

## VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT PROMOTION

APRIL, 2023

April is the “Month of the Military Child.” If you know of a service family where the parent is on active duty, give their children a little extra time. These little ones are without their parents for all kinds of normal activities that we take for granted. Some are the children's birthdays, special events at school, holidays and family gatherings. They may just need a “little hug” from you. If you have a Military base in your District, try to plan an activity for these children.

Disaster Grants: If you have had any of the recent disaster problems that have been in the news, such as floods, excess snowfall that prevents you from being able to get to your home and need to stay elsewhere, etc., the California VFW Auxiliary Office has a grant you can apply for and receive compensation for your expenses. The form is in the Department Program Book in the Veterans & Family Support section. Keep any receipts you may have as you will need these for filing your claim.

I have to submit a report on all the activities that have been done in the 2022-2023 year for Veterans & Family Support. Below is the information I need from you:

1. Number of Auxiliaries that utilized any of the Veterans & Family Support material/resources available on the National VFW Auxiliary website.
2. Number of Auxiliaries that promoted, participated, hosted or co-hosted with their VFW Post activities for any VFW Program listed below.
  - a. Disaster Relief
  - b. Military Assistance (MAP)
  - c. National Veterans Service (NVS)
  - d. Unmet Needs
  - e. Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness
3. Number of Auxiliaries that provided direct aid to veterans, service members and/or their families (for example, meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc.)
4. Approximate number of veterans, service members and/or their families assisted.
5. Total monetary donations and/or value of donations and goods/services provided to veterans, service members and/or their families.

Please make sure you all your Auxiliaries receive this information and report.

Yours In Friendship,  
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