

Veterans and Family Support Power Point Presentation

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Script for the PowerPoint

Slide 1 – Introduction

Slide 2 When I think of this program I think of unity. We are all united in our passion for this organization and at our core. We are all here for the same purpose, to support our veterans, service members, their families, and our communities.

Slide 3 Program goals

Slide 4 - Theme from National Ambassador which is the tree with the roots which is the basis to our foundation feeding the trunk and branches that extend out to Veterans and their families. The leaves extend further to be the subcategories under each of headings of which is unlimited. The National President for the 2024-25 year is Brenda Bryant and her theme is “From Our Roots to Our Branches – Extending Service to Our Veterans”. Department President theme for the coming year is “Honoring Veterans Together”.

Slide 5 - Military assistance is the first category. The leaves under the Military assistance program is Adoptaunit There are still units deployed to other areas and away from their loved ones. Reach out to local citizens who may have a family member that is stationed outside of the US whose unit may need a little love from their hometown. Coast Guard even though some are off the Coast of Florida are still patrolling our waters to keep us safe from Pirates, drugs, cartels, terrorists, and other

Slide 6 - Women Veteran needs –Burial, Life Insurance, Military sexual harassment, assault or rape (Military sexual trauma), abuse, Maternity care, PACT act, many are divorced and need help with child care, and **Child care is one of the special focuses in the program**, file a claim.....

Slide 7 - Unmet needs - Fitting in all the missing pieces to the puzzle for veteran needs which could be Rent due, Food, Clothing, Shelter, Water, School assistance, Child support, School supplies, Home loans, Life Insurance, Transportation, prescription drugs, co-pays for mental health or health care in general. Desperately need monetary donations for this need.

The leaves or subcategory under Unmet needs is Help a Hero Assistance into scholarship programs, loss of property (fire, flood, ...) read the newspaper find out who those veterans are and where they are located County veteran service office may have a fund for unmet needs.

Slide 8 – NVS Navigating veteran benefits, Veterans Service Offices throughout the **state** promote awareness of the many local, **state** and federal **Veterans** benefits. Veterans Service Organizations, VFW's **National Veterans Service (NVS)** was established to help all veterans, service members, their families and survivors. NVS consists of a nationwide network of VFW Accredited Service Officers and Pre-Discharge Representatives who are experts in navigating VA processes and the key to the Veterans success. **FREE OF CHARGE** -- to anyone seeking assistance with the claims process

Slide 9 -Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness – crisis numbers, Resources, Know the Risk factors, Know the Protective factors, warning signs, Knowing how to help a veteran with emotional pain, Tragedy Assistance Program for survivors, DOD’s Military OneSource 24/7 (information, answers and support to help military veterans reach their goal, overcome challenges, and thrive), Military and Caregivers Network, Coaching into Care (National telephone service), A program of the American Red Cross that offers peer based support and support to connect those providing care to service members and veterans living with wounds, illness, injury, and/or aging.

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Slide 10 - Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

Slide 11 – Sports clip - Sport Clips has been the primary supporter of the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program, which provides scholarships for service members and veterans for use at post-secondary schools and trade schools. Sport Clips has been the primary supporter of the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program. Sportsclip offer free haircuts on Veterans Day.

Slide 12 - Sports Clip Memorial Relief Fund - Relief Fund has awarded \$5 million in grants to more than 1,000 Sport Clips Team Members who have suffered unforeseen tragedies such as illness, accidents, tornadoes, fires, floods, and more.

Sport Clips is the primary sponsor for **Dream Flights** (formerly Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation), a non-profit organization established and dedicated to honoring seniors and United States military veterans. Through donations, the foundation provides once-in-a-lifetime "Dream Flights" to veterans, many of whom served during WWII, in the same aircraft used to train many military aviators in the late thirties and early forties.

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for their sacrifices. Honor Flight transports our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to senior veterans – World War II in particular, along with other veterans who may be terminally ill.

Gratitude Initiative Sport Clips helps support the organization in their mission to provide educational support and college scholarships to the children of military service members, veterans, disabled veterans and those killed in defense of our country.

Slide 13 – Focal Points This year I will explain to you how we are going to do this. National Ambassador Evan Smiley's Theme is Moving Forward for our Veterans. Don't forget The challenge is Moving Forward for our Veterans Our [National President theme](#) is: **From our Roots to our Branches Extending Service to our Veterans. One of her special projects is "Operation Bottom Cover" *There is a need for diapers for the babies of our Military and our Veterans. How can you help? Go to <https://vfwauxiliary.org/officer-tools/>***

Slide 14 – Department and National Awards

Slide 15 - This is a picture of our VFW Post 1393 West Bend, and the VFW Post 1393 Auxiliary intermingled. VFW Post and Auxiliary as we Move Forward in unity for Veterans and family support working together toward a common goal. The assistance and guidance offered within the Veterans & Family Support Program never ends, and is at the heart of why we exist as an organization, and we must never forget that piece as we **Keep Moving Forward** for Veterans.

Slide 16 End – Thank you Veterans

From our Roots to our Branches Extending Service to our Veterans as we are "Honoring Veterans Together"

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