



VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

August, 2024

As members of the VFW Auxiliary, it is our duty to ensure that our veterans and their family members are aware of the aid and services available to them in times of need.

The Veterans & Military Support Program contains the following:

1. Military Assistance Program, commonly referred to as MAP
 - a. MAP provides financial assistance to Posts, Districts, and Departments to sponsor morale-boosting send offs, homecomings, and casual get togethers. Those Posts or Auxiliaries that participate in Adopt-A Unit and Family Readiness Group events can also receive assistance.
For Guidelines to Apply for MAP Funds contact VFW Veterans & Military support office at 816-756-3390
2. Unmet Needs
 - a. Grants are available up to \$1,500.00 payable to a creditor to help bridge the gap to make a mortgage payment, fix a car, make unexpected home repairs, etc., when a soldier is serving on foreign soil and unable to make it back home or simply cannot afford to make the necessary repair.
3. VFW Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship Program
 - a. Sports Clip Help a Hero Scholarship awards scholarships up to \$5,000 to qualifying veterans and service members to help them complete their educational goals.
Learn more at: vfw.org/student-veterans-support
4. Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness
 - a. Educate yourself and others about the warning signs of suicide
Call 988 and Press 1
Chat online at veteranscrisisline.net
Send a text message to 838255
Call 1-800-myva411 to access all VA departments

The NATIONAL Award for Veterans & Family Support this year is as follows:

1. The most outstanding activity and or event to increase awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military and their families.
 - Citation and \$25.00 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 program Division that hosts the most outstanding activity and or event to increase awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military and their families.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries MUST sent the required entry form to their Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging. The Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department winning entry form to the National Veterans & Family Support Ambassador by April 30, 2025 for judging.

Let's *"Keep Moving Forward"* with our support for our Veterans and their Families.

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