



VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM



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FL DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME:

"One Family One Voice! One Team!"



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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME:

*"From Our Roots to Our Branches...
Extending Service to Our Veterans"*

Together, our focus this year is to *Keep Moving For-*

Remember: *REPORT, REPORT, REPORT*

Now Is the Time for ALL VFW and Auxiliary Members to Come to the Aid of Our Veterans, Their Families, and Our Communities!

RECENT STORMS AND OTHER DISASTERS HAVE IMPACTED OUR STATE, AS WELL AS MOST OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES. MANY VFW POST HOMES, VETERAN BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY HOMES HAVE VARIOUS LEVELS OF DAMAGE OR DEVASTATION. WE ALL NEED TO STEP UP AND HELP!

DISASTER RELIEF

A Disaster Relief Fund has been set up to help our Florida Auxiliaries in case of emergency (Hurricane, Tornado, fire, flood). A minimum of not less than \$250 and not more than \$500 shall be distributed at the discretion of the Department President. If you have members who are in need, PLEASE share this information with them. If they are unable to send their information, we ask that you assist them and let our Department President know exactly the circumstances. Monies will be based and distributed upon priority. Please ensure that Correct and Current Contact Information is provided.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

- ◆ If your Auxiliary needs financial assistance, please work through your Auxiliary and/or District President to our Department President to request Disaster Relief Funds.
- ◆ Help us replenish our Disaster Relief Funds. Sends donations directly to our Department Treasurer, and earmark them as Disaster Relief. Ensure you report on your efforts!
- ◆ Check the VFWAUXFL.ORG website for any additional and latest information.

**NOW IS THE TIME
TO COME TO THE
AID OF OUR
TEAMMATES!**

Our 2024-2025 National Goals

- Goal #1—National Veterans Suicide Prevention
- Goal #2—Childcare for Active-Duty Service Members
- Goal #3—Veterans and Military Support Programs

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***WITH THE LOSS OF FAMILY, FRIENDS, HOMES, JOBS, ETC., WE MUST BE EVER VIGILANT
TO THOSE AROUND US! USE THIS CHECKLIST TO ASSIST IN YOUR EFFORTS.***

GOAL #1—SUICIDE PREVENTION

- ◆ If you see someone in distress, don't be afraid to ***E—N—G—A—G—E***.
- ◆ Keep in close contact with those who are/were severely impacted, depressed, or facing personal or family challenges.
- ◆ Set up a daily/weekly contact list (In person, by phone, or by e-mail) within your Auxiliary and/or community.
- ◆ Immediately share any issues or areas of concern with your Auxiliary Team.
- ◆ Be knowledgeable about available suicide prevention programs in your area.

GOAL #2—CHILDCARE FOR ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

- ◆ Have your Auxiliary Adopt a Veteran Family or Families who have children.
- ◆ Create a Contact and Network Plan to assist the group. Reach out daily/weekly to assist how ever your team can help.
- ◆ Help Out When and Where You Can by Offering: Babysitting Duties, A Trip to the Park, An Ice Cream/Pizza Outing , Reading a Book to the Children, Go to a Playground.
- ◆ Provide child support to allow parents time to address personal and family challenges.

GOAL #3—VETERANS AND MILITARY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- ◆ Be knowledgeable on VFW programs, assets, and resources available for Veterans.
- ◆ Ensure that our Veterans and their family members are aware of the aid available.
- ◆ Guide our Veterans and their family members in their efforts to obtain such benefits.
- ◆ Coordinate and team our Veterans with a VFW Accredited Service Officer.

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