

2018-2019 National Talking Points



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- Established in 1914, the VFW Auxiliary is the nation's oldest veterans' service organization auxiliary.
- Members of the VFW Auxiliary are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat.
- There are more than 475,000 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.
- During the 2017-2018 Program Year, Auxiliaries provided a total of 5.1 million dollars in aid to veterans, active-duty military and their families.
- We are a voice for veterans on Capitol 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 hundreds of thousands 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 PTSD, and promote military and veteran suicide awareness.

There are nearly 3,900 Auxiliaries nationwide working to improve the lives of our nation's veterans. Learn how you can get involved at www.vfwauxiliary.org and visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/VFWAuxiliary>.