

# Whole Family Supports



**P**atriotism runs in the Wimmer family. After Tina Wimmer's husband, Adam, medically retired from the Marine Corps, the VFW Post became a place where he could find camaraderie and common ground.

"We moved back to our hometown and the VFW is a place where Adam can be with people who have been through similar experiences and he feels comfortable there," Tina said. "I became a member (of the Auxiliary) a few months later. We both like to serve our community and we love the members of the VFW and Auxiliary. We are a small community, but we have the best members. We're all very proud to be a part of this."

All of the Wimmers, including daughters Evie, 5, and Ada, 7 (above), get involved at Auxiliary and Post 9696 in Bluefield, Virginia.

"The girls love to help with any activity they can," Tina said. "The past few years, they have helped put flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day and they have helped during "Buddy"® Poppy drives. This past fall, they helped me make desserts for a bake sale fundraiser. They love to visit the Post any time we need to go."

Most importantly, her daughters are learning valuable life lessons.

"We are all so proud of Adam's service and sacrifices," she said. "We want to instill in the girls a respect for veterans and service members, for our country, and we want them to have a desire to serve in the community." ★AC