



## **VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

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We will support all programs that provide assistance to our veterans and their families. This will include the VFW's National Veterans Service (NVS) and the VFW's Veterans & Military Support Programs. **We will take care of our Veterans and their families!**

**Auxiliaries, no matter what your membership size is: your efforts count, but most of all they matter. We appreciate each and every one of you!**

### **Statewide Project**

Please collect socks and gloves for our veterans. Don't forget the knitted hats. Make sure your veterans in your local post and in your community are taken care of first. Then reach out to others. Don't forget to contact the local shelters, community centers, nursing homes, etc. to reach the veterans in need. Another good place to start is your area VA clinic.

### **Support for Homeless Veterans**

Are you aware that there are more than 67,000 homeless veterans in America and recent stats show that 2006 are in Texas? Reach out to these veterans. Participate in Stand Downs.

### **Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness**

A staggering 20 Veterans commit suicide each day and the VFW and VFW Auxiliary are committed to helping change the stigma surrounding the mental health in the United States.

### **Helping Hand**

Resources for Veterans and their Families can be found on the Rack Card which can be downloaded from Malta Resources. Our veterans and their families need to know we are here to help them. We are Family. Family takes care of their own. The veteran is our Family. Step out into your community to assist our veterans in need: Offer guidance, a helping hand, having information on their well-deserved benefits.

### **VFW Supported Programs**

We encourage members to support the following programs:

- Texas VFW Foundation
- Military Assistance Program (MAP)
- Adopt-A-Unit
- VFW's Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship

(Of course, there are other organizations in your own communities that support veterans as well)

**Just a reminder, if you have fundraisers, please make sure that they are to support our veterans and their families.**

## TROOPONS – COUPONS FOR TROOPS

The Support Our Troops “Troopons” program enhances the well-being of overseas and domestic military families by sending them food, non-food, baby, and pet manufacturer coupons to make their hard-earned dollars go farther. Connect with your inactive members or members in nursing homes to help clip these coupons. You will make a difference in the lives of our military troops and their families! **You will mail the coupons directly to:**

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS  
PO Box 70  
Daytona Beach, FL 32115-0070**

### **Mid-Winter Grab Bags**

We will continue with the traditional grab bags at Mid-Winter Convention. Each Auxiliary will be requested to bring 5 grab bags – each valued at \$5.00+. The proceeds will go to the **Texas VFW Foundation. Earmark checks Texas VFW Foundation.**

### **Hero Walk**

Make plans to join in the HERO Walk at Mid-Winter. It is the time we can honor our Veteran or remember them as well. The **Veterans and Family Support Program** will benefit from this Walk.

### **Awards**

1. Plaque to the Auxiliary in each Membership Division for the **Best in Warming Our Vets.** Citations will be awarded to each auxiliary that participates.
2. Plaque to the Auxiliary in each Membership Division for the **Best Supporting Our Homeless Vets.** Citations will be awarded to each auxiliary that participates.
3. Plaque to the Auxiliary in each Membership Division for the **Best Contribution to the VFW Supported Programs.** Citations will be awarded to each auxiliary that participates.
4. Plaque to the Auxiliary in each Membership Division for the **Best Promotion of Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness.** Citations will be awarded to each auxiliary that participates.

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**“We Tip Our Hats To Vets”  
“Soaring Above & Beyond”**