



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Department of Wisconsin
Veterans and Family Support
October General Orders

Veterans and Family Support truly is the heart of this organization. When we come together as one big VFW Family, great things can be accomplished!

Programs:

- **VFW Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship**
- VFW's National Military Services, which includes **Website Solutions, Unmet Needs and the Military Assistance Program.**

This month we are going to concentrate on **the Military Assistance Program and Suicide Prevention.**

Last month was **Suicide Prevention** month but this truly is something we need to support every month. Simple acts of support can make a real difference to someone going through a difficult time. Check in with a phone call, send a text or an email. Simply reaching out can remind someone they are not alone. You are never alone, especially if you or someone you know is thinking of ending their life. At the Veterans Crisis Line, caring, qualified responders are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via phone, chat and text. Veterans having a difficult time or those concerned about a Veteran can call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1 or text 838255.

The **Military Assistance program** helps provide financial assistance to VFW Post and Auxiliaries to sponsor troop send-offs, homecomings and get-togethers. Posts and Auxiliaries participating in Adopt-A-Unit and Family Readiness Groups can also receive assistance. Since 2005, MAP has sponsored events supporting more than 2.3 million service members and their families.

A large part of MAP is the Adopt-a-Unit program, providing VFW Posts and their Auxiliaries the opportunity to adopt hundreds of military units around the world. Adopt-a-Unit's goal is to develop supportive relationships with units before, during and after deployments to help deliver the vast network of resources the VFW has available to the military. Our **Military Assistance Program (MAP)** is the outstretched hand between the local VFW and military community, offering support around the world. The VFW knows how important troop support is because all of our members have been there!

“Honoring our Mission to Serve Veterans” as we “Soar Like an Eagle for Veterans”

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