



# Veterans and Family Support

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# What is Veterans & Family Support

- ▶ It is the heart of our organization and a program that every member can and should participate in.
- ▶ The purpose is to support our veterans, service members and their families and our communities.

# Veterans and Family Support this Years Primary Focus Points



**Veterans & Military  
Support Programs**



**NVS Suicide  
Prevention**



**Mental Health  
Awareness**

# Veterans & Military Support Programs

- **Military Assistance Program (MAP)**
- **Unmet Needs**
- **VFW “Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship**

# Suicide Prevention

- **Purchase the Auxiliary Suicide Awareness Prevention Pin from the VFW store. When asked tell them the VFW Auxiliary is concerned about the rate of suicides among veterans and military service members**
- **Make a difference in the life of a veteran or service member in crisis by educating yourself and other about the warning signs of suicide.**
- **Call 988 and Press 1**

# Mental Wellness Support & Resources

- Change the stigma, improve research, support your community and explore treatment options at the resources below.
- VFW Mental Wellness Campaign
  - ▶ [vfw.org/assistance/mental-wellness](https://vfw.org/assistance/mental-wellness)
- Give An Hour
  - ▶ [giveanhour.org](https://giveanhour.org)
- Help Heal Veterans (Therapeutic Craft Kits)
  - ▶ [healvets.org](https://healvets.org)

# Awards for Auxiliaries

- Most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health.
- Most outstanding activity and/or event to increase the support of veterans, service members and their families.
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