

## Veterans & Family Support

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The Veterans and Family Program partners with the VFW on the following initiatives:

1. National Veterans Service (NVS) – to help veterans, service members and their families obtain the benefits they deserve at no cost.
2. The Military Assistance Program (MAP) helps VFW & Auxiliary members give more to their local military units. They help to forge and nurture bonds with those units by providing financial assistance for Posts, Districts and Departments to sponsor morale-boosting send-offs, homecomings and casual get togethers.
3. These programs are VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs that serve our active-duty and recently discharged military.
  - a. Unmet Needs is a grant program that helps veterans pay for essential expenses.
  - b. VFW “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” provides scholarships of up to \$5,000 per semester to eligible veterans.
4. Support for Veteran & Military Caregivers. National Ambassador Laquetta McCarter has added this to her program year, which is an especially important topic. Who takes on the role of caregiver for veterans? Do you know when National Family Caregiver Month or Month of the Military Caregiver is? I will be adding this information each month in General Orders. Let us educate ourselves and see where we, individually and/or as an organization, can do to provide more support.

National President Sandi Onstwedder theme is “*Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans*” and Department President Sandy Weldon’s theme is “*God Bless America*”. These words should motivate us throughout the year as we work on our programs that provide aid to those veterans who gave so much for us.

### AUXILIARY AWARDS:

1. \$10 and Citation to the Auxiliary who hosts or co-hosts with the VFW Post the most fund-raising activities for the National Veterans Service (NVS).
2. Citation to the runner-up to #1.
3. \$10 and Citation in each membership group who hosts or co-hosts with the VFW Post the most fundraising activities for Veterans and Military Support Programs, i.e. Military Assistance Program (MAP), Unmet Needs & VFW “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship”.
4. Citation to the runner-up in each group to #3.

5. \$5 and Citation in each membership group who offers the most direct assistance to veterans and/or active duty military and/or their families. (meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc.)
6. Citation to the runner-up in each group to #5.
7. \$5 and Citation to the Auxiliary who participates in the most events geared at helping homeless veterans. (Stand Downs, clothing drives, etc.)
8. Citation to the runner up to #7.
9. \$5 and Citation to the Auxiliary who promoted Veteran and Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness.
10. Citation to the runner up to #9.
11. \$5 and Citation to the Auxiliary that used media to promote Veterans & Family Support projects and/or programs in the community. What media was used? (Check all that apply)  
TV\_\_\_ Radio\_\_\_ Newspaper\_\_\_ Facebook/Social Media\_\_\_ Fliers\_\_\_
12. Citation to the runner up to #11.

**DISTRICT AWARD:**

1. \$10 and Citation to the District President whose District provided support for veteran and military caregivers. Please share photos and/or news articles on our Department Facebook page, VFW Auxiliary of Iowa, tagging me on them to qualify for this award.

**Veterans & Family Support Chairmen**

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**2020-2021 Year End Report**

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**MUST be postmarked by April 30, 2021**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Postmarked \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Group (circle)      A: 10-42    B: 43-92    C: 93-plus

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership as of 06/30/2020: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe how your Auxiliary hosted/co-hosted a fundraising activity with the VFW Post for National Veterans Service (NVS):

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2. Describe how your Auxiliary hosted/co-hosted a fundraising activity with the VFW Post for VFW Veterans and Military Support Programs. i.e. Military Assistance Program (MAP), Unmet Needs & the VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"?

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3. Did your Auxiliary provide direct assistance to veterans, active-duty military and/or their families i.e. Meals, Transportation, Donations, Cards, etc. YES  NO

Total monetary value of donations and goods/services provided \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total monetary donations provided \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of veterans/military personnel assisted: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Describe how your Auxiliary members participated in and/or sponsored events or projects for homeless veterans, i.e. Stand Downs, clothing drives, etc.

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5. How did your Auxiliary promote veteran and military suicide prevention and mental health awareness? YES  NO

Please describe and provide details and proof; Facebook post that I'm tagged in, pictures with year-end reports, etc.

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6. Did your Auxiliary use media to promote Veterans & Family Support projects and/or programs in the community YES  NO

What kind of media used? Check all that apply:

TV\_\_\_ Radio\_\_\_ Newspaper\_\_\_ Facebook/Social Media\_\_\_ Fliers\_\_\_

Did your Auxiliary share photos and/or news articles on our Department Facebook Page & tag the Department Chair on them? YES  NO

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