



Mid-Winter Conference

(All Members Invited)

WHEN: January 20 – 22, 2023

WHERE: Westgate Lakes Resort

10000 Turkey Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32819

For Reservations: 1-877-502-7058 Option 3,1

Make sure you tell Reservations state Group Code 66-878

Deadline December 29, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

Room Rate: \$99.00 plus tax, 2 Bedroom Suite Rate: \$159.00 plus tax

Check in time 4 PM – Check out time 10 AM

Parking is complimentary to all guests.

Friday January 20, 2023

8:45 AM: Floor Practice – 10:00AM Practice Officers March

10:30AM: Dept. Chairmen's Meeting **(closed meeting)**

1:00PM: District Presidents Meeting **(closed meeting)**

2:15 PM: Council Meeting

and

Opening Ceremonies Mid-Winter Conference

Saturday, January 21, 2023

8:30AM: Mid-Winter Conference

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:15 PM-Mid Winter Conference meeting

Saturday Evening: Celebration of Achievement Banquet
Tickets only available from Department VFW Headquarters

More Information to Follow

NOTE: THIS IS A TENTATIVE AGENDA – ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA**

BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM

State Commander Ron Mills invites you to join him at the Mid-Winter Conference Celebration of Achievement Banquet to be held at the West Gate Lake Resorts, 10,000 Turkey Lake Road, Orlando, Florida on Saturday, January 21, 2023

Cocktails ~ Begin at 6:00 p.m.
Program Begins ~ 6:45 p.m.

Doors Open ~ 6:30 p.m.
Dinner ~7:00 p.m.

Dress Code ~ Suit or Semi-Formal Dress ~ Head Table, Black Tuxedo

TWO CHOICES ~ YOU MUST PICK ONE FOR EACH PERSON

CHOICE # 1: *Garden Salad with Italian Herb Vinaigrette, Chicken with Parmesan Dill Cream Sauce, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans and NY Style Cheesecake with Mixed Berries.*

CHOICE # 2: *Garden Salad with Italian Herb Vinaigrette, Applewood Smoked Pork Loin with Tarragon Mustard Glaze, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans and NY Style Cheesecake with Mixed Berries.*

Dinners include freshly brewed coffee, brewed decaf & hot or cold iced tea.

Cost will be \$42.00 per person. Tickets will be sold thru Department Headquarters ONLY. There will be assigned seating for students and their families only.

DEADLINE – FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED. YOU WILL PICK THEM UP AT THE HOTEL FROM CHRIS HARRIS IN THE VFW OFFICE.

Banquet tickets will not be held by telephone conversation! Checks or Money Orders must accompany all orders. No Credit Cards will be accepted.

MID-WINTER CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVMENT BANQUET

Tickets for the Mid-Winter Celebration of Achievement Banquet being held Saturday, January 21, 2023 must be purchased from Department Headquarters ONLY. **Banquet Tickets are \$42.00 per person.**

PLEASE MARK YOUR SELECTIONS AND QUANTITY

CHOICE # 1 CHICKEN BREAST _____ CHOICE # 2 PORK LOIN _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

District: _____ **Post No:** _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

DEADLINE DATE ~ FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023 ~ NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

Make Checks Payable to: **DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA VFW ~ EARMARKED BANQUET TICKETS**
Mail to: **VFW STATE HEADQUARTERS, 543 NE SANCHEZ AVE., OCALA, FL 34470**

2022-2023
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
VFW AUXILIARY
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 20-22, 2023
AT THE WESTGATE LAKES RESORT
'MARDI GRAS'

The theme planned for the Department Mid-Winter Conference is Mardi Gras!

Get your creative juices flowing again and come wearing your best Mardi Gras MASK!

Prizes will be awarded on Saturday to the top six (6) *'Most Creative'* Masks.



