Since 1914, the VFW Auxiliary has united Americans from all walks of life with a common purpose: to improve the lives of veterans, active-duty service members and their families, and our communities. Our National Programs are designed to bring needed services, information and assistance to these groups.

Visit vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do, consult the National Program Book and/or speak to your Auxiliary for more information about our National Programs.

**AMERICANISM**

- Promotes patriotism by celebrating patriotic holidays.
- Teaches respect and proper care for the U.S. Flag.
- Brings attention to Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action by hosting POW/MIA ceremonies to both educate the public and honor these special veterans.
- Recognizes the nation’s top elementary, junior high (middle school) and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America’s history and traditions effectively. Teachers who are prime candidates for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

**“BUDDY”® POPPY & VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN**

- Promotes and supports the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy Program.
- Promotes and supports the VFW National Home for Children.
- Promotes the National Home’s Military & Veteran Family Helpline.

**CHIEF OF STAFF & EXTENSION**

- Establishes new Auxiliaries.
- Maintains current Auxiliaries.

**HISTORIAN & MEDIA RELATIONS**

- Compiles and chronicles memories and events in written format, photographs, memorabilia, print news and video clips.
- Works with local media to promote our National Programs and share how the VFW Auxiliary makes a positive impact in the lives of veterans, active-duty service members and their families.

**HOSPITAL**

- Promotes volunteerism of members, non-members, youth and families in local hospitals, veterans' homes, nursing homes, domiciliaries and both VA and non-VA medical centers and clinics. Opportunities vary based on the facility and age and abilities of the volunteer.
The VFW Auxiliary started with a small group of women who wanted to serve veterans. Today, we have nearly 475,000 male and female members and more than 3,800 Auxiliaries representing all 50 states. Membership in the VFW Auxiliary is an excellent way to show your support of America’s veterans; we encourage you to participate in Auxiliary activities and volunteer projects and to help grow the organization by asking someone else to join.

- Promotes and conducts the VFW Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship.
- Promotes and conducts the VFW Auxiliary Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.
- Promotes and supports the VFW Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest.
- Promotes and supports the VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest.
- Offers support for veterans, service members and their families.
- Promotes the VFW’s National Veterans Service (NVS).
- Promotes the VFW’s Veterans & Military Support Programs:
  - VFW’s “Sport Clips Help-A-Hero Scholarship”
  - Unmet Needs
  - Military Assistance Program (MAP)
- Sponsors and works with youth groups such as youth sports teams; church youth groups; after-school programs; youth-focused organizations; school clubs; home-school associations; youth community service groups; nonprofit organization youth advisory councils; service learning and civic departments in high school and colleges, and other youth-oriented groups.
- Promotes Patriotism through Literacy.
- Promotes Illustrating America, an art contest for elementary and middle/junior high school students.
- Recognizes youth and youth groups with Patriotic Youth Awards and Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations for their efforts and service projects honoring veterans, active-duty service members and their families.