

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Veterans and Family Support

October 2023

National Veterans Service helps veterans, service members & their families obtain the benefits they deserve at no cost to them, by pairing them with a service officer. Service officers can be found by going to the VFW Website, www.vfw.org & looking at the VA Claims & Separation Benefits section under the assistance tab. Service officers are able to assist with filing claims.

There are several resources available to assist our veterans, active-duty military & their families by utilizing the **Resource Rack Cards** located behind MALTA under organizations.

BEE THE CHANGE

It's **up to each of us** to honor our veterans' service to this great nation. All of us ***banding together for our veterans*** will fight for their rights & offer the support & encouragement that is needed not only to them – but to our active-duty military & their families as well.

PROGRAM AWARDS: This year, there will be **two** National Awards available for **Auxiliaries**. The first is to one Auxiliary available in each of the four Conferences that has the **most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health**. The second is for the **most outstanding activity and/or event to increase the support of veterans, service members and their families**. See the 2023-2024 National Program Book for more details.

As we approach Veterans Day, make plans to march in a parade. Your Auxiliary may want to purchase some of the **Thank You Coins** (Item # 1925) that are available from the VFW Store. They are a great way to recognize our veterans in attendance & a way to say "*thank you for your service*".

****Always keep the VETERANS CRISIS LINE number available Dial 988 Press 1.** You never know when you may need it.

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