UNWAVERING SUPPORT



NATIONAL PRESIDENT JANE REAPE VISITS THE DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA FEBRUARY 4 – 7, 2023

Saturday, February 4th

- There will be an Aisle of Flags ceremony at 5:00PM to honor our National President at the Ruskin Memorial VFW Post 6287 located at 5120 U.S. Hwy 41 North, Apollo Beach Florida.
- Dinner will follow at 6:00PM. RSVP to Kelly Barr at kabarr66@msn.com no later than January 22, 2023.
- The attire for the Aisle of Flags and Saturday dinner should be your Blue Auxiliary shirt, black slacks or trousers with black shoes or appropriate patriotic attire.

Sunday, February 5th

- Join National President Jane for dinner starting at 6:00PM at the Riverview Memorial VFW Post 8108 located at 7504 Riverview Drive in Riverview Florida.
- Dinner is limited to 50 attendees, so you **must** email your RSVP for dinner to Anita Webb at spunkey3@gmail.com no later than January 22, 2023.
- Attire for the Sunday dinner will be the National President shirt or appropriate casual auxiliary shirt, blouse or patriotic attire.

AMERICANISM

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“Champion for Veterans” with “Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care”



REPORT!
REPORT !!
REPORT!!!

The weather is beautiful... Plan, Execute and REPORT Patriotic Community Events
Show your communities your pride and love for all our Veterans!

It is that time to print out and complete the criteria and entry forms for your Auxiliary to receive National Citations and Awards

The forms and info can be found on MALTA: click *Resources, *Americanism. Many of you have already completed many Patriotic events in your communities to qualify for these citations. **(You still have time to qualify)**

- Each Auxiliary that completes the form will receive a Citation for your Auxiliary from National.
- Make sure I have the completed forms by March 31, 2023, I will submit them to National.
- One Auxiliary in each of the 4 conferences will be selected to receive a Citation and \$25.00 for sponsoring an outstanding Patriotic Community Event.



Auxiliary Patriotism



Never stop thinking about our Veterans that are unable to attend these community events because they are in nursing homes, hospitals, or state Veterans homes. Let us bring it to them through social media and the use of technology!!

Understanding Auxiliary Traditions

Raps of the Gavel

- One rap = Attention
- Two raps = Rise
- Three raps = Be Seated

Attention & Parade Rest

- **“Attention”** in the VFW Auxiliary means hands at side, head up with eyes looking straight forward.
- **“Parade Rest”** means the left foot is moved slightly to the side while bringing the arms to the small of the back. Clasp the left thumb in the right hand. The head is bowed slightly during prayer.

AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

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**TELL ME WHAT YOU HAVE
DONE SO FAR!**

REPORT IT!

SEND ME PICTURES!

**REMEMBER – S A V E R
VOLUNTEER
PARTNER**

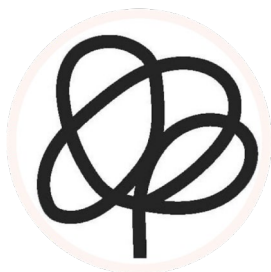


**MAKE SOME VALENTINE CARDS & GIVE
OUT AT YOUR LOCAL VA HOSPITAL**



Jackie Bruder Auxiliary Outreach
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Department President, Cindy Estell



Support the National Home

**By Donating to the Health & Education Building's
Veterans Resource Center**

What Is It? The VFW National Home is currently in the process of renovating the Health & Education Building, with focus on the offices downstairs where the Veterans Resource Center opened in October, 2022. The Veterans Resource Center helps veterans and their families access resources and support they otherwise may not be able to find or afford. Note: When this Auxiliary-sponsored building opened nearly a century ago, it was the campus hospital. For a while, it even housed quarantined children with tuberculosis.

How Much? The National Home needs an estimated \$10,000 to complete this project. (Any excess will go toward additional Veterans Resource Center necessities.)

How Can We Help? There are nearly 3,500 Auxiliaries. If each Auxiliary were to donate \$3 in December, the National Home could finish 2022 having already met their goal! Please mail donations directly to the National Home (3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI, 48827) with checks earmarked "Veterans Resource Center." Thank you!



National Home for Children & "Buddy" ® Poppy

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What are your plans for Buddy Poppy's during the new year?

