

Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Programs-with direct information Links where possible:

Americanism Program

The goals of the Americanism Program are to promote patriotism, teach students about our American heritage, demonstrate the proper care of the U.S. Flag, and ensure that the public will never forget the sacrifices made by America's military. Members are also passionate about helping bring attention to Prisoners Of War and Missing In Action (POW/MIA) by holding ceremonies to both educate their communities and honor these special veterans. The full accounting of those missing in action is a high priority of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

Hospital Program

The goal of the Hospital Program is to meet the needs of hospitalized patients in VA Medical Centers and other medical facilities throughout this country. With the influx of this generation's veterans and the rise in long-term rehabilitative services, there is a greater need for volunteers. However, the type of help needed is changing. Be sure to speak with your local VAVS Representative or Auxiliary to find out how you can serve these special veterans.

Legislative Program

The goals of the Legislative Program are to keep members up-to-date on all issues and pending bills relating to veterans, their dependents, active-duty military and national security; to let legislators know our views regarding such legislation; and hold them accountable for honoring America's promises to our veterans.

Awards & Scholarships

The VFW Auxiliary is pleased to offer the following awards and scholarships for Junior and Senior High School students, as well as members and their families:

- 2015-2016 Continuing Education Scholarship Application

http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/163_CONTINUING-EDUCATION-SCHOLARSHIP-APPLICATION-FILLABLE.pdf

- Young American Creative Patriotic Art Brochure

http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/18_Patriotic-Art-Application-13-14.pdf

Veteran & Family Support Program

To assist veterans and their families outside the hospital, to ensure a suitable standard of living, whether it is through financial support, moral support, or by simple acts of kindness.

<http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/VFS-Rack-Card-2015.pdf>

Military OneSource - <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/> - is provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to active-duty, National Guard and reserve service members (regardless of activation status), and their families. It is a virtual extension of installation services.

VFW Veterans & Military Support Program includes:

Operation Uplink/Military Assistance Program - <http://www.vfw.org/troopsupport/>

Unmet Needs – Financial Assistance - <http://www.vfw.org/unmetneeds/>

VFW's 'Sport Clips' Help A Hero Scholarship - <http://www.vfw.org/Scholarship/>

VFW National Home for Children - <http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/>

Youth Activities Program

To teach America's youth about their responsibilities as citizens. The organization not only provides several scholarship opportunities but also sponsors groups such as Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, and sports teams.

<http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Youth-Groups-Supporting-Our-Veterans-FILLABLE.pdf>

RAP (Random Act of Patriotism) Cards

<http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/RAP-cards1.pdf>

If you are interested in becoming involved with any of these programs, please send your contact information, list which program(s), and forward to: pres@vfw8577.com. You will be contacted as soon as possible. Volunteers are needed in many other situations not listed here and non-members are welcome to inquire.

All Scholarship Programs are based on the student's currently enrolled year and include Home Schooled students of the same year.

NOTE: The VFW National Headquarters enacted two important changes in the year 2015. First, effective 1 July 2015 all Junior Girls Units (ages five thru sixteen) were disbanded. Second, effective 21 August 2015, the name of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars was changed by dropping the word "Ladies" from the title. This action now allows male relatives of female and male combat veterans to join our organization. They will have to meet the same requirements as current Auxiliary members and are encouraged to ask for an Auxiliary Application form.