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I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and ready for the start of a new and exciting year!

As you will find, I will have a newsletter several times within the year, so I will be introducing and breaking down different parts of what auxiliaries can and should be considering doing for Veterans and Family Support.

Are you aware that the heart of our organization is the Veteran? Our National Ambassador Wendy Reinhardt is urging all Auxiliaries to help fight for them, care for them and love them. From the newest recruits to our oldest warriors, we as Auxiliary members need to step up our game!

One program that you might want to consider for fulfilling this request from her is The **Military Assistance Program Grant. (M.A.P. program).**

[What is a MAP Grant?](#)

It is financial assistance given to a VFW Post or Auxiliary for troop support activities to build relationships and provide information to their local military about VFW programs and services.

[Who can apply for a MAP Grant?](#)

VFW Departments, Posts and Auxiliaries that desire to support their local military. The actual MAP application can only be submitted by a VFW or Auxiliary member and must be signed by the appropriate individuals which are specified in the MAP Grant Guidelines.

[What kind of events can MAP Grant funds be used for?](#)

The most common events that we see include: Family Days, Picnics, BBQ's, Welcome Home and Deployment Ceremonies, Holidays and Festivals. Note: MAP Grants cannot be used for Public Events and/or Formal Military events such as: Military Dining In/Out, Military Balls, Change of Command/ Responsibility Ceremonies, etc.

[What items can be purchased with MAP Grant funds?](#)

Basic food and non-alcoholic beverages for currently serving military and their family members only.

Where do I get a MAP Grant Application?

The MAP Grant applications can be found behind the login on the VFW website at www.vfw.org . After logging in go to the My VFW tab and choose VFW Training and Support under the "General Member Tools & Resources" heading, then select Veterans & Military Support to find all of our resources.

Since I am a widow I do not have a member's number for the VFW but, I found the best way to login to this site is to go directly to our www.vfwaux.org site and under About US, scroll to the Veterans and Family box, open this and scroll to the bottom and you will find this is the last item.

When should I submit the MAP Grant Application?

Must be at least 14 days prior to the event.

How do I submit a MAP Grant?

All required documents can be submitted to our office in any one of three ways:

Email: map@vfw.org (emailed applications must be signed)

Fax: (816) 968-2779

Mail to: VFW National Headquarters, ATTN: MAP, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111.

For any further questions or concerns please contact the MAP Office by phone at (816) 756-3390

Our National Ambassador states: Sisters and Brothers, our goals are simple:

1. Promoting Unmet Needs
2. Promoting helping a Veteran's Family
3. Promoting National Veterans Services.

Thank you, President Mary, for the wonderful opportunity to grow within this organization that I have come to appreciate more each day.

As we **“Serve our Veterans with Aloha”** and continue **“Giving Hope to Veterans and Families”**.

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