

# VFW Auxiliary Local 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 nearly a half million members representing all 50 states, Guam, Panama and the Philippines. **We have \_\_\_\_ members in (list your state or Auxiliary).**
- 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 last year Program Year, Auxiliaries provided a total of two million dollars in aid to veterans, military service members and their families.
- Some of the ways members offer support are:
  - By being a voice for veterans, locally and on Capitol Hill; we are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families.
  - By assembling and mailing care packages to active-duty troops.
  - Holding send-off and welcome-home events for troops.
  - Spreading the word about PTS and military/veteran suicide awareness.
  - Participating in Stand-Downs and assisting homeless veterans.
  - Visiting veterans in VA hospitals, nursing homes and veterans homes.
  - Offering youth scholarships and educating youth about the American Flag.
  - Spreading patriotism and educating our communities about America's patriotic holidays.
  - **Highlight other ways your Auxiliary offers support (i.e. holiday parties for children, sponsoring a local baseball team, delivering meals to shut-ins, etc.)**

There are more than 3,600 Auxiliaries nationwide **and we are working here in (your city/town name)** to improve the lives of our nation's veterans. Learn how you can get involved at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) and **visit our Facebook page. Search for (list your Auxiliary name here).**