

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2024 - 2025



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It's the start of the 4th quarter and also election month. I can't give you any advice about who to elect at your auxiliary just choose a candidate that will help your auxiliary move forward and works well with others.

Have you ever notice how the Auxiliaries sometimes mimics our own families? There are days and months when families all get along and then there are days and months where are don't. Someone in the family is upset with someone else in the family and then the infighting begins. One family member wants to pull you in to take a side, either side. Both have good points but both are also wrong and right, it is really your perspective on which family member you like best. Try not to take sides but offer a possible alternative.

The most asked question I get under family support is then the Veteran goes to see the pearly gates. What are my options? What do I need? First thing is -Do you have a copy of the Veterans DD-214 and the 2nd thing is do you have an original death certificate showing cause of death with underlying condition to war time. Example Vietnam is mostly Agent Orange. Make an appointment with Veteran Services or with the VA office if you are close by. And always take someone with you or offer to go with them to take notes or clarify a statement. This can be an emotional event for families and need our support.

Please continue to report under Veteran and Family Support program! If you don't know how I can be reached by email at girlisin@hotmail.com or by calling me or texting me at (915) 526-1645. Mailing address is PO Box 545, Anthony, NM, 88021. Let's work together to support our Vets and our families.