

## **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY**

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## VFW AUXILIARY TO HOST [FREE] FAMILY FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary [enter Auxiliary number] will host its first ever Family Freedom Festival on [enter day and date] from [enter start and end time] at [enter location name and address of the event]. This [free] family-friendly event will feature food, music, games and more! It's a festival to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy and will include activities and entertainment for all ages. Attend this event and learn about what the VFW Auxiliary does and what we can offer you: [the bullet points below are examples – fill in your own]

- Discover educational scholarships we offer and support and learn how to apply.
- Meet members of our youth group and speak with them about some of the volunteer work they've done in our community; learn how your child can join this patriotic group!
- See U.S. Flags from different eras and find out what the each of the 13 folds of the Flag mean.
- Talk with hospital volunteers and hear why they love to volunteer and bring smiles to the faces of hospitalized veterans in our community and how you can join them.
- Visit with city council members [the mayor, state representative \_\_\_\_\_, etc.] and register to vote.
- Learn how you can take steps to change mental health in America. Learn the Five Signs of emotional suffering, obtain information about the Veterans Crisis Line and the VFW National Home for Children's Military & Veteran Family Helpline.
- Sign up to become a member; join the VFW or VFW Auxiliary.

Find us on Facebook here: [link to Auxiliary/Post Facebook page – make sure there is a post about the Family Freedom Festival on the Facebook page!]

**About the VFW Auxiliary:** The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation's oldest veterans' service organizations and our members are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. We have more than 470,000 members representing all 50 states who volunteer millions of hours and give millions of dollars to support veterans, military service personnel and their families.

We are a voice for veterans on Capitol Hill and are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families. We are one of the top 10 providers of volunteer hours in the VA medical system. Every year, members fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans and their families. We also provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our nation's youth. With nearly 3,800 Auxiliaries, there is likely one in your area working to improve the lives of America's uncommon heroes. Learn more at <u>www.vfwauxiliary.org</u>.

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