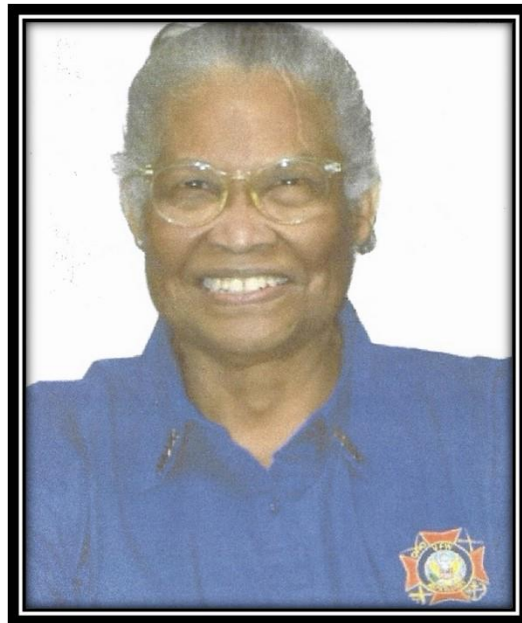




VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT
PROGRAM
2023-2024



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When we think of the song “Soldier Boy” – we think of our youth when we saw our fellow friends go off to the military. We did not think of them having to go to war and then to be injured or die during their military service.

Now as we (VFW Auxiliary) serve as Patriots for our fellow veterans and their families we have an opportunity to ensure that they know we love our veterans and are still thinking of them.

As we think of our veterans we must also think of their families. This is where Veterans and Family Support comes in.

*did your auxiliary send flowers, pay dues for military auxiliary members or give gift cards (value)?

*what did your auxiliary do to provide aid to veterans, active duty and military and/or their families (meals, transportation, cards, donations, etc.)?

*did your Auxiliary donate to Health & Happiness and Christmas Cheer for our National Home?

*did your Auxiliary show compassion for our veterans that have returned from war with heavy hearts and not able to get the act of war out of their minds – suicide prevention and Mental Health Awareness should be acted upon to show our support for their feelings. We have to continue to show that we care.

We must keep in mind that we will be volunteering to work with the veterans as follows:

National Veterans Service – helps service members and their families to obtain benefits at no cost:

VFW Veterans and Military Support Program contain programs that are initiated by the Military Assistance Program (MAP) unmet needs and the Sport Clips Help A Hero.

In addition Auxiliary members should promote, participate with their VFW members to host/co-host fundraising events to benefit Disaster Relief; Military Assistance Program (MAP); National Veterans Service (NVS); Unmet Needs and Veterans and Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness.

As we work together during the following year as Patriots, I would like to include this poem – “A True Patriot”.

A True Patriot

A true Patriot embodies the love of America
Stands for the Flag, kneels for the fallen
A true Patriot instills the love of America in others.
extends a hand to those in need
A true patriot never gives up,
stands tall for their beliefs
A true patriot knows the sacrifices
of others so they can be free.
A true patriot lets their loved
ones go to defend the Constitution
A true patriot supports others,
while inspiring them to become
Patriots
A true Patriot is a leader
That Patriot is you

Rose Cooper

Respectfully Submitted:
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2023 - 2024 Report Form

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Auxiliary _____ District _____ Month _____ Chairman _____

Reporting Period: From _____ To _____

Hours _____ Projects Cost \$ _____ Mileage _____ Volunteers # _____

Did your Auxiliary utilize any of the Veterans & Family Support material/resources available in MALTA Member Resources?
Yes _____ No _____

Did your Auxiliary promote, participate, host or co-host with your VFW post any activities for:

- a. Disaster Relief Yes _____ No _____
- b. Military Assistance (MAP) Yes _____ No _____
- c. National Veterans Service (NVS) Yes _____ No _____
- d. Unmet Needs Yes _____ No _____
- e. Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness Yes _____ No _____

Did your Auxiliary provide direct aid to Veterans, service members and or their families? Yes _____ No _____
(example: meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc.)

Total monetary value of donations and goods/services provided \$ _____

Total monetary donations provided \$ _____

What did your Auxiliary do to provide aid to veterans, active-duty military and/or their families? (i.e. meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc.)

Number of Get Well Cards sent - 25pts per card	Cost/Value of Get Well Cards	Number of Sympathy Cards sent - 25pts per card	Cost/Value of Sympathy cards	Other Cards sent - 25pts per card	Cost/Value of Other cards

Did your Auxiliary pay dues for members? _____ if so, how many? _____

Other Veterans & Family Support projects (use an additional sheet if necessary):