



# Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary



## Department of Maryland

We are the nation's oldest veterans' service organization auxiliary. For more than 100 years, we have been serving veterans, service members and their families in countless ways.

Millions of hours, millions of dollars and millions of tributes.

### AMERICANISM

**15,519** American and/or POW/MIA flags distributed

**338** Certificates presented to businesses and citizens for flying the American Flag

### VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

**124,209** Approximate number of veterans, service members and/or families assisted

**\$154,752** Total monetary donations and/or value of donations and goods/services provided to veterans, service members and/or their families

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$10,223** Total mamount of scholarships awarded

#### Available Scholarships

- \*Continuing Education – Ages 21+
- \*Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest & 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest – Grades 9-12
- \*VFW Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest – Grades 9-12
- \*VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest – Grades 6-8

### AUXILIARY OUTREACH

**7,234** Hours volunteered with other organizations not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary

### HOSPITAL

**\$37,321** Total spent on all Hospital Program related items and projects

**10,913** Hours volunteered in VA and non-VA medical facilities

### LEGISLATIVE

**12,2029** Contacts made by members to legislators regarding veterans' issues

### "BUDDY"® POPPY & NATIONAL HOME

**36,945** "Buddy"® Poppies distributed within the Department of Maryland

**39** Auxiliaries promoted the VFW National Home

### YOUTH ACTIVITES

**6,552** Youth Auxiliaries worked with

**197** Youth groups Auxiliaries worked with

**108** Youth groups recognized for supporting veterans

# JOIN US

Our organization comprises nearly a half million members from diverse backgrounds who have a common connection: all are relatives of VFW-eligible veterans. \*

*Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veterans.*

*\*Eligible veteran does not have to be a VFW member.*



- Established in 1914, the VFW Auxiliary is the nation's oldest veteran's service organization auxiliary.
- Members of the VFW Auxiliary are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat.
- There are more than 470,000 members representing all 50 states.
- We serve the veterans of this country and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform.
- It is our mission to assist the VFW in any way we can. We share a common goal of serving veterans, their families and our communities.
- We are a voice for veterans on Capital Hill; we are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families.
- We are one of the top ten providers of volunteer hours in the VA medical system.
- Every year, members fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans and their families.
- We provide millions of dollars in scholarships for our nation's youth.
- We spread patriotism and educate our communities and our nation's youth about America's patriotic holidays and the American Flag.
- We spread the word about Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS), and promote military and veteran suicide awareness.



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