

# Veterans and Family Support

## October 2024 Promotion



*District 7, 7, 7!! They are the **FIRST** District to be 100% reported in the Veterans and Family Support Program.*

*Way to go District #7!*

Our National President Brenda Bryant has asked National Veterans and Family Support Ambassador Evan Smiley to have us focus on three major points this program year.

They are:

1. National Veterans Service Suicide Prevention
2. Childcare for active-duty service members and
3. Veterans and military support programs

Please review my School of Instruction materials, as well as the August and September mailings for information on how your auxiliary can support these programs. Please visit our website [www.vfwauxmd.org](http://www.vfwauxmd.org) to view these promotions.

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***Operation Bottom Cover*** – President Bryant is requesting members to collect diapers and other necessities, such as baby wipes and baby formula for families with small children.



A question came up about diapers for older children or disabled children/adults – I have posed that question to our National Ambassador and I am awaiting a reply. I will update you as soon as I receive an answer.

Donations for Operation Bottom Cover can be made in MALTA.

Log into MALTA, Click Make a Gift, Choose National President's Special Project and enter your donation amount.



## There are two chances for your Auxiliary or District Veterans and Family Support Chairman to Win. . .

**FIRST,** Use the teardrop in the most creative way to promote suicide awareness at your Post and in your communities.

**SECOND,** Use the 22 A Day statistic in the most unique way to bring awareness to the military suicide 22/day campaign at their Post and within their communities.

Feel free to incorporate any of the resources that I have provided to you including the veterans resource cards, the teardrop stickers, the 988 dog tags or the PTSD wallet cards.

Awards will be presented at the Christmas Conference and the Department Convention. To be considered in the drawing for the Christmas Conference, reports and pictures need to be sent to me by November 30, 2024, and for the Department Convention reports need to be received by April 15, 2025.

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**Stamps for the Wounded: Is your auxiliary collecting stamps to be sent to assist veterans with therapy? If so, please try to leave a 1-inch margin around the stamp. This is so the veterans will have some room to work with around the stamp without hopefully damaging the integrity of the stamp.**

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Please notice on the report form that things that you report on the Chaplains' report are also reportable under the Veterans and Family Support program. If you could kindly copy me on the reports that you send to our Department Chaplain Melissa Tracey.

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I know that you all are doing the work so remember to REPORT it.

Reports can be sent to me via:

Email at [beaveteranspal@comcast.net](mailto:beaveteranspal@comcast.net), or

Snail mail: PO Box 558. Fruitland, MD 21826-0558.

Feel free to call or text with any questions that you may have: (667) 221-2199.

Ready? Set. . .Sail for our Veterans!

