & Register at School of Instruction
- ☑ Attend your District Meeting
- ☑ Report every quarter

Choose the Right Program and Activity for Accurate Reporting! ★

3 REPORT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION

BE SURE TO COMPLETE:

- ☑ Number of Hours
- ☑ Number of Members
- ☑ Number of Miles
- ☑ Dollars Spent
- ☑ Number of Youth
- ☑ Number of Poppies
- ☑ Chairman's Name
- ☑ Number of Projects

4 RESOURCES USED

VERY IMPORTANT – NAME THEM!

- ☑ Brochures
- ☑ Flyers
- ☑ Veterans Crisis Line Materials
- ☑ VA Information
- ☑ Community Resources
- ☑ VFW Auxiliary Materials
- ☑ Auxiliary Website Resources
- ☑ And more – list all that you used!

Don't just write "Resources Used" — NAME THEM! ★

5 DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART!

TELL ME ALL OF WHAT YOU DID
(not just a couple of words)!

DO NOT write:	DO write:
✗ Passed out information	✓ What you did
✗ Made donation	✓ Who participated
✗ Attended event	✓ How many veterans or family members were reached
✗ Helped veterans	✓ What resources were provided
✗ A few short words	✓ Money donated or spent
	✓ Community impact
	✓ Results of the activity

The more details you provide, the better your report will be!

6 MORE THAN ONE PROJECT?

You **CAN** report more than one project on the same form...

BUT...

Each project MUST all have to do with the ACTIVITY dropdown you chose.

7 REPORT FOUR TIMES A YEAR

4 QUARTERS EACH YEAR	
Q1	4/21–7/31
Q2	8/1–10/31
Q3	11/1–1/31
Q4	2/1–4/20

- ✓ Please report as you do an activity.
- ✓ Don't wait until the last day of the quarter to send everything you did.
- ✓ Reporting throughout the year makes it easier and helps showcase all the great work being done!

Small Steps Make a Big Impact! ★

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS AND FAMILIES!

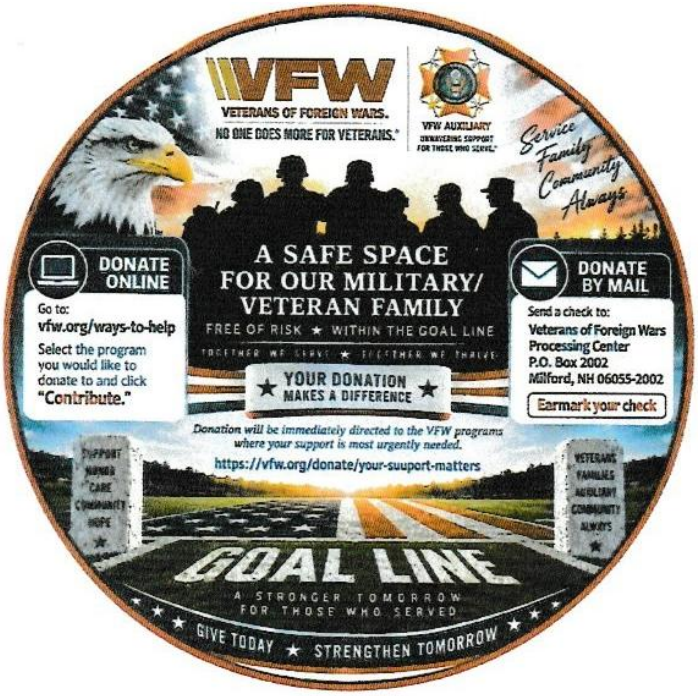
THIS IS WHAT THE VFW AUXILIARY IS —
AND YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY REPORTING WHAT YOU DO!

