

Veterans & Family Support Bulletin

July 2018

New Year, New Beginnings 2018/2019 will start off with a bang with the 4th of July this week.

It's time to stand up tall and show our patriotic pride for all who have served in all military branches. We can do this, "**Believe-We Can Do It**" for all veterans, active military and their family members who served this great nation. Let's take a brief look of the goals again for this year.

- VFW National Service
- VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs
- Assisting Veterans, Active Military and their Families

We must challenge each auxiliary in California to get involved with the **core projects** listed below to make a difference in a person's life. The Resource Rack Card is a handy tool that has 20 organization contacts listed that offer them support and assistance when needed. (Vfwauxiliary.org)

- **VFW's "Sport Clips Help-A-Hero Scholarship"**

Go ahead; hold a hair-cutting event at one of the "Sport Clips" location to help raise funds for the "Help-A Hero Scholarship, help those who help our veterans.

- **Unmet Needs**

Who couldn't use a grant to help fix a car or pay rent when things go wrong to assist with basic life needs.

- **Military Assistance Program (MAP)**

Open your doors to Sponsor or Adopt a unit into your auxiliaries as an extend family.

- **Operation Uplink**

Who doesn't love to hear from family with free telephone minutes to brighten up your day?

- **VFW National Veterans Service**

VAVS Representative/Deputies get those business cards from the Service Officers at your Post/VA locations to give out to veterans who needs some help with their claims.

How many of us have coins in our pockets or in a purse? Make it a rule, to never leave home without a "Thank You Coin" to give out to a deserving person. It just a little token of appreciation to say thanks from all of us in the VFW Auxiliary Family for what you do. (VFW Store.org #1925)

We can do this as a team, spreading out in "**360 Degrees for Our Veterans & Families**" to help them navigate the course to apply for the VFW Veterans & Military Support Program services.

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