



Veterans & Family Support

2026-2027

The emphasis of this year's program is on assisting veterans, service members and their families; and promoting veteran and military suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Our National Ambassador, Beth West, asks that this year we especially remember to support the families as they also suffer along with their service member.

The two key areas we will focus on are:

1. Veteran and Military Assistance Programs
2. Mental Health Awareness

VETERANS AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- National Veterans Service (NVS)

NVS is a nationwide network of nearly 300 VFW Service Officers who help Veterans and their families navigate the VA system. They help with disability compensation, rehab, educational programs, pension & death benefits, employment & training, and quality health care. To donate to this fund, mail your check to:

VFW National Headquarters, ATTN: NVS, 406 W34th. Street 11th Floor
KCMO 64111

- Military Assistance Program (MAP funds)

MAP helps VFW and Auxiliary members give more to their local military units by providing financial assistance for moral boosting events, send offs, homecomings, and get-togethers. If you choose to participate in **Adopt-A-Unit**, MAP can help.

- Unmet Needs

Unmet needs is there to help active duty service members in the form of a grant to assist with a financial hardship.

- Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship

Awards up to \$5,000 to qualifying Veterans or current service members to complete their educational goals.

VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

- Veteran and military suicide prevention

Confidential support is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year. Support for deaf and hearing impaired individuals is available.

- a. Call: 988 (press 1). (Tip: add this number to your cell phone for easy access.)
- b. Send a text message to: 838255
- c. Chat online at: veteranscrisisline.net

Call 1-800-MYVA411 (1-800-698-2411) to access all VA Departments

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