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We start the new year with hope in hearts, and love for our family, friends, and our veterans.

I was scrolling through the newsletter today and found some inspiring information from our National Ambassador for Veterans and Family Support, Wendy Reinhardt to share with you.

“Families are big and small, some are a group of friends, or a combat unit. And some 1.6 million people with a single goal to support and save the United States Veteran. Every day our veterans and service members go to work and do a job that is their duty and honor. They work to protect us, their family.

We need to come together as a family and learn the signs of crisis and know the steps to help. We need to sit with our veterans and talk about their mental health, to listen of stories of hardships, and triumphs. Assist the immediate family so they may support their veteran. It is time to show our heroes and their families they are safe and help with healing the wounds.

Always be kind. You never know what one person hides behind their smile. The VFW Auxiliary is full of comradery, support and most importantly, love for our veterans. We must continue our jobs here at home for them as they did and still do their jobs while away from us.”

I did not type this word for word, but the message is very clear. Find time for the veteran and his family this year with kindness and understanding. Especially at this time, stay alert to the warning signs of anxiety, agitation, suicidal thoughts in our veterans. An important number to remember is 1.800.273.8255. This is the Veteran Suicide prevention hot-line.

There was also, a very detailed explanation about Post 8358 and their project with the Training Program set up for the Service dog from National President Peggy Haake. This is her Special Project this year.

Please find your January issue and find out a lot more. Hopefully other posts will try to get on board with this type of program in their area. Encourage your auxiliary to donate to this project. I also encourage you to find the time and resources to promote your local Service Dog Programs.

As we “Serve our Veterans with Aloha” and continue giving “Hope to Veterans and Families” all through year.

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