

HOSPITAL PROGRAM

The Hospital Program is one of the longest-running initiatives of the VFW Auxiliary, originally established to bring joy and comfort to veterans receiving care in VA hospitals. Over time, it has expanded to include activities in VA facilities and nursing homes. There are numerous ways to support veterans through this program, ranging from fundraising efforts to volunteering time. The primary goal remains the same: to bring happiness and show appreciation to veterans for their service.

Think about our Auxiliary members who are in nursing homes. Visit them, bring them news of the Auxiliary, print the magazine for them, perhaps even read it to them if they are having vision issues.

Many Auxiliary members in nursing homes can assist with our programs. I'm sure they'd love to still be active in our organization even though they can no longer travel to meetings or events. Maybe volunteer to do a monthly knitting circle, host a movie night or other projects/events at a nursing home. Veterans, Auxiliary members and others in the home can participate. Remember to think outside the box when volunteering at a VA facility, nursing home or hospital. Everyone will gain so much from the experience.



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Richmond VA Medical Center
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- Making cards for our veterans, i.e. for Veterans Day, Christmas, Valentine's Day, even cards that just say thinking of you. This may be a project that possibly can be done in conjunction with a youth group.
- Volunteer at a VA or Veterans Home, help with an event or just visit with a veteran as sometimes they just want to talk to someone.
- The facility may have a rule that a patient or resident cannot be outside by themselves; someone must sit with them, and the staff doesn't have time. You could be that someone. Check to see if there is a local hospital that has a program of any sort that helps with veterans. And see if you can assist them. Always remember to follow the rules of the facility that you are volunteering at.
- Volunteer to call bingo at a nursing home. Other members can assist veterans with their cards. Bring prizes and make it fun.
- Coordinate with a local grammar school and the facility to do a trick-or-treat event. The Auxiliary can purchase the candy for the residents to give to the children. Your members and the veterans will love it.



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Hampton VA Medical Center
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When we come together, our combined strength creates a force for good that is truly unstoppable. Through collaboration, sharing ideas, resources, and heartfelt dedication, we multiply the warmth and hope delivered to those who have served. It is this unity, this spirit of partnership, that leads to real victories: not just in major achievements, but in the everyday support and encouragement offered to veterans and each other. Working side by side, united in gratitude and purpose, we build a legacy of service that resonates across generations, showing that our greatest triumphs are born from standing together and lifting every voice in support of those who sacrificed for our nation.



Salem VA Medical Center
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Awards for Auxiliaries (from National)

Most creative/unique activity and/or event to interact with and provide happiness to veterans in hospitals (VA and non-VA facilities) Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most creative/unique activity and/or event to interact with and provide happiness to veterans in hospitals (VA and non-VA facilities). Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2026, for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Our Program Goals

Honors Escort - Volunteer Recruitment Support and Recognition

Valentines for Veterans Women Veterans Health Care

Volunteering at VA hospitals, VA clinics, and non-VA hospitals and nursing homes is not only an act of service, it is a sincere gesture of gratitude and respect for those who have given so much. Our presence allows medical staff to focus on vital patient care.

Whether reading a favorite book, sharing a quiet moment over a deck of cards or a checkerboard, guiding a brush across a canvas, or simply listening to stories of days gone by, our efforts invigorate and uplift. Every activity we share with veterans is a chance to motivate, inspire, and remind them they are valued and remembered. Through these simple yet profound acts, we forge connections that heal, encourage, and honor the legacy of our nation's heroes.

National Awards Auxiliary Members

1. Citation to one VFW Auxiliary member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruit the most Hospital (VA and non-VA facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. Entry form required available on MALTA Member Resources. Citations to be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.
2. "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year" plaque awarded to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital (VA and non-VA facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. Entry form required available on MALTA Member Resources. Plaque to be mailed directly to winner from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.
3. Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program

Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Entry form required available on MALTA Member Resources. Citations to be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.



Martinsburg VA Medical Center
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Let's work together to fill this year with joy for all our hospitalized veterans. If you have suggestions for new projects, I'd love to hear them. Be sure to stay tuned to our monthly updates for news on Department awards. Your efforts can truly brighten a veteran's day.

