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South Dakota Department VFW Auxiliary  
**Veterans & Family Support - April 2026**

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## **Program Goals**

**VFW National Veterans Service**

**VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs**

**Assist Veterans, Service Members & their Families**

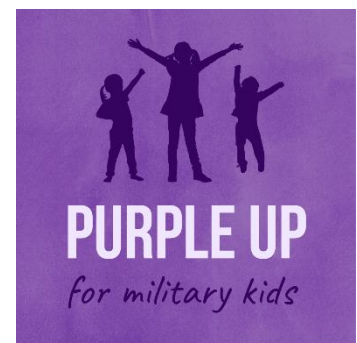
**Promote Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness**

Wow, it is the last general order of the year. Make sure to get your year end report completed and to me by the **15th of April**. You can email them to me (If I do not respond that I got it, please resend – I always reply that I got it) or put in the mail but make sure to mail by the 10th if putting in the mail.

**Even if you did not do anything – Please email or mail me a report that you did nothing.** We want 100% reporting – you will be getting calls and emails if you do not send or email it in.

It has been a great year! We truly appreciate all your hard work, commitment, dedication and passion for our Veterans, Military Member and their Families. Let's keep it going and teaching our communities about our Veterans, Military Members and Families.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> is “Purple Up Day”** It is a day set aside to celebrate Military Children for their sacrifices made for having a military parent. **April is the Month of the Military Child** so let us celebrate our military kiddo's all month. Why Purple? Purple indicates that all branches of the military are supported. All the service colors are represented including Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue; said to combine for the mutual benefit of all into the color purple. **Keep local:** 1) You can go to your school or after school programs and talk to them about military children and the challenges they face with military parents. 2) You can release purple balloons in honor of “Purple Up Day”. 3) Do something special for the kids if you have a local unit.



**May** is the month of the Military Caregiver – I have talked about caregivers in previous bulletins. It is a great time to do a LOCAL event honor the caregivers.

**May 9, 2026 if Military Spouse Appreciation Day** - On Military Spouse Appreciation Day we honor the contributions and sacrifices made by military spouses. Their commitment and support help to keep our country safe. America's military spouses are the backbone of the families who support our troops during mission, deployment, reintegration, and reset. Military spouses are silent heroes who are essential to the nation's strength, and they serve our country just like their loved ones. Come up with some local ideas in your community and show your support.

**May 16 – Armed Forces Day** - Armed Forces Day is a joint celebration of all six branches of the U.S. military: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. The day honors all people currently serving in the U.S. armed forces. This includes the men and women who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard, including the National Guard and Reserve components. Locally show your support to Veteran and Military Members in your community.

**May 25 – Memorial Day** - Memorial Day is meant for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of a wound sustained in battle.

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Lets work together and ROCK THIS YEAR!

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**WORD SCRAMBLE**  
**DIRECTIONS:**  
Unscramble each set of letters to discover a vocabulary word relating to the lovely month of April.

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BTFURTYLE \_\_\_\_\_

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ERTDYAHA \_\_\_\_\_

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