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Hello Brothers and Sisters, I am Kathie Lendosky from District 6 and I am very honored and proud to be your Department Veterans and Family Support Chairman for 2024–2025. Veterans and Family Support is the core of our organization. It is for the entire Family, not just the veterans. Many of our veterans and active – duty service members suffer in silence, and their families suffer along with them. Over the course of this year, I will provide you with information on how to find the resources, materials, crisis lines, and support needed to meet their needs. I will also provide you with enough information to fill out awards for National, and Department year-end reports. Please send me pictures.

This year the National Ambassador Evan Smiley's theme is issuing a challenge to each auxiliary member to be innovative thinkers, be creative and always **Keep Moving Forward** for our Veterans and their families. *The main focal points for this year* will be:

- National Veterans Service Suicide Prevention
- Unmet needs with a need for monetary donations and what they are used for
- Child care for active-duty service members
- Veteran and Military Support Programs

I will give you information on how to accomplish each focal point one at a time in separate monthly reports with the General orders, and how your auxiliary can be successful in meeting those needs to Keep Moving Forward. A <u>special focus</u> on this year's Veterans & Family Support Program Is giving back to the families, and I will provide you with ideas on how you can accomplish this.

You can find information:

vfwauxwi.org click on programs and click on Veterans and family support **vfwauxiliary.org** which is the National auxiliary, click on header what we do, then click on veterans and family support.

Our <u>National President theme</u> is: **From our Roots to our Branches Extending Service to our Veterans**. One of her special projects is "**Operation Bootie Cover**" <u>There is a need for diapers for the babies of our Military and our Veterans</u>. <u>How can you help? Go to https://vfwauxiliary.org/officer-tools/</u>

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

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