



South Dakota Department VFW Auxiliary
Veterans & Family Support - September 2025

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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

September is here and school is going. Time to get into the school to offer to assist with anything that is needed as well as promoting and educating the youth about our Veterans, Military Members and their families. The students, especially the younger ones are always so curious and have lots of questions and it is fun to have parents come back to you later and say the students came home and were telling about what they learned. The VFW Store has different items you can order to hand out to the children as well as amazon (stickers, flags....) Example – Constitution week is September 17-23.

Keep It Local – We are going to look at getting talking to your hometown Housing Authority and the dwellings/apartments that they have in your local areas. Visit with the Manager and find out about the Veterans that live there. Veterans/local heroes living there are maybe all alone and need just a friendly call, card or visit. Sometime in the apartment buildings they have activities/community areas that you could do a little program to honor our Veterans. Remember that, simply recognizing someone by saying hello and how are you will be uplifting for our Veterans.

That leads up to our Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness month. That simple hello may be doing way more than you think for someone that is in crisis. Having someone “see” them is all that it takes for them to choose a different path.

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)!**

You are all invited to attend the webinar below: All you have to do is register and you will get an email with how to attend. Please register at least the day before the webinar.



Volunteer Training Team
“By Volunteers - For Volunteers”

Volunteer Community Network (VCN) - Mental Health & Suicide Prevention – Let's talk!

September 9th 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Eastern
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7872027615766516314>

September 11th 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Eastern
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5865515651821656406>

September is National Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness Month
Join us for a special session with an expert in the field of mental health who will share insights on suicide prevention, emotional well-being, and resources available for support.

Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalGuardVolunteerProgram/?fref=ts>

Both dates will be the same webinar.

September has many special days that we as Auxiliaries can honor.

2nd – V-J Day (Victory over Japan)
11th – Patriot Day
17-23 – Constitution Week
18th – Air Force Birthday
18th – Air National Guard Birthday
19th – POW/MIA Recognition Day
28th – Gold Star Mother's Day
29th – VFW Day

Lets work together and ROCK THIS YEAR!

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Harvest Festival

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for them in all
directions including
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diagonally.

ANNUAL
APPLES
AUTUMN
CELEBRATION
CONTESTS
CORN
CORNUCOPIA
CROPS
FARMER
FEASTING
FESTIVAL
FIELDS
GAMES
HARVEST



HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MERRIMENT
MUSIC
OCTOBER
PUMPKINS
REGIONAL
SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SQUASH