



Veterans & Family Support

November 2025

"A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!"

National Family Caregivers Month is celebrated every year in November. This month is dedicated to providing support for, and raising awareness of, family caregivers, or individuals who care for relatives or loved ones living with chronic illness, disabilities, terminal illness, or aging issues. It is also for individuals who care for veterans living with illness or injury as a result of military service.

Did you know that the VA has a Care Givers Support Line? **1-855-260-3274** is a Toll Free number for caregivers, family members, Veterans, and community partners. As of February 10th, 2025 its operational hours have been changed to 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. Monday through Friday. This change was made to provide better support to caregivers during critical hours. The Caregiver Support Team can help whether you are in need of immediate assistance or if you should have questions about what services you may be eligible for.

November also contains a date that is central to our program: **Veterans Day**. It is observed every year on November the 11th. As a Federal holiday, if it falls on a weekend the government may designate the Friday before or the Monday after as the day of observance. The 2025 federal observation date is Tuesday, Nov. 11th. Veterans Day is intended to thank all those who honorably served in the military – in wartime or peacetime. Sometimes a simple "Thank you for serving!" can mean so much to our veterans. Let's remember to do that not only for Veterans' Day but every day.

I also want to share that our National Ambassador Annie O'Connor has provided some great information for families of service members (and DoW Civilians) who may be facing delayed pay due to the government shutdown. If you know someone that could use assistance, Department President David has passed the information along to District Presidents or you may contact me directly.

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