Now is the time to set up your planning committee for planning how to use your Buddy Poppies for remainder of the year

- In your canteen get permission to display a small house named National Home for contributions.
- Suggest to your Commander & Bar Manager to use the **small** house for those who pay \$100 or using foul language in the Post.
- Valentine's Day – Include a poppy with your card to those Veterans in the Nursing Homes.
- Auxiliary Appreciation Day Feb 4th, use your poppies to share the story with all post members.

S.W.A.P. IDEA

AUXILIARY POST 239, ST. AUGUSTINE
HAS A DISPLAY IN THE CANTEEN WHICH LOOKS LIKE A SMALL HOME WITH NAMED NATIONAL HOME BOX FOR DONATIONS, COLLECTIONS EACH MONTH ARE AVERAGING ABOUT \$100.00 A YEAR.

SEND ME YOUR S.W.A.P. IDEAS, SHARING WITH OTHERS, WE ALL HAVE GREAT IDEAS!



National Home Lifetime Memberships \$50.00

- Has your Auxiliary purchased a membership?
- How many members have purchased theirs?
- Has your Post purchased a membership?
- Your Honor Guard team have they purchased a membership?
- Did your District purchase a lifetime membership?



National & Department Awards: - Make sure you get ready to submit your entry!

- ✓ Most outstanding event that demonstrated how the "Buddy" ® Poppy and National Home for Children impact each other. (*Successful Veterans Day distribution, hosting education for Scouts*)
- ✓ Most outstanding community education about the "Buddy" ® Poppy and National Home for Children (*Talk to local clubs or organizations about what Buddy Poppy represents*)

All entries due by March 31, 2022, now is the time to plan to get your awards!

Are you a "Champion for Veterans?..... Remember "Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care"

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Department President's Special Project **PAWS FOR VETERANS**

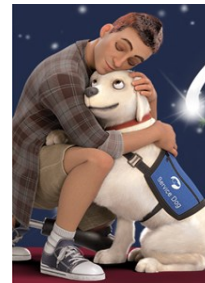
CHAMPIONS FOR VETERANS



This Holiday Season...Believe in Hope



Get Hope



Give Hope



Southeastern Guide Dogs offers all dogs and services at no cost to people with vision loss, veterans with PTSD and other disabilities, and children with significant challenges.

Because of the kindness of friends (*Like You*), their dogs restore hope to people who cannot see and those who have seen too much.

Your donations sustain the Southeastern Guide Dogs mission and gives freedom and hope to the people who need it most... **OUR VETERANS!**

DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY AWARDS

VFW Auxiliaries Who Raise and Donate will Receive the Following Awards:

Paw of Courage Award	Up to \$599
Champion Award	\$600-\$999
Best in Show Award	\$1000 or more

WHAT DO I DO WITH THE MONEY I RAISED?

- ♦ Send Funds for the PSP Directly to the Department Treasurer – Linda Burnett
- ♦ Bring Your PSP Funds to the Parade of Checks During the Mid-Winter Conference in January

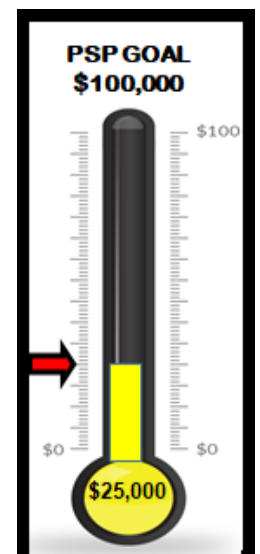
You Will Receive Credit on Your Annual Contribution Sheet

Did You Remember to Report?



Department PSP Chairman—
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Department President, Cindy Estell



HISTORIAN AND MEDIA RELATIONS

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Happy Holidays!

Reminder that the most outstanding Historian & Media Relations report is **due by March 31, 2023**, and a citation will be given to every Auxiliary that submits a Historian & Media Relations report to me. (Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.) Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.
<https://vfwauxfl.org/uploads/Documents/National%20Award%20Forms/2022-2023-Historian-Media-Relations-Award-No.-1-1.pdf>



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Which Christmas Carol was actually written for Thanksgiving?
2. Where did the tradition of the Christmas Tree come from?
3. When was the first Christmas card sent?
4. What country banned Christmas in 1647?
5. When were Christmas tree lights first introduced?
6. When did Charles Dickens write a Christmas Carol?
7. Which country first used the Christmas stamp?
8. Which company was the first to use Santa in its promotions?
9. Every year England displays a huge tree in Trafalgar square. It was a gift from which country?
10. In which country would you be visited by Kriss Kringle?

