

***Veterans and Family Support  
Department of Missouri  
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We have gotten through Veterans Day , Thanksgiving and Christmas. LET'S START THE NEW YEAR WITH A BANG!!

**Childcare for Active-Duty Service Members**

We need to take time to contact our Active-Duty Service Members to see if they need childcare. As we serve diligently toward our mission of serving veterans, we often overlook those the veterans support themselves and their children. A special focus for this year's Veterans & Family Support Program is giving back to these families. Maybe it's babysitting for a few hours a week, providing for the babies and toddlers or maybe just being emotional support for the spouse left behind to take care of the family. By being confident for the service member's family, our members are providing much more peace for our active-duty military.

Remember April 15th isn't too far off. You are doing amazing work. Let's make sure we get those reports in. Amy Jo's theme is Help Our Veterans By Bridging The Gap. **We need to see reports with your post and you working together.**

**HELPING OUR VETERANS BY BRIDGING THE GAP!!**



## Department Awards for Auxiliaries

### THE BUILDING BRIDGES AWARD

**(Criteria-Outstanding Projects to include teamwork within the Auxiliary and including VFW members)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – a citation and \$20 goes to one auxiliary in each of the four membership groups.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – a citation to one auxiliary in each of the four membership groups.

### National Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health.

Citation to every auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health.

Citation and \$25 to one auxiliary in each of the four conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2025, for judging. The Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Veterans & Family Support Ambassador by April 30, 2025, for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account. After the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.