

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

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Please note the biggest change to this program is that you DO NOT have to participate in all segments of the program to be reported and win awards. You need to only select 3 (three) of the following to receive a citation. In each bulletin I will go in depth on each of the programs so that you will understand them better. You may also reference the program book and the websites that are listed in it.

Military Assistance Program
Operation Uplink
Unmet Needs
Adopt-A-Unit

Snowball Express
Fisher House
Wreaths Across America

Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship

An eligible member of the Ladies Auxiliary, her spouse, daughter, or son may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at a technical school of their choice. One scholarship will be awarded in each of our four Ladies Auxiliary VFW Conferences. Applicants must be 18 years of age; the qualifying member of the Ladies Auxiliary must have been a member for one year prior to application. The scholarship must be used in the 2009-2010 academic year and will be paid directly to the college or vocation school of your choice. I have application forms or they are available at www.ladiesauxvfw.org look under programs for Veterans & Family Support. Applications were in the packets that were distributed at the program fair at department convention, but if you didn't get one, please feel free to contact me and I can send the application to you. If an auxiliary sponsors entries to this scholarship, please indicate so on the Veterans & Family Support Report Form. The application form is to be sent directly to Judy Millick, Administrator of Programs, Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, 406 W 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111 by February 15, 2009. Keep this scholarship in mind when you have younger members looking for assistance with their higher education needs.

The **Department Service Officer Seminar** will be held on September 20, 2008 at the Doubletree Hotel, 10 Brickyard Dr., Bloomington, IL. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary are encouraged to also attend the seminar. As of the date of this bulletin, I don't know the exact charge, but I will be contacting Michelle Smith, (the State Service Officer) and if you are interested in attending, please get in touch with me by phone or email. I would love to see a large attendance by our sisters.

This is the start of our year, but I'm sure that this is a year round program for all of our Auxiliaries. We need to remember that "Together We Can Achieve the Extraordinary" and we can also see "Our Dreams Become Rainbows."