★ SERVING AMERICA'S HEROES ★

★ LEADING WITH A PATRIOT'S HEART ★

Every Report Tells the Story of Service! ★

VFW AUXILIARY
SERVICE
FAMILY
COMMUNITY
HOPE

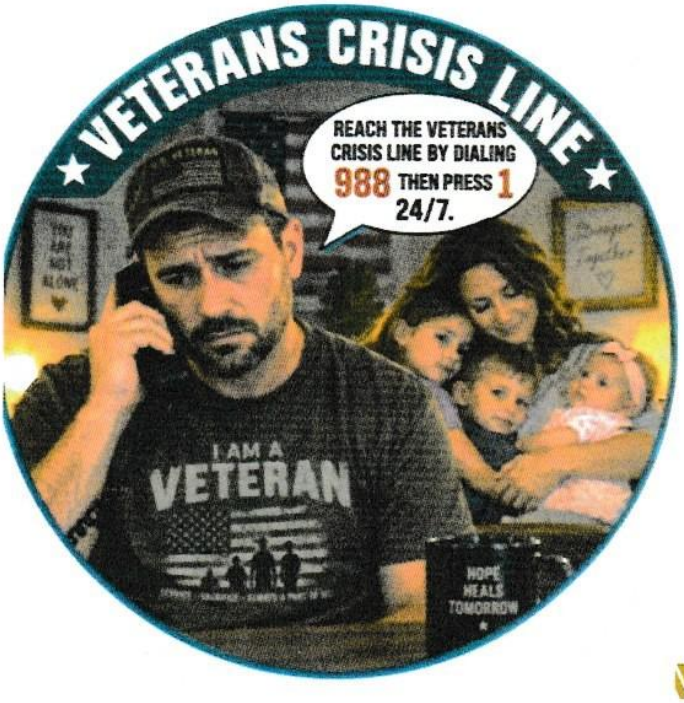


Membership Auxiliary Leadership Technology Access

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION ARE LOCATED ON MALTA

https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/memberresources

Your "GO-TO" Resource Bonanza



VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. SportClips HAIRCUTS

HELP A HERO

SCHOLARSHIP ★ PROGRAM

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Veteran & Military Suicide Awareness Teardrop Sticker

Instructions: Print this document on 8.5 x 11 sticker paper and cut out the teardrops to use them as stickers. (Try Avery 8165 for inkjet printers. When someone asks you about your sticker, tell them that the VFW Auxiliary is concerned about the rates of suicides among veterans and military personnel; we want everyone to be aware of the unique stresses that face them.

Share the Veterans Crisis Line with them: Dial 988, Press 1 or Text 838255, www.veteranscrisisline.net.

FIND BOTH ON WEBSITE
vfwauxmi.org
Dropdown - Programs
Veterans and Family Support

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary

Veterans & Family Support Participation Citation

Presented to

JASON MANKE

In Appreciation for

Helping Homeless Veterans In Crisis Reclaim Independence

Through Fundraising Efforts & Support of the

"VETS RETURNING HOME PROGRAM"

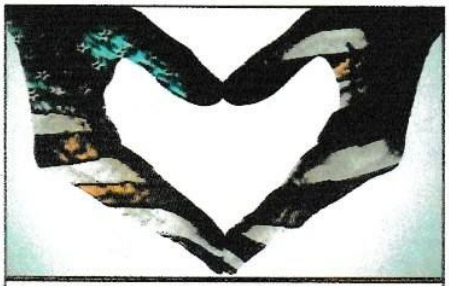
For your participation in this Program
2026-2027

Donna K. Mills
National President

National Secretary

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU THANK THOSE THAT DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN SERVICE FOR VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT. YOU WILL FIND THIS CERTIFICATE AT THE AUXILIARY WEBSITE UNDER PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

vfwauxmi.org



RESOURCES FOR VETERANS, ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
816-756-3390
vfw.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary (VFW Auxiliary)
816-561-8655
vfwauxiliary.org

VFW National Home Military & Veteran Family Helpline
800-313-4200
vfwnationalhome.org/get-help

Veterans Crisis Line
Dial 988 then Press 1 or Text 838255
veteranscrisisline.net

Military OneSource
800-342-9647
militaryonesource.mil

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Benefit Line: 800-827-1000
va.gov

Military.com
www.military.com

TRICARE®
www.tricare.mil

Veterans Employment and Training Service
866-4-USA-DOL
(866-487-2365)
dol.gov/vets

Assistance for Homeless Veterans
877-4AID-VET
(877-424-3838)
va.gov/homeless

Center for Women Veterans
855-VA-WOMEN
(855-829-6636)
va.gov/womenvet

VA Caregiver Support Line
855-260-3274
caregiver.va.gov

Military Connection
militaryconnection.com

Make the Connection
maketheconnection.net

National Military Family Association
703-931-6632
militaryfamily.org

National Alliance of Families POW-MIA
nationalalliance.org

National Suicide Prevention Hotline
988 or 800-273-8255
988lifeline.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-7233
thehotline.org

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline
(800-422-4453)
childhelphotline.org

Children-Youth-Teens
militaryonesource.mil/parenting/children-youth-teens/

UNWAVERING SUPPORT
FOR UNCOMMON HEROES
www.vfwauxiliary.org

PRESIDENT JASON MANKE'S PIN – MAKE SURE YOU PURCHASE FROM "RAFFLE ANNIE" & SELL TO COMPLETE A GUIDESHEET POINT!

