

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

BULLETIN #1

A challenge has been set forth by the Veterans and Family Support Ambassador to each of our members to **“KEEP MOVING FORWARD”** as we follow our theme this year, **“From our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans.”**

Veterans and Family Support is what this organization is **ALL** about, we are the **SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES AND OUR VETERANS** that they may not receive from others.

There are many ways we can support our

VETERANS

National Options:

National Veterans Service (NVS)

Assists Veterans & their families receive the services they deserve.

Childcare for active-duty service members

Veterans and Military Support Programs

Military Assistance Program (MAP)

Unmet Needs

VFW “Sports Clips Scholarship” Program

Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention &

Mental Health Awareness

Women Veteran Call Center

Women Veterans Health Care

National and Local Options:

Operation Bottom Cover

Local Options:

Heroes in The Ball Park

Support Local Reserve Units

Assist with the needs of local Veterans Centers

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With September Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: keep in mind that this ties in with the National Award this year for the Veterans and Family Support Program.

The award is a National recognition of your Auxiliaries; **Outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military, and their families.** The award paperwork is due to the State Veterans and Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2025, for judging and the state winner will be sent on to National.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There will be a **50/50 Raffle at each of the two state Schools of Instruction.** The monies will be split evenly between the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary, for Veterans and Family Support Programs. It is the GOAL of both chairmen to exceed last year’s total funds raised. It will be a tall order, yet I think **WE CAN DO IT!!!!** REMEMBER MONIES DONATED TO THE National Veterans Services (NVS) assists in providing a nationwide network of nearly 300 VFW Service Officers. Veterans & Military Support Program provides funds for MAP Grants, VFW “Sports Clips” scholarship & Mental Health Awareness to name just a few programs.

DIAPERS AND SOCKS...SOCKS AND DIAPERS

Support the National Presidents **SPECIAL PROJECT Operation Bottom Cover** (diaper drive) and/or a **HOSPITAL SOCK DRIVE** at each School of Instruction. Look for **THE INFORMATIONAL FLYER IN BULLETIN #1 FOR DETAILS**