

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT
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Where did the summer go? I just can't believe that it came and went. Hope that everyone had a good summer spending it with family and friends, but keep in our thoughts and prayers those who are overseas and can't be with their loved ones.

Karen Dotson is the National Ambassador for Veterans and Family Support for 2017-2018 year. At the National Convention, she challenged each Department to share many ways of utilizing the Buddy Poppy. Her ideas will be shared with the membership at a later date, but she did express ideas on her blog:

1. Attach poppies to your dog's collar. When you take them out for a walk you can distribute poppies to people that you meet.
2. Add a poppy to a card to a brother or sister that is laid up telling them that you are thinking of them.
3. Wrap a Buddy Poppy around a candy cane to dress it up for the holiday.

We are all aware of the scholarships the VFW and Auxiliary have to offer, but are you aware of the scholarship that is available for just veterans and service members? The VFW's "**Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship**" provides service members or veterans with financial aid to finish their educational goals without incurring excessive loan debts. Scholarships are restricted to tuition and fees only, and will be paid only to accredited schools. For more information please go to www.vfw.org selecting Assistance, Student Veterans Support and clicking on Apply Here button.

I haven't heard about Operation Uplink if they had contracted a carrier yet. When I do I'll let you all know. As of July 2017,

- **OPERATION UPLINK:** 576,300 minutes through Virtual Pins.
- **MAP/AAU:** 20 grants and 8,994 attendance.
- **UNMET NEEDS:** 33 grants for \$76,343.27.
- **HELP A HERO SCHOLARSHIP:** 107 Scholarships for \$497,941.00.

A total of 15,414 veterans, military members and their families were supported through the Veterans and Family Support Programs during July 2017.

"Stand Together With Veterans and Family" and "Catch The Dreams For Our Veterans."

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