

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

# <u>VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT</u> BULLETIN #10 – JANUARY 2023

## PROGRAM REVIEW CHECKLIST

<u>National Veterans Service (NVS)</u> – A nationwide network of Service Officers help Veterans obtain benefits, file claims for disability compensation, rehabilitation and educational programs. Also assist with pensions, death benefits, employment and training programs and accessibility to health care. In Connecticut, Service Officer Claims Consultant is Linda Ciccone at 860-594-6610 – e-mail <a href="mailto:linda.ciccone@va.gov">linda.ciccone@va.gov</a>

Has your auxiliary held a fundraiser and/or made a donation?

<u>VFW Veterans & Military Support (MAP)</u> – Did your Auxiliary hold a fundraiser, connect with troops, sponsor send-offs, homecomings for local military units? Did you adopt-a-unit? How about supporting families by contributing to Unmet Needs or to the "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" programs?

<u>Assist Veterans, Service Members and Families</u> – Has you Auxiliary participated in Stand Down, clothing drives? How about direct aid to Veterans/Service Members/Families by providing meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations?

<u>Veterans and Military Suicide Prevention/Mental Health Awareness</u> – Did you attend the Suicide Prevention program presented by the Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the VA Connecticut Health Care System at the June state meeting? Did you avail yourself of all the literature and information and promote the program? Additional information can be found at: vfw.org/assistance/mental-wellness; changedirection.org; giveanhour.org; patientslikeme.com/join/vfw; onemind.org; elizabethdolefoundation.org; healvets.org; veteransvoices.org.

<u>Support Veteran Caregivers</u> – Have you seized the opportunity to help stressed, overwhelmed and maybe physically exhausted veteran caregivers? Offered to give them time off? Run errands, visit, drop off a meal?

<u>Cancer Grants</u> - Have you sent in your \$2 per member to help Auxiliary members diagnosed with cancer?

#### REVIEW ALL BULLETINS #1-9 ISSUED THIS TERM FOR DETAILS ON THESE PROGRAMS

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE

"Hands that Serve – Hearts that Care"

"Remember, Honor, Teach"

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