Answer : 1. Jingle Bells
2. Germany
3. 1843
4. England
5. 1882
6. 1843
7. Canada
8. Coca-Cola
9. Norway
10. Germany



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- January 20-22, 2023 Mid-Winter Conference
- March 31-April 1, 2023 Department President Cindy Estell's Homecoming Celebration

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Hospital

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Valentines for Veteran's is great way to make a Veteran in any health care facility VA or Non-VA smile. Don't forget New Year's eve drop off horn's, cards and cookies to a Veteran's home or nursing facility, So that they can ring in the New Year. The Cooties have a special moto "Keep them smiling in beds of white" Did you know that January 24th is Belly Laugh day what can you do to make a Veteran laugh or smile? Other holiday's coming up are Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mothers Day, Fathers day and Armed Forces Day.

Women Health Care set up a table outside local stores, farmers markets or local events to talk to female Veterans about women's benefits, Maternity care, Mental Health issues, Breast Cancer Cervical Cancer and Military Sexual Trauma and so much more. You can down load and print pamphlets from the VA website at: www.womenshealth.va.gov. How and who they can talk to about filing a claim. Many men and women don't know that they can receive help and compensation for Military Sexual Trauma.

Honors Escort speak with local Hospitals, Nursing Homes about setting up an honors escort. Some hospitals will allow Veterans to even line the corridors for veterans who are dying and donating their organs to others. Speak with Nursing Homes and VA and Non-VA hospitals about setting up an Honors escort. Have a group set up to show the family's and other Veterans how much we respect the honor and duty they provided for our freedom.

Women Veterans Health Care

In September 1923, the predecessors to the VA approved first spaces for women health care. The VA has come a long way since then. The VFW and the Auxiliaries have been working to enhance women's health care since 2013, when women were first allowed to join combat at the front lines. Here are a few Ideas to enhance a veterans day or stay in the VA or Non-VA facility.



Try a drive through baby shower give away diapers, wipes, baby food, or team up with other organizations to provide cribs or highchairs.



Provide toiletry bags for female Veterans with tampons, pads, shampoo, conditioner and lotion.



PJ or Nightgowns to replace the old worn out gowns given at most facilities. Fresh clean new underwear also make a women feel good during the stay.



Set up a table outside or inside if the facility will let you to talk about benefits women veterans can receive.



Non VA Facilities make Fidget Blankets, quilts or pillows to help with dementia patients.



Don't forget to get your reports in. Be interesting, add fluff, tell me about how you felt, how happy the Veterans were. Tell me about where, what and how you did and the planning that went into it. I want to here everything. I have really enjoyed the reports that I have read so far.

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LEGISLATIVE

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I'M CHECKING TO SEE WHAT AUXILIARIES SIGNED UP 25 OR MORE PEOPLE TO RECEIVE THEIR ACTION CORPS NEWSLETTER/ THE FORM CAN BE FOUND ON:

https://vfwauxfl.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?p_id=116533

WHAT DID YOUR
AUXILIARY DO TO
PROMOTE YOUR
LEGISLATIVE ?

The Members Only login and Program Reporting is now "live" and available on the new Department website (www.vfwauxfl.org). Here is some important information you need to know:

- **Your login** is your Membership ID number (same as you use for MALTA) and your password is your last name (the password is not case sensitive)
- **Your Auxiliary number, District, and email address** will automatically pre-populate and you will then enter the date of the activity
- **You** will then select the Program you want to report on ex: Legislative.
- **Once you select the Program**, you will notice that a list of activities for that Program are presented which coincide with what the National organization is asking us to report on
- **You will then enter in whatever is specific to your project** as well as the description of your project which will be extremely important when it comes to judging at the end of the year as this will give the Chairman the detailed picture of what you have done.
- **You will then submit the report (Click Submit only once)**

National Awards

Most outstanding consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.

