



VFW Auxiliary

Veterans & Family Support

2022-2023

National Ambassador- *Renee Fulk*

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Key Components

- Caregiver Support
- National Veterans Service (NVS)
- VFW Military and Veterans Support
 - Unmet Needs
 - VFW's "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship" Program
 - Military Assistance Program (MAP)



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- Caregiver Support=
 - * Financial support to caregivers who care for Veterans with need for full-time care
 - * Care for eligible veterans



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- August is Agent Orange Awareness Month
- August 10- Agent Orange Awareness Day
 - Research Agent Orange and effects
 - Create flyers to distribute
 - Inform Veterans, families, community



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September- “Never Forget”

Patriot Day- September 11

82,000 American Veterans MIA from WWII
to current. Contact DOD to continue
the search. (Action Corps-POW/MIA updates)



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- September is-
 - National Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month*
 - * Be aware of Mental Health Services available
 - * Organize a “Stop 22” Walk



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Military Family Month



Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes®



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Military Family Month

- November 2022 is “Military Family Month.”
- Annual proclamation marks the beginning of a month-long celebration of the Military Family.
- Military families are recognized for their commitment and contribution in their support of our military and our nation.



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Military Family Month

- Schedule an event during the month of November.
 - Department, District, Auxiliary level(s).
- Goal: Incorporate all Auxiliary programs in support of the military family to recognize their commitment to our military.



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- Ideas:
 - Patriotic Scavenger Hunt
 - Red, White and Blue Celebration/Party
 - Pizza, Wings and Movie Night at Post Home
 - "Let's Talk Turkey" Luau Party



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Military Family Month

- Be creative – think out of the box and try something **NEW!**
- Promote/publicize via all media sources.
- Report your success.
- Win/Win for military families and Auxiliary members.



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Additional Ideas

- August – “Get the Scoop” – Ice Cream Social
- September – “Fall Out” to make a difference in your community
- October – Chili Cook-off with Post & Chefs from local Restaurants
- November – Celebrate Veterans and families



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Additional Ideas

- December – Wrap It Up Day – wrap gifts with proceeds to benefit a specific program
- January – Pancakes for Pennies
- February – 50's Prom Night or Sock Hop
- March – March Madness or Game Day Tailgate Party



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- Finally- Keep on with your “Good Works” for Veterans and Families.
Food, clothing, phone calls, drive to appointment, visit, donations to Veterans’ programs, ETC.! (Report!)



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Thank you for all you do everyday for our
Veterans, Families, Community!

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“United to Win the Race for Our Veterans and Families”