

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

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Veterans and Family Support

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Hello Brothers and Sisters, my name is Jody McKinney, and I am in District 9. I am very honored and proud to be your Department of Wisconsin Veterans and Family Support Chairman for 2025–2026. Did you know that the Heartbeat of our organization really is Veterans and Family Support. It is not only for the Veteran but for the whole family for whom we serve and support. No Veteran, active – duty service member, or their families should suffer in silence without some support and that is where we come in. It is my goal for this year to make sure we all know where to go to obtain the necessary resources to be able to assist those who may not know there is help available. I will also make sure you have adequate information to complete your awards for National along with your Department year-end reporting. This year the National Ambassador Annie O'Connor's main focal points for this year will be:

- VFW-Based Veterans Assistance Programs
- Veterans Mental Health Awareness
- Veteran and Veteran Spouses Employment

You can find additional information at:

vfwauxwi.org click on programs and click on Veterans and family support

vfwauxiliary.org this is the National Auxiliary, click on header what we do, then click on veterans and family support.

For more information, visit the VFW website at: vfw.org/assistance

Also, the Auxiliary can never stop ensuring that people are aware of the warning signs of ANYONE that is possibly considering ending their life. We must always promote that help is always just a phone call or text away at **988** (Press 1)!

Our National Ambassador's theme for 2025-2026

"A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!"

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