- **Citation to every Auxiliary that maintains a consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.** Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
- **Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding consistent partnership and/or communication with young adult civic and/or political groups.** Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Auxiliaries are to send this **completed form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2023.**

DID YOU REPORT
EVERYTHING

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Department Legislative Chairman
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Membership

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Happy New Year Membership

Time to check your Malta

What is your Auxiliary %?

Did you plant the seed of
membership?

Is it growing?

90% OR 100%+3

RENEWING & RETAINING



Awards for Membership 2022-2023

Department of Florida

- **Reach 95% Nov. 30, 2022, will be entered in a drawing for Mid-winter Conference January 20-22, 2023.**
- **Auxiliary & District reaches 90% and 100% will receive a special team award.**
- **Circle of Champions as part of a criteria your Auxiliary and/or District must reach 100% plus 3 members by April 30, 2023, based on your June 30, 2022, Membership numbers.**



Auxiliaries in your District that need help with Membership

Give a helping hand, Share your knowledge, and success at your District meetings. 100% Mentoring, guiding, coaching, and networking.

We are here to support our Veterans, and Families + Eachother

Information on Membership

Department of Florida: vfwauxfl.org

National: vfwauxiliary.org

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Mentoring for Leadership

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Do your brand new members feel welcome?

- **Do your *Buddies* feel welcome and do you sit with them at the meetings?**
- **Do you give them a welcome packet with Auxiliary info and officer contacts?**
- **Do you or your Buddy contact them in between the meetings and encourage them to get involved or join in on a program or event?**

Tis the Season

This is a great time to sit down with your Mentees and have a coffee, tea or their favorite beverage! Have a chat with them to see how they are, see what kind of questions they may have and get them involved in something new.

Better yet what can they teach you?

WE can all learn from each other, and the relationship you build will greatly solidify their interest in your Auxiliary!

**"Being a leader is not about you.
It's about the people that are on your team and how you can help them be successful."**

-Susan Vobejda

Who's on your Mentoring Team?? Are you the Coach everyone wants to play for?

- As the coach we should be recruiting players for all the positions, especially the key positions.
- Have you been training your second-string quarterback (Sr. Vice, or next President) giving them reps for the position and helping them with tips to make them perform better?
- Sometimes you have to let them give things a try to get a feel for what's happening.
- Be there to keep them from fumbling and review the event after the fact and off to the side. Don't use the Woody Hayes method of correction! Woody was an excellent coach with a massive winning record, however his style of correction cost him his job. If you're a youngster and don't know who he is, google him or ask someone from Ohio, or me.

My point is...

Be Kind

Be Patient

Be Accessible

Be Knowledgeable!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Scholarships

HAPPY SCHOLARDAYS TO YOU!



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Your Auxiliary is eligible to win National and Department Awards for the best promotion of the new Three –D Patriotic Art Scholarship Contest!

DEPARTMENT:

- ◆ Special Award to one Auxiliary in each of the four Membership classes for the Most Outstanding Promotion. Submit to the Department Scholarship Chairman by 3/31/23
- ◆ Special Award to an Auxiliary for the most Outstanding fundraising event/program for the 'Fund the Artist of Tomorrow' fund.

NATIONAL:

- ◆ Most outstanding promotion and/or participation of the Patriotic 3-D Art Contest.
- ◆ Citation to every Auxiliary that promotes and/or participates in the 3-D Patriotic Art Contest.
- ◆ Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding promotion and/or participation in the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IS ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBPAGE UNDER SCHOLARSHIPS. ALL THE CRITERIA, ALL THE FORMS, ALL THE DEADLINES AND MORE!

Visit www.vfwauxfl.org

- Now is the time to get going on this as well as the Two Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest.
- If you haven't already, send the brochures to local schools, scout troops and churches.
- Use the Press Release on the webpage to announce the contests.
- Send reminders to the teachers of the submission deadline.
- Use Social Media!

You should also be reporting all of your efforts regarding scholarships on the Department webpage. As your chairman, I am looking for your online reports every week!

