



**Veterans & Family Support
Department of Wisconsin
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Veterans & Family Support Program awards will be given out at the June Convention, so you still have a little time to get in the projects you need to be able to say “yes” to all the questions on the Veterans & Family Support Year-End Report.

Remember that it doesn't matter how small or large a project is to raise funds for any of these programs, how much money you spent or didn't spend, how many hours the project took or didn't take. EVERY PROJECT counts!

You received a full set of Year-End Reports along with last month's orders. Read through the Veterans & Family Support Year-End Report– there is no reason why any Auxiliary cannot say “YES” to at least #2, 6 and 7. These are the simple projects- making copies and posting information or purchasing a few coins for the veterans in your post.

You can find all the information you need for project ideas in the monthly Veterans & Family Support bulletins you have received this year and on our national VFW Auxiliary website & VFW Store.

- For question #2 - I gave you the Wisconsin NVS Officer information in the August bulletin.
- For question #6 – Thank You Coins can be purchased for just \$3 each in the VFW Store.
- For question #7 - The Veterans & Family Support **Resource Rack Card** is a very valuable tool. This one tool provides veterans, active-duty military and their families a list of 20 organizations and agencies that offer them support and assistance when needed. The tool can be downloaded from the website at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources, and copied so that it can be distributed or posted where it can be seen and used by others.

Big or small I want to hear about your projects that fulfill numbers 1, 3, and 4 on the Veterans & Family Support Year-End Report. Those questions ask about your fundraising activities, and did you provide direct aid to veterans, active-duty military and/or their families with meals, transportation, packages, or donations? And/or did you participate in and/or sponsor events or projects for homeless veterans?

Question #8 is where you can tell me about your best project.

Finally, I am looking for those great project stories from you for National. National Ambassador Donna Mills wants to hear about our auxiliary projects. When your Auxiliary does something that you feel is outstanding **please** forward information about that project to me. Then I will pass it along to National. Donna would like to recognize Auxiliaries in a promotion for the Veterans & Family Support Program or on her Veterans & Family Support Blog. There is also a National Award available for one auxiliary in each Department with the best project that supports and/or serves a veteran and his/her family.

At Convention in June, besides certificates of participation, I will be giving out a \$10 award from a drawing of all auxiliaries that send me their project that I can pass on to National. I will also give out three \$5 awards from a drawing of all the auxiliaries that did at least five of the items listed on the year-end report.

As we continue to “Believe . . . We Can Do It” while we are “Reaching for the Stars for Veterans.”

Thank you for all you do,

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