

# VFW Auxiliary National Talking Points

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- Established in 1914, the VFW Auxiliary is the nation's oldest veterans' service organization auxiliary.
- Members of the VFW Auxiliary are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat.
- There are more than 470,000 members representing all 50 states, the Philippines, Panama and Guam.
- We serve the veterans of this country and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform.
- It is our mission to assist the VFW in any way we can. We share a common goal of serving veterans, their families and our communities.
- Last year Auxiliaries provided a total of two million dollars in monetary aid to veterans, service members and their families.
- We are a voice for veterans on Capitol Hill; we are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families.
- We are one of the top ten providers of volunteer hours in the VA medical system.
- Every year, members fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans and their families.
- We provide millions of dollars in scholarships for our nation's youth.
- We spread patriotism and educate our communities and our nation's youth about America's patriotic holidays and the American Flag.
- We spread the word about Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS), and promote military and veteran suicide awareness.

There are more than 3,600 Auxiliaries nationwide working to improve the lives of our nation's veterans. Learn how you can get involved at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) and visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/VFWAuxiliary>.