

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY



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Veterans and Family Support
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Hi! My name is Sherrie Rosenau and I am your 2020-2021 Veterans & Family Support Chairman.

Our VFW Auxiliary is here to assist veterans, service members and their families who often face unexpected challenges. Since its founding in 1914, the VFW Auxiliary has worked tirelessly to offer financial and moral support to those who need it most.

The Veterans & Family Support Program:

- Offers support for veterans, service members and their families. Our Veterans & Family Support Resource Card includes a list of 20 organizations and agencies that offer support to veterans, active-duty military and their families.
- Promotes **VFW's National Veterans Service (NVS)** which helps veterans, service members and their families obtain the benefits they deserve – **free of charge**. NVS provides a nationwide network of more than 2,000 VA-accredited VFW Service Officers across America and abroad who help hundreds of thousands of veterans navigate the Veterans Affairs system each year. Service officers assist all veterans, whether they are VFW members or not, in filing claims for:
 - Disability compensation
 - Rehabilitation and education programs, including GI Bill benefits
 - Pension and death benefits
 - Employment and training programs
- Promotes VFW's Veterans & Military Support Programs
The VFW's Veteran & Military Support Programs serve active-duty and recently discharged members of the military.
 - **VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"** provides service members and veterans with scholarships of up to \$5,000 to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt.
 - **Unmet Needs** is there to help America's service members who have run into unexpected financial difficulties. The program provides financial aid of up to \$1,500 to assist with basic life needs in the form of a grant – not a loan – so no repayment is required. To further ease the burden, the creditor is paid directly. The financial hardship must be due to one of the following:
 - Currently on active duty, whose financial hardship is a result of a current deployment, military pay error, or from being discharged for medical reasons.
 - Discharged on or after September 11, 2001, whose financial hardship is a direct result of your military service-connected injuries and/or illnesses.
 - Discharged prior to September 11, 2001, are on a fixed income that must include VA compensation for a service-connected injury/illness and facing an unexpected financial hardship.
 - 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.

There are so many resources available for our veterans and their families. We need to spread the word so that they know that help is available and give them the piece of mind they so richly deserve!

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

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