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South Dakota Department VFW Auxiliary

Veterans & Family Support Welcome Information 2026-27

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Program Goals for 2026-2027

VFW National Veterans Service (NVS)

Military Appreciation Program (MAP)

VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs

Assist Veterans, Service Members & their Families

Promote Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness

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September 2026

We are in full swing again for the 2026-2027 Auxiliary year. School, sports and lots of big days to honor and celebrate, coming up. Please don't forget the 25th Anniversary of 9-11.

I have attached the Veterans & Family Support year end report that will be due before April 15, 2027. We now that every Auxiliary does something that involves the Veterans, Military and Families. Working together as a team and reporting what you do for the Veterans & Family Support program is very important. Through promoting programs available to Veterans, Military and their families we can help bring a solution to the problems faced by them every day. Reporting how you were able to reach your community, military, veterans and families will help other auxiliaries reach even more veterans with the information they need.



September is Suicide prevention Awareness Month, but did you know September 10th is also World Suicide Prevention Day and National Suicide prevention Week from September 13-19th. The National Guard Volunteer Training Team (VTT) will be having 2 webinars in September. Hope that you can join.

Volunteer Community Network (VCN) -

Suicide Prevention Through Connection, Community, and Courage –

Josephine Desiree Rollyson, MSW, LSW

September 1st

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Eastern

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6077811564008568923>

September 3rd

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Eastern

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8176772664575456599>

Behind every uniform is a person with a story. Through the Seen. Supported. Strengthened. framework, this conversation explores how connection, honest conversations, and supportive relationships help us care for ourselves and one another. Together, we'll learn practical ways to recognize when someone may be struggling and how to respond with compassion, confidence, and hope.

You can find more information at <https://www.vrw.org/assistance/mental-wellness>



Special Upcoming Days

September 7	Labor Day
September 11	Patriot Day - 25 year anniversary
September 17	Constitution Day & Citizenship Day
September 18	Air Force Birthday & POW/MIA Day
September 27	Gold Star Mothers & Family Day
October 13	Navy Birthday
October 26	National Day of the Deployed

Our other focus this year will be Caregivers – we all know someone that is a caregiver for a Veteran, family member or community member. We cannot forget them! It is a thankless job.

Have you started planning something for your local caregivers?



Military Appreciation Program (MAP)

The VFW Military Appreciation Program (MAP) is the outstretched hand between the local VFW and military community, offering support around the world. Since 2005, MAP has sponsored events supporting service members and their families.

Lets work together and ROCK THIS YEAR!

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