

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT 2021-2022

Promotional Material November & December



THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX WHILE SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Department Chairman:

Shirley Brinkley

648 Lafitte Dr.

Bonne Terre, Mo. 63628

573-315-0178

www.shirley.brinkley@yahoo.com

VFW Veterans Service Officers (VSOs) assist in filing for the following:
Disability Compensation – Rehabilitation – Education Programs
Pension Payments – Death Benefits – Employment Assist - Training
Programs. ALSO, VSOs CAN REQUEST HEARINGS & PRESENT
ORAL ARGUMENTS BEFORE THE V.A. & THE BOARD OF
APPEALS.... FOR ALL VETERANS.... FREE OF CHARGE!

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

This month is set aside to recognize and honor more than
5 million caregivers in the United States.

There are many ways that Auxiliaries can bring attention to caregivers and recognize the important role they play in the lives of Veterans & the family members of Veterans.

5 things that we can do to show our appreciation to a family caregiver:

1. Provide personal care gift cards for a spa day
2. Send flowers & a 'thinking of you' card.
3. Visit with them, or call them.... Be a good listener
4. Present them with a meal or a gift card to a local restaurant.
5. Offer to stay with their Veteran for a short time.

The V.A. has many services to help caregivers in the Veterans Administration. Please go to:
<https://www.caregiver.va.gov/> for information.

**October 2020 was the first time that spouses could receive
benefits for being a caregiver to a veteran.**

NOVEMBER 11THVETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 25TH THANKSGIVING DAY

DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

10 things that we can do to show our gratitude to our Veterans:

1. Plan a dinner at your post for Veterans & their families on Veterans Day.
2. Visit local nursing homes and hand out 'thank you' cards to area Veterans.
3. Speak with administrators of nursing homes about Veterans 'wants' for Christmas.
4. Talk with area schools & ask about students with Veteran parents; gift turkey coupons.
5. Gather items for deployed military personal: cards from schools, candy, gloves, snacks.
6. Plan a fall dance at your post for area nursing home veterans.
7. Plan a Christmas dinner and serve it to your post members at their December meeting.
8. Plan a Thanksgiving dinner for your post and area Veterans from local nursing homes.
9. Visit local nursing homes with presents for veterans. Involve area youth ie... Scouts.
10. Start a letter and card writing campaign at schools for overseas military personnel.

REMEMBER YOUR POST & AUXILIARY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE IN NEED

VETERAN & MILITARY SUICIDE PREVENTION

As the holiday season gets closer, many of our military suffers from depression and anxiety. Remember to check on them and offer your support to them. Sometimes it's a kind word that can make the difference. Educating yourself and others about the warning signs is essential to recognizing crisis in our service or military members. Veterans and their loved ones can get help... 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. 1-800-273-8255 & press 1.

Chat online at www.veteranscrisisline.net or send a text to 838255

IMPORTANT: ALL AUXILIARIES MUST SUBMIT A MID – YEAR REPORT BY JANUARY 7TH

VISIT www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources or www.vfw.aux.mo for program info

HONOR FLIGHT

If you are a Veteran that served in WW11 – Korea – Vietnam, you are eligible to go to Washington D.C. and see **YOUR** Memorials for free. The Honor Flight is looking for Veterans to take to Washington. Because of the COVID pandemic Honor Flight has not been taking Veterans to see their Monuments. They are now scheduling flights to go.

There is also an opportunity for other people that would like to be a GUARDIAN for the flight – **NO SPOUSES PLEASE**. Anyone else; brother, friend, niece, sister...etc.

The charge to be a GUARDIAN varies by area.

As our Veterans age, it is imperative that they get the opportunity to go and see what their sacrifice for freedom has allowed our country to **BUILD IN THEIR HONOR**.

GO TO www.vfw.aux.mo Veterans & Family Support Program for signup sheets.

SOARING ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR OUR VETERANS

KUDOS to Auxiliary # 2661 District 9 for their back-packs for the homeless initiative! Veterans & Family Support Chairman Rosalie McGaugh, along with her Auxiliary through their t-shirt and underwear drive were able to put together 25 back packs for the homeless at HOPE Recovery at John Cochran V.A. Hospital. The bags will have everything from toiletries, clothes, gloves and even insulated coolie cups for homeless Veterans. 🍌

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

1. Most outstanding project that an auxiliary hosted/co-hosted this year for the Veterans & Family Support Program
 - Citation to the Chairman and \$50 to the Auxiliary in each of the four membership groups.
2. Most outstanding overall Chairman Award.
 - Citation to the Chairman and \$50 to the Auxiliary for the most outstanding Chairman.