



Veterans and Family Support October, 2025

"A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!"

October 26th is officially recognized as "Day of the Deployed". "Day of the Deployed" is a day to honor our deployed troops and their families for their bravery and the sacrifices they are making for our country. Supporters of the military are urged to get personally involved in activities to send care packages, offer messages of encouragement, and other morale-boosting activities to those currently deployed overseas and the military families of the deployed.

Kansas currently has an Army National Guard Unit out of Manhattan that is deployed and we have an opportunity to send those soldiers care packages. If your Auxiliary is interested in sending them items or you want to donate to cover the cost of sending a package, please let me or Kathy McCandless know. You can also bring awareness to deployed soldiers by using #DayOfTheDeployed on your social media accounts. The important aspect is to honor our deployed troops and their families. No matter what type of gesture you choose, all that matters is that your gesture is heartfelt. Large or small, inexpensive or expensive, every act of kindness makes a difference in the lives of these deployed troops and their families and shows your support for them. Let's show our Kansas soldiers that we love and support them!

Don't forget the Veteran & Family Support Department awards that your auxiliary can earn! An easy one is to donate to Department President David's Joint Project with the VFW for PTSD Awareness. Checks should be made to: Dept of KS VFW Aux with a notation that it is for the VFW/Aux Joint Project for PTSD Awareness. Mail them to Dept of KS VFW Aux, PO Box 414, McPherson KS 67460.

See the other awards (both National and Department) that your Auxiliary can receive by visiting the Department website: www.vfwauxks.org and choosing "Veterans and Family Support" under programs. Our National Ambassador Annie has an award that I believe several auxiliaries would qualify for according to the reports that I have received. If you are unsure if you qualify or have a question about this award, don't hesitate to contact me. I'm ALWAYS happy to help when it's for our Veterans!

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