



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans and Family Support Bulletin January/February 2021

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National Theme: Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans

Department Theme: Honor, Serve and Remember our Veterans with Everlasting Patriotism

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Educate, Promote and Publicize

The primary ways to involve our community to our Veterans & Family Support Program are through education, promotion and publicity. As Auxiliary members, we need to reach out and interact with our local civic, religious, school and community organizations. We need to provide them information of the services and programs we have to support our veterans, service members and their families and offer assistance and/or further information, if needed. By educating the public about our Programs, we will increase their understanding of what the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary do. Before we can do any of the above, we need to educate ourselves and become familiar with what this Program offers.

- Promote the VFW National Veterans Service (NVS) and support our veterans, service members and their families to obtain the benefits they deserve at no cost to them.
- Promote the VFW Veterans Military Support Programs, which support current and recently discharged military service members:
 - Military Assistance Program (MAP)
 - Unmet Needs
 - VFW's Sports Clips Hero Scholarship
- Educate yourself on the warning signs of suicide and mental health of our veterans. Get involved in your community by educating citizens about mental health issues, resources and treatment options.
- Publicize what the V&FS Program offers on your social media and publicize what your VFW and Auxiliary do in support of these programs. When advertising for a fundraiser, take the opportunity to provide information about the program the fundraiser is for.

I would like to spend a few minutes talking about the achievements/goals for this program. We all understand that it is difficult to do our "normal" fundraising activities in today's climate, especially here in Michigan when we can't anticipate whether we will be on lock down or able to meet in person. Fortunately, there are only 2 Achievements that require to "host or co-host" fundraising activities in this program.

Real quick on the reports, please fill in the name of the Chairman where it's asked for, this makes communication so much easier. The reports I've been seeing under "Provide direct aid to Veterans, military, and/or their families (Ex. Meals, Transportation, cards, packages, donations etc.)" have been outstanding! **But just a reminder - although we do, and should, provide aid to our auxiliary sisters and brothers - we do not report that. The same goes for**

contributing auxiliary funds to your VFW post for maintenance and upkeep (funds for a new roof, a new sign, etc.), it's great to assist your post, however that is not reportable. If you have ANY questions, comments, or feedback, please call or text the below listed phone number and feel free to call at any time.

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