

## South Dakota Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support - August 2025

www.vfwauxsd.org

Tammy Chase – 45980 SD Hwy 10 – Sisseton, SD 57262

cbchase@venturecomm.net

home: 605.698.7438 cell: 605.742.4179

## **Program Goals**

VFW National Veterans Service
VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs
Assist Veterans, Service Members & their Families
Promote Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness

Veterans & Family Support is the reason we do what we do. Remember – everything we do as an Auxiliary at every level is to support Veterans and/or their families, now you just have to report it and that is the easiest part. In July, I explained what we were going to do this year and the year-end report – use the QR code to get to it.

**Keep It Local** – We are going to look at getting into your Nursing Homes, Assisted Livings and Specialty Living Centers in your local areas. Visit with the Manager or Activities Directors in the facilities and find out about the Veterans in the Area. They love to honor the local heroes living there and you can come in and do activities with the residence honoring the Veterans and Family Members. Some examples would be to do a Veterans Day program, bring in a group or individual singer to provide entertainment for an hour with snacks, they love to see the youth – if you have youth that come in and do an activity or craft with them and just good 'ole visiting!

## What you should know...

Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness month is in September. Many combat Veterans are still at war...with a mind and heart struggling to process what they have seen and had to do. We must remember that the battle isn't over when they un-lace their boots. In fact, when those boots come off for good is when the fight truly begins for a large percentage of Veterans. The Auxiliary can never stop ensuring that people are aware of the warning signs of ANYONE possibly considering ending their life. Always promote that help is a call or text away at 988 (press 1)!

Lets work together and ROCK THIS YEAR!

8D YFW Auxiliary
Veterans & Family Support

Tammy Chase 45980 SD HWY 10 Sisseton, SD 57262 605-698-7438 605-742-4179 cbchase@venturecomm.net