Continuing Education Scholarship

- ◆ Open to all Aux members (for at least one year), their spouses or children
- ◆ Must show financial need
- ◆ ENTRIES TO NATIONAL BY 2/15/23)

"Strong people stand up for themselves, but stronger people stand up for others"

Approved by: Department President Cindy Estell

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Veterans & Family Support

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Don't forget to: Report.... Report.... Report....



WISHING OUR
VETERANS, THEIR
FAMILIES, AND THEIR
CAREGIVERS A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS

NVS - National Veterans Service

Now that 2022 is coming to a close, start thinking of fund raisers for the NVS to show appreciation to State & National Service Officers who put in the time & effort to help our Veterans & families with their benefits.

After you vote on a course of action and clear it with your Post, here are ways to fund raise:

- Hold a dinner and sell tickets to the event. Lock down some entertainment to entice sales.
- Raffle off a gift basket stuffed with scratch offs, top shelf spirits, tickets to an event or handmade items.
- Dedicate a 50/50 or two to NVS.

Think outside of the box. Remember: "If we never take a chance out of fear of failure, then we can never succeed".

Keep up with what's going on with Veterans issues & benefits by downloading or subscribing to these:

- VFW Action Corps Newsletter
www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly
- Florida Veterans Benefit Guide
<https://floridavets.org/resources/va-benefits-guide/>
- Federal benefits for Veterans, Dependents & Survivors
www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp

Veteran Suicide Prevention

Holidays are hard for some so be on the lookout for the following 5 signs:

1. Depressed mood.
2. Lack of interest.
- 3 feelings of worthlessness.
4. Poor concentration.
5. Thoughts of death or suicide.

If you notice any of these in a veteran or service member you know, connect them with the Veterans Crisis Line.

Call 1-800-273-8255 or Text 838255 or start an online confidential chat session at:
www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/chat

National Awards for Veteran & Family Support:

- Most outstanding activity and/or event that supports veteran, military and family caregivers.
- Most outstanding activity and/or event that increases awareness of homeless veterans.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event that increases awareness of homeless veterans.



Department Awards for Veteran & Family Support:

- Outstanding fundraising activities for National Veterans Service (NVS).
- Most outstanding fundraising activities for VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs.
- Best Overall project, event or activity that supports veteran, military, and family caregivers.
- Best overall promotion of Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness.

Youth Activities

"Champion for Veterans"

"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care"

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Remember our Veterans and Families near and far

FIND THOSE KIDS THAT LIKE TO SING!

"GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE"

- ✓ OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN K-12TH GRADE
- ✓ 2 GRADE DIVISIONS K-8 AND 9 - 12
- ✓ VIDEO OF SOLO VOCAL MUST BE RECORDED BY MARCH 31, 2023
- ✓ SING ANY GENRE OR ARRANGEMENT
- ✓ A CAPPELLA WITH INSTRUMENTS OR BACKING TRACK
- ✓ CANNOT CHANGE THE WORDS
- ✓ DEADLINE TO AUXILIARY MARCH 31, 2023
- ✓ FIRST PLACE: \$500.00 GIFT CARD – NATIONAL AWARD

DISCOVER THOSE YOUNG ARTIST!

"ILLUSTRATING AMERICA" ART CONTEST

- ✓ OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN K-8TH GRADE
- ✓ ENTRY MUST BE TWO DIMENSIONAL
- ✓ ENTRY MUST BE ON CANVAS OR PAPER
- ✓ WATERCOLOR, PENCIL, PASTEL, CHARCOAL, PEN, INK, OIL, TEMPERA, CRAYON, GLITTER AND MARKER
- ✓ DEADLINE TO AUXILIARY MARCH 31, 2023
- ✓ FIRST PLACE: \$100.00 GIFT CARD – NATIONAL AWARD

Auxiliaries - Remember Award and Reward!

Plan an event for our youth – pizza party – gift cards – ice cream socials

RESOURCES AND FORMS ONLINE AT VFWAUXILIARY.ORG AND VFWAUXFL.ORG

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