



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Department of Wisconsin
Veterans and Family Support

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Greetings to everyone in the auxiliary. My name is Diane Lutovsky and I currently serve as the President of our local VFW, hailing from Post 10262, wonderful Plover, District 7. I am the 2019-2020 chairperson.

Supporting the veteran and their family is an important role that we play in our auxiliaries. As we continue with our year you will find many valuable resources here, and on our website listed above. Please take time to look through these and follow up on them.

Veterans and Military Support contains four programs initiated by the VFW: Military Assistance Program (MAP), Unmet Needs, "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship" and Operation Uplink.

MAP helps VFW and Auxiliary members give to more local military units. It helps forge and nurture bonds with units by providing financial assistance to sponsor morale-boosting send offs, homecomings and casual get togethers. Posts and Auxiliaries participating in Adopt-A-Unit and Family Readiness group events can also receive assistance. For example: MAP keeps care packages circulating by covering postage costs. Visit the VFW Veteran and Military Support office at 816.756.3390.

Unmet needs can help in a crisis for soldiers. They are there to provide assistance to families at home when their family member is deployed. Grants of up to \$1,500.00 are payable to a creditor to bridge gaps on mortgage or rent payments, home or auto repairs, insurance, utility costs, food and clothing.

VFW "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship" program may provide scholarships up to \$5,000.00 to qualifying veterans and service members to help complete educational goals with incurring excessive student debt. Visit www.vfw.org/student-veterans-support to learn more.

Operation Uplink is a calling program for deployed service members that provides free phone time to active duty military personnel and hospitalized veterans. Questions? Contact VFW Operation Uplink at: uplink@vfw.org or (816) 968-1155 or www.vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants.

Spread the word about National Veterans Service (NVS). Our NVS service assists veterans and their families obtain benefits that they deserve. They use a nationwide network of nearly 300 service officers to navigate the Veterans Affairs system. Additional information will be provided as we move forward in our year.

Donations to Veteran and Military Support may be made online or by mail. Online: www.vfw.org/ways-to-help or by mail; VFW National Headquarters, Attn: Veterans and Military Support; 406 W 34th Street, 9th Floor, Kansas City MO 64111

Our Wisconsin VFW Auxiliary President Mary Brown is **"Giving Hope to Veterans and Families!"**

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