

VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota
Veterans & Family Support January 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 New Year... After the holidays we want to remember to check in and reach out to our Veterans, Families and Care Givers. After the holidays, it is easy to relax and forget about those that need someone to talk to, listen to and just to have someone care. During and after the holiday season is a great time to reach out and remind our veterans that we have resources available to help..... After the Holidays and with winter weather it is easy to get depressed and a simple card, phone call, text or knock on the door, is a great pick me up.

Veterans Crisis Information:

In Malta there are resource available to you to use for social media post, videos to help you get the word out about the Veterans Crisis Line and printed materials. The Veterans Crisis Line information is on the VFW National Website homepage. Please visit www.vfw.org/assistance/menetal-wellness for more resources.

The Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available. There is also the new number 988.

Standowns:

Now is a great time to help in upcoming standowns to help our homeless. It will be cold out for the next few months. If you cannot participate, you can have a bag ready in and with you to hand out to a homeless person while you are driving around. Some items for that bag are socs, blankets, mats, shoes, gloves and hats.

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
YOU ACTIVITIES AND
HOURS ON
WWW.VFWAUXSD.ORG**

1 VETERAN	S O L D I E R R E C O V E R Y U N I T A B
2 FAMILY	V M U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C
3 SUPPORT	W X I Y H E R O Z A B C D E F G H I J K D
4 CAREGIVER	X Q K D F E D C A R E G I V E R V X W Y Z
5 PTSD	F R M N W V O C D E N M U C V Q W S T L M
6 SPORTS SLIP	U V U T S E L K J I H S E S U O H Y N I T
7 HERO	N W X Y Z T S A B C D E F U H I F G K M N
8 UNMET NEEDS	E F Y C B E I T H G F E Z P X E D C P O L
9 MAP	R S H R I R A Z B T U Q F P A O A B V C D
10 NVS	A T G I T A C Y A A V P A O B N B A E F E
11 WAR HORSES	L N F J T N C W B S T O M T C M C Z T G H
12 MIDWEST BATTLE BUDDIES	D M M K S C A X C R W T I T D Z D Y E J I
13 STRONGHOLD PANTRY	I O E A R F C P E Q X N L V E Y E X R K L
14 TINY HOUSES	N P D Q P I D Q D P Y M Y E F X F W A N M
15 VETERANS VOICES	N Q U Y Q L E R F L Z L R U B W G V N O P
16 SOLDIER RECOVERY UNIT	E L C N P K F S G O O K S T G U H U S R Q
17 FUNERAL DINNERS	R C B Z M J G T H N A H T S H V D T V S T
18 WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA	S D A N O E H L I M B J G R I U I D O V U
	E F S P O R T S C L I P U N J T J S I W P
	A K L T U B C N J L C U V V O S K R C E T
	B J M S V A D I E K D H W S K R L Q E X S
	C I N R W Z E H J E E G X Q L Q T P S Y D
	D H O Q X Y F G K L D F Y Y M P M S B A Z
	E G P W A R H O R S E S Z Z N O N O C D E
	F A C I R E M A S S O R C A S H T A E R W

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