

VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota
Veterans & Family Support February 2025
National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches
Extending Service to Our Veterans

Department Theme: United in Service for Veterans

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Program Goals: Veterans & Family Support Goals:

- 1) **Support VFW National Services (NVS)**
- 2) **Support VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs**
 - a. **Military Assistance Program (MAP)**
 - b. **Unmet Needs**
 - c. **VFW "Sports Clips Help A Hero Scholarship Program**
- 3) **Assist Veterans**
- 4) **Assist Service Members & Their Families**
- 5) **Promote Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness**



Hello fellow Auxiliary members,

Happy February... Valentines Day is a great reason to reach out to our Veterans, Service Members, Caregivers and Family Members. With technology the way it is we get everything instantly... when you open your mailbox is their ever just a card to say "Hi and we are thinking of you"? Let's go back to the simple ways of mailing a card or stopping by and saying hello. Texting also works but it is taking that extra minute to think of someone and say they are in your thoughts.

Also enclosed is a Valentines scramble for you to have some fun with.

Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness – educate yourself and others about the warning signs of suicide and mental wellness to make a difference in the life of a veteran or service member in crisis.

National Award for Auxiliaries:

1. Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the to Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of suicide and mental health veterans, military and their families.

**Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2025. Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs are available to active duty and discharged military through the following programs:

- **Military Assistance Program (MAP)** which helps VFW and Auxiliary members give more to their local military units.
- **Unmet Needs** provides grants to active-duty members and their families to assist with the basic needs of life.
- **VFW “Sports Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” Program** awards scholarships up to \$5,000 to qualifying service members to help them complete their academic goals.



Volunteer Training Team

“By Volunteers - For Volunteers”

February 2025 Webinar

**Volunteer Management (VM) -
Resilience and You**

February 4th

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Eastern

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5549701822630735450>

February 6th

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Eastern

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2579039107682261854>

What is resilience and how can it benefit you, your family, and your unit? This webinar will define resilience, discuss how to build resilience skills, include an introduction to the Army and Air Force resilience programs, and how to access the programs.

Veterans & Family Support Award #1

Enclosed is the Veterans & Family Support Award #1 for Nationals. This need to be turned into me by **March 31st**.

Start working on your year end reports – they are due to Tammy by April 15th.

**MAKE SURE TO TRACK YOUR
ACTIVITIES AND HOURS ON
WWW.VFWAUXSD.ORG**

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Veterans & Family Support

Valentine's Day Word Scramble

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble the letters to form the names of 11 different Valentine's Day words. Then unscramble the shaded letters to answer the riddle.

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What did the boy bear say to the girl bear on Valentine's Day?