Legislative

Legislative Chairman

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As members of the VFW Auxiliary, we are advocates for veterans, service men and women and their families. Every time we say, "Thank you for your service", we are acknowledging the sacrifices made by veterans and their families. But we can go beyond words and translate gratitude into actions. Our Legislative Program empowers us to advocate for policies that improve the lives of veterans, service members and their families by turning our appreciation into meaningful legislative advocacy.

Sounds good, doesn't it? How do we do this?

- When communicating with elected officials, deliver a brief, concise message, but make your questions/statements clearly understood. Identify who and why.
- Ensure that members realize that state legislation passed often impacts the veterans and service members of their home state and should be understood as well.
- Ensure that our members know about the resources available to them in MALTA Member Resources.

BE INVOLVED in the ELECTION PROCESS:

Even though this is not a National Election year, we will have the opportunity of voting for many of local and State legislators. Remember in all Auxiliary political activities, we must remain neutral.

Use websites for legislative candidates to glean information on support of veterans and options to contact their offices.

Resources:

MALTA Member Resources assures our organization is on the same page as the VFW in our support or opposition to pending legislative matters. Among those are:

VFW Action Corps Weekly - a free weekly news email that will keep you up to date on what is happening on Capitol Hill with Veterans, service members and their families' issues. (To sign up obtain a sign-up sheet from national website and submit this form to me. Be sure to have your zip code on the sign-up sheet, it indicates what voting district you are in.)
VFW Auxiliary Guide to the Legislative Process
VFW Auxiliary Guide to Contacting Your Legislator
VFW.org/advocacy/legislative-goals
Vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts

**Try out the new QR code to learn more
about all the Legislative Program!**



BE INFORMED:

The Priority Goals reflect the resolutions passed by the VFW to strengthen and ensure an adequate VA system for millions of current and future veterans. Located at:
vfwauxiliary.org/resources/legislative.

Six areas of concern:

Budget

Health Care

Disability Assistance and
Memorial Affairs

Education, Employment and
Transition Assistance

Military Quality of Life

National Security, Foreign
Affairs and POW/MIA

Use legislative websites for U.S. Congress and Senate to track pieces of legislation. Use websites for our elected officials which provide information and options to contact their offices. Use your state resources regarding state legislation for veterans as well.

BE ENGAGED:

Respond to VFW
Action Alerts

Understand the steps
of a bill's process.

Educate yourself on
the responsibilities of
the VFW in
Washington, D.C.

AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

National:

Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts an activity and/or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and or the VFW Priority Goals.

Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on Legislative issues.

Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

TOGETHER WE CAN

Together: We Will learn the legislative process and understand bills that are important to our veterans, service men and women and their families. Each month in my communication we will cover areas of the legislative process.

Together: We Will be sure our voices are heard!

Together: We Can make a difference in the lives of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. We must remember they have protected our freedoms. Now it is time for us to protect their rights and benefits. And remember to REPORT!



Membership Program

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It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I step into the role of Membership Chair for our VFW Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary embodies a legacy of service and dedication that spans generations of continued service. As we embark on this journey together, I want to share my goals and vision for our membership initiatives, tied closely to our values.



Our Goals

1. Recruitment: Expanding Our Family of Supporters

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, our goal is to ensure the VFW Auxiliary is a welcoming and inclusive space for those who hold our values dear. Whether it's introducing the work of the Auxiliary to family members, friends, or members of our community, the focus will be on outreach and creating connections. With every new member, we strengthen our ability to honor and support veterans and their families. Together, we can amplify our impact.

2. Retention: Nurturing and Inspiring Our Members

While recruitment is vital, retaining our valued members is equally essential. My goal is to foster an environment where every member feels seen, appreciated, and empowered. Through engaging programs, opportunities for involvement, and regular communication, we'll ensure that our current members remain inspired and active. When members feel welcomed and included, they will bring greater contributions to keep our Auxiliaries vibrant and thriving.