Veterans Serve Our Nation

Auxiliaries Make a Difference

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Deadline: March 31, 2027

RECOGNIZING AUXILIARIES THAT DEMONSTRATE EXCEPTIONAL COMMITMENT TO SERVING VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

#1

MOST OUTSTANDING PROMOTION

Using VFW resources to support veterans, service members, and their families.

Award: $10.00 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary

#2

MOST OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY

Providing direct aid to veterans, service members, and/or their families.

Award: $10.00 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary

#3

AUXILIARY WITH THE MOST REPORTED ASSISTANCE

Auxiliary reporting the highest number of veterans, service members, and/or their families assisted throughout the year.

Award: $10.00 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary

#4

MOST OUTSTANDING EVENT OR ACTIVITY

Promoting Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS), Secondary PTS, and Mental Health Awareness through the effective use of available resources.

Award: $10.00 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary

SUBMIT ALL AWARD ENTRIES BY MARCH 31, 2027

OR BEFORE TO:

PAST
PRESENT
ALWAYS

EVELYN AVERY
44936 CR 352
DECATUR, MI 49045

Together for Veterans

HONORING SERVICE ★ SUPPORTING FAMILIES
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

FOR GOD, COUNTRY, AND COMMUNITY

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VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

NATIONAL AWARDS

Deadline: March 31, 2027

RECOGNIZING AUXILIARIES THAT DEMONSTRATE EXCEPTIONAL COMMITMENT TO SERVING VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

#1 MOST OUTSTANDING PROMOTION OF RESOURCES

Citation and $25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding **PROMOTION OF RESOURCES, including those** for PTS, and assistance for veterans and their families.

#2 MOST OUTSTANDING ACTIVITY AND/OR EVENT

Citation and $25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding **ACTIVITY AND/OR EVENT** promoting resources, including those for PTS, and assistance for veterans and their families (resource fairs, mental health clinics, etc.).

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September is
National Suicide Prevention Month

Reduce suicide rates & lessen the stigma of mental illness, ldiction, depression and PTS(D) with the following resources:

- **Visit https://www.veteranscrisisline.net and click on topics under "Education and Advice."**
- **Learn the Five Signs that may mean someone is in emotional pain and might need help: https://www.changedirection.org/#five-signs**
- **Purchase the Auxiliary Suicide Awareness Prevention Pin from the VFW Store: http://vfwstore.org/products/32033**
- **Share the Veterans Crisis Line number: Dial 988, then press one.**
- **"Don't Wait, Reach Out." Learn more here: https://www.va.gov/montana-health-care/stories/tackling-self-stigma-to-strengthen-your-recovery-journey/**

Selfridge Support Group

www.selfridgesupportgroup.org

MAIL MONEY DONATION TO: Selfridge Family Assistance
29690 George St. Building 168
Or online at Website Selfridge, MI 48045

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

DEPT. PRESIDENT PROJECT DONATE AT DEPT.

VETS RETURNING HOME

Find us on: facebook.

501(C)3 NON-PROFIT CHARITY
Helps homeless veterans in crisis reclaim independence

- Volunteer operated 11,000 square foot facility with (43) beds and commercial kitchen.
- Provide a stable and sober living environment to veterans in crisis.
- On-site services including employment readiness training, aid with job placement, disability benefit connection, legal support and life skills training.
- Fully furnished apartments.
- Community support both physical and financial has been vital to our ability to continue our mission. *Vets Returning Home* receives *NO* government funding.
- VRH has successfully transitioned on average 250 veterans a year back into society as fully functioning community members.

17955 E. 11 Mile Road • Roseville, Michigan 48066
Phone: 586-285-5606 • Fax: 586-498-8509
Email: info@VetsReturningHome.org

www.vetsreturninghome.org

NATIONAL PRESIDENT DONATION AT MALTA

2026-2027 JOINT SPECIAL PROJECT

OPERATION BRING THEM HOME

RETURNING *ALL* OF OUR HEROES TO THEIR FAMILIES AND BRINGING THEM HOME WITH HONOR

VFW AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT
DONNA K. MILLS
& VFW NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
CORY L. GEISLER

The DPAA (Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency) is a Department of Defense agency that works to account for and repatriate U.S. service members who are or were Prisoners of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA) from past conflicts. Its mission is to provide families and the nation with the most complete record of these missing personnel. The DPAA uses a combination of historical research, recovery operations and forensic science including analyzing DNA to identify remains and **bring them home.**

To support this project, select the **"Make a Gift"** tab and then **"National President's 2026-2027 Special Project"** in MALTA. Or mail a check to National Headquarters earmarked "National President's/Commander-in-Chief's 2026-2027 Special Project." Members may also mail gifts earmarked for the special project to the VFW Foundation.

