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South Dakota Department VFW Auxiliary

Veterans & Family Support Welcome Information 2025-26

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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

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.

I would like to thank President Sue for asking me to be the chairman for Veterans & Family Support. It is very near and dear to my heart and an important program and I'm very honored! So lets Rock it this year---- This year, I am encouraging you to **“KEEP IT LOCAL”**. We still want to focus on our Veterans in the state at VA's / homes, but we also want to look at our hometowns and how we can help. I will talk about different areas to look into. We have lots of small towns and we will need to think outside of the box. Getting to know who is in our town and we will find out we have some heroes right in our own town.

The year-end report is asking for lots of information, but again everything we do for our Veterans/Military/Families fall under this program. The year end report gives you some ideas until next month – where can you do things for veterans/military/families in your hometown?

What you should know...

- National Veterans Service (NVS) helps veterans, service members, and their families receive the benefits they need at no cost to them. There is a nationwide network of almost 300 VFW Service Officers who help navigate the VA system.
- VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs assist active and recently discharged service members. This program includes, but is not limited to, Military Assistance Program (MAP), Unmet Needs, and Adopt-A-Unit, Veterans Crisis Line, Uniting to Combat Hunger, Mental Wellness Campaign, Disaster Relief, VFW Foundation Grant, Student Veterans Support Grant, Pre-Discharge, Women Veterans Call Center and Women Veterans Health Care. All of which you can make a donation to at vfw.org/way-to-help, select the program you would like to donate to and click “Contribute.”

National Awards for Auxiliaries

- Most outstanding activity and/or event to celebrate/assist service members and/or veterans in the community. To include veterans job fairs, unit homecomings, mental health-related stand downs, etc.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 program divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to celebrate/assist service members or Veterans in your community.

An entry form is required and available in MALA member resources and under the Veterans & Family Support Department of South Dakota's program page.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to me (Tammy Chase)

Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2026.

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Promoted, participated, hosted, or co-hosted with VFW Post activities for any VFW Program (i.e., disaster relief, Military Assistance Program (MAP), National Veterans Service (NVS), Unmet Needs, Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention, and Mental Health Awareness.)		
Provide direct aid to Veterans, Service Members and/or their families (i.e., meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc.)		
Number of Veterans, Service Members and/or their families assisted		
Total monetary donations and/or value of donations and goods/services provided to Veterans, Service Members, and/or their families.		
Promote and fundraise for the National Veterans Services (NVS), VFW Veterans and Military Support Program.		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District Meeting		
Report every quarter		

Lets work together and ROCK THIS YEAR!

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