3. Resources: Empowering Our Auxiliary

An engaged membership thrives on resources that educate and inspire. By using the membership tools on MALTA or accessing the Auxiliary information QR code, members can find the resources needed to achieve our goal. Consider recruitment strategies, organizing recruiting events, reaching out to our VFW counterpart and inviting their spouses and family members to join, we will work together to invite new members, including current members, and invest in the future of our organization.

Looking Ahead

As your Membership Chair, I look forward to working alongside each of you to achieve these goals. Together, we will grow our Auxiliary, foster lasting relationships, and create meaningful change for our veterans and their families. I invite you to join me in this mission, as we build bridges that span from sea to shining sea, united in service and purpose.

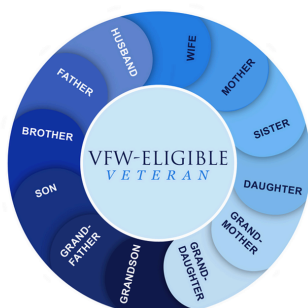


Our Theme

Our National Auxiliary President's theme "From Sea to Shining Sea: Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free" reflects our collective responsibility to recognize the sacrifices made by our veterans. Their service is a beacon of courage and dedication, and through our work, we continue to emphasize their importance in our communities.

Our Department President's theme "Unity Brings Victory" reminds us that our strength lies in our togetherness. The Auxiliary exists because of our shared mission, and it is through our unity that we achieve our greatest victories. When we stand together, not only do we honor the past, but we also secure a stronger future for those who serve.

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



MALTA Login Website:

<https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/Account/NewLogin>

Scholarships

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Sister and Brothers, I am your Scholarship Chair for this 2025 – 2026 program year. I have been a member of the Auxiliary for almost 25 years now. I was and am honored that President Kelli asked me to be her Scholarship Chair. It is my goal for us to have a 100% year. I am hoping all of you will do everything within your power to help us reach that goal.

VFW AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Continuing Education Scholarship

These Scholarships are offered to assist members and their immediate family members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a vocational/technical school.

In addition, this is also National President, Lois's Special Project for the 2025-2026 year!

Donations can be made through MALTA, at:
Vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education

If you donate to the Special Project, please be sure to click on the 'make a gift' tab and select National President's Special Project.

VFW SCHOLARSHIPS

Voice of Democracy

Continuing to promote patriotism and invest in future generations, the VoD Scholarship is an auto essay program for High School students.

Information for all VFW Scholarship Contests can be found at: Vfw.org/scholarships

Awards for Auxiliaries:

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1. Most creative and/or unique activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.

Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most creative and/or unique activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

The Department Scholarships Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Scholarships Ambassador by April 30, 2026, for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art

Contest / 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

For more than 45 years, the VFW Auxiliary has been awarding artists in grades 9-12 through this Scholarship.

Information for all Auxiliary Scholarship Contests can be found at: Vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships

Patriot's Pen

Open to students in grades 6-8, the PP Scholarship is a word essay contest that encourages youth to examine America's history, as long as share their experiences in modern America.

Awards for Departments and Department Chairmen:

1. \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one Department Scholarships Chairman in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best promotion of increasing donations to the Continuing Education Scholarships fund.

Winners will be announced, and awards will be presented at the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Try out the new QR
code to learn more
about all the
Scholarship
opportunities!**



VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT



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Sisters & Brothers - I am honored to join President Kelli Levitt's team as the Veterans & Family Support Program Chair for 2025-2026. I look forward to working with the Department of Virginia Auxiliaries as we promote support of our Veterans and Families. Each month there will be information on a focal point and ideas on how to support our Veterans and Families.

This year, our main focal points will be:

- VFW-Based Veterans Assistance Programs
- Veterans Mental Health Awareness
- Veterans and Veteran Spouse Employment

Join me this year as we explore the resources and support we can provide our Veterans and their families. They sacrificed for us. It's our turn to show how much we care and support them.

Veterans & Family Support Program Awards Department of Virginia

Awards will be given for the Department of Virginia Veterans & Family Support Program in the following categories:

VFW-Based Veterans Assistance Programs – Citation for the Most Outstanding Project/Event that promotes Veterans Assistance Programs. To include: military support programs, disaster relief, combating veteran hunger & homelessness, women veteran needs, etc.