Members can report this under the **Veterans & Family Support Program.** Also reportable under Veterans & Family Support and integral to DPAA's efforts is what is called a Family Resource Sample (FRS). DNA from surviving family members is key to identifying missing loved ones. It is technology that did not exist when these troops were lost.

Helping this organization means helping families find peace. Your contributions will help fund the DPAA's efforts. To learn more about DPAA, visit www.dpaa.mil.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Adopt-A-Unit FAQ

The Adopt-a-Unit Program assists in building relationships between the VFW and our military members.

Who is Eligible to Adopt-a-Unit:

- VFW Posts- only one Post may adopt a unit. Multiple Posts cannot adopt the same unit.

Why you should Adopt-a-Unit:

- To support your local military members and their families. As VFW/Auxiliary members, you understand the challenges military members and their families face and the support they need.
- To help connect military members with the vast network of resources the VFW has available.

Conducting Adopt-a-Unit activities is a great recruiting opportunity.

How to find a military unit:

- Contact your local National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty units.
- Access the "Find a Unit Flyer" which is available at vfw.org/TroopSupport/
- Speak with other VFW Posts and Veterans Organizations who may have knowledge of units in the area.

When to adopt a unit:

- There is no time like the present and our military members and their families need your assistance now more than ever. Your assistance is equally important whether the unit is home or deployed overseas.

What kind of activities should you plan:

- Welcome Home, Deployment, Yellow Ribbon, Family Day, Dinner/Picnics, Holiday Parties, Meetings/Briefings and Funeral/Memorial Services to name a few.
- You are only limited by your imagination when it comes to supporting our troops and their families.

Where to get assistance for Adopt-a-Unit Questions:

Call the Military Appreciation Program Office at 866.789.6333

Email the MAP Office at m.a.p@vfw.org

How to Apply:

Submit an Adopt-a-Unit Application to the MAP Office, the form is located on the VFW website at www.vfw.org/TroopSupport/

When to Report:

Submit a minimum of one AAU Activity Report annually per adopted unit.
Your first report is due at least one year from the date the application was received. You can also submit
a report after every event that you conduct with your adopted unit.

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Honoring Their Service Supporting Their Tomorrow

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

S-U-PP-O-R-T!

Support Our Veterans & Families

★ -TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE- ★

S - U - PP - O - R - T
Support Our Veterans & Families
They served our country loyally.
Join our team for a victory
Report your support activity.!

S - U - PP - O - R - T
Support Our Veterans & Families
Hand in Hand, strong & true
Serving those who served for you
is what we do!

S - U - PP - O - R - T
Support Our Veterans & Families
Focusing on first and second hand
Post Traumatic Stress and Mental Health,
Using resources, programs, and tools each day,
Helping veterans to find a better way!

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Support Our Veterans & Families
March 27th is the date,
don't be late!
To send your National and Department
Award activity
To me to give your team a victory!

S - U - PP - O - R - T
Support Our Veterans & Families
A good job by all! That's our goal
Working together to do our part
Leading with compassion,
commitment, and heart!

S - U - PP - O - R - T
Support Our Veterans & Families
VFW & Auxiliary, proud and strong
Helping veterans all year long!

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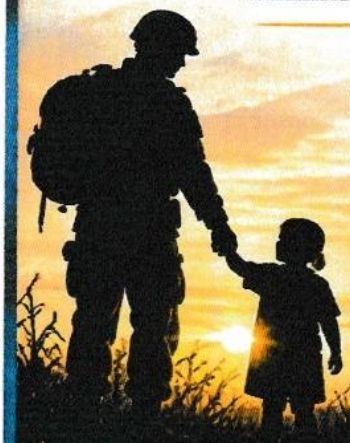
Support Our Veterans & Families
Visit my booth to learn even more after this cheer
WHY? Because – you care – that's clear!



Veterans Today... Stronger Tomorrows!

SERVICE
FAMILIES
COMMUNITY
HOPE
TOGETHER

★ VFW AUXILIARY ★ VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT ★ PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE ★

Same Heroes. Brighter Tomorrows.