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# Veterans & Family Support Program

## Building Bridges for our Veterans

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION

The VFW Auxiliary legacy is built on service. Supporting Veterans and Family Services isn't just a program; it's the heart of our mission. These services provide critical lifelines – from VA claims assistance to emergency financial aid and mental wellness resources. By actively engaging, we ensure our Veterans and their loved ones receive the care and support they earned and deserve. Let's demonstrate that **"No One Does More For Veterans"** by volunteering our time, raising awareness, and ensuring these vital programs thrive. Our commitment honors their sacrifice and strengthens our communities. Involving each and every one of our members strengthens our bonds of fellowship and builds a service-minded commitment to our Veterans!

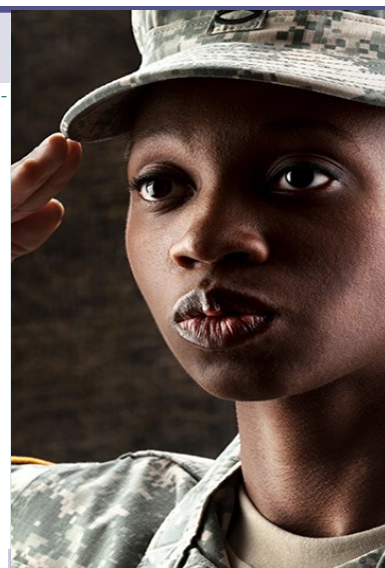
### SUPPORT SPOTLIGHT:

#### AGENT ORANGE AWARENESS DAY

Agent Orange Awareness Day, observed August 10th, commemorates the first day the toxic herbicide was sprayed during the Vietnam War in 1961. This day honors veterans and all individuals affected by Agent Orange exposure. It aims to raise awareness of the devastating, long-lasting health consequences, including cancers and other serious illnesses, that continue to impact service members and their families. The observance shows the importance of ongoing support, and education about the legacy of this chemical warfare agent and the need for continued advocacy for those affected. The VA has information about Agent Orange exposure at <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/>

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### UNITEING TO COMBAT HUNGER

The VFW Foundation established the UTCH Grant which, restricted to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries, is a matching grant of up to \$1,500 for monetary, food or item

donations to local food banks or pantries. For more details on the UTCH Grant or to apply, visit [vfwfoundation.org/Grants](https://vfwfoundation.org/Grants).



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