Veterans Mental Health Awareness – Citation for the Most Outstanding Project/Event that promotes Veterans Mental Health Awareness. To include: veteran mental wellness, veteran suicide prevention, mental health related stand downs, etc.

Veterans and Veteran Spouses Employment – Citation for the Most Outstanding Project/Event that promotes Veterans and/or Veteran Spouses Employment. To include: veterans/veteran spouses, job fairs, etc.

Overall Award for the Most Outstanding Project/Event for Veteran & Family Support

National Veterans & Family Support Program Award For Auxiliaries

Most Outstanding activity and/or event to celebrate/assist service members and/or Veterans in the community. To include Veterans job fairs, unit homecomings, mental health-related stand downs, etc.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to celebrate/assist service members or Veterans in their community.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

Youth Activities

- GRAVE BEAUTIFICATION
- BY YOUTH FOR YOUTH
- CREATING, SPONSORING AND WORKING WITH YOUTH GROUPS SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS' NATIONAL CITATIONS
- PATRIOTIC YOUTH AWARD
- PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY
- ILLUSTRATING AMERICA
- MAKE YOUR AUXILIARY ACCESSIBLE TO TODAY'S YOUTH

OUR DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA VFW AUXILIARY IS HELPING TO TEACH YOUTH THE SKILLS OF TEAMWORK AND LEADERSHIP. THE YOUTH OF TODAY WILL BECOME THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW. LET'S ENCOURAGE AND EDUCATE THEM BY GETTING THEM INVOLVED IN OUR ORGANIZATION!!! LET'S TEACH THEM THE IMPORTANCE OF HONORING OUR VETERANS!

Grave Beautification

Our veterans deserve our deepest respect and remembrance for their valor. We can honor their legacy by instilling these values in future generations. One meaningful way to do this is by maintaining and beautifying veterans' gravesites and headstones, and by placing flags beside them during the holiday seasons.

Creating, Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups

Your Auxiliary can sponsor a youth group. Reach out to your local community and recognize our youth for their great work. The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generations.

By Youth, For Youth

By Youth, For Youth, stresses the value of developing leadership skills and prepares youth for real life relationships. Organizing activities around Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and other patriotic holidays, including creative alternatives to traditional events like "Trunk or Treat" for Halloween.

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations

National Citations are an excellent way for youth groups to be recognized for their efforts and service projects honoring veteran service members and their family.

National President's Theme

**From Sea to Shining Sea - Honoring Veterans
Who Keep Us Free**

Department President's Theme

Unity Brings Victory



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Patriotic Youth Award

We encourage the recognition of outstanding young individuals who exemplify patriotism by actively supporting veterans, service members, and their families. Highlighting their dedication not only honors their efforts but also fosters a spirit of service and gratitude within our community.

Illustrating America

See how our youth visualize the world through their paintings and creative drawings. Inspire students' artistic talents by rewarding them for their hard work.

Patriotism through Literacy

As community leaders, we have a unique opportunity to inspire our youth through the power of books. By introducing them to influential historical figures and teaching them about our nation's history, we can help instill a sense of pride, understanding, and responsibility. Together, we can cultivate a generation that respects the past, learns from it, and carries its lessons forward to build a stronger community for all.

MAKE YOUR AUXILIARY ACCESSIBLE TO TODAY'S YOUTH

Radio, television, and newspapers continue to be effective channels for sharing information and promoting youth programs. To expand your reach, incorporate popular social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram, Snapchat, and TikTok.

AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES (from National)

Most creative and/or unique activity and/or event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group.

Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 program Divisions for the most creative and/or unique activity and/or event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group.

Information for the Youth Activities Program can be found at
www.vfwauxiliary.com/youthactivities
Or by scanning the QR code

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT



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VFW Department of Virginia Auxiliary



Thank you for being a valued part of our Auxiliary family. Your support helps us extend care, compassion, and resources to veterans and their families in need.

**VFW Department of
Virginia Auxiliary**

www.vfwauxva.org

