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Veterans & Family Support

MIT was so much fun! Sports overload for sure. Hopefully you all had at least one member from your auxiliary attend that brought back some great information to share.

This month I will be highlighting National Unmet Needs, National Military Services and National Veteran Services. Plus a newer program, VFW Operation Uplink.

The VFW's Unmet Needs Program provides grants up to \$1500.00 to eligible service members, veterans and their families facing financial hardships that are related to military service.

Household expenses: mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance, utilities and primary phone

Vehicle expenses: payments, repairs, insurance

Food and clothing, including children's clothing, diapers, formula

School or childcare expenses

Medical bills, prescriptions, and eyeglasses

National Military Services provides essential support for veterans and military personnel through other programs such as MAP or Military Assistance Program which offers various forms of assistance.

National Veteran Services are those wonderful (few) folks that sit down and help our veterans fill out the paperwork to submit for VA claims for their much-deserved benefits for their service to our country. These men and women put in countless hours to ensure that our veterans get attention.

Another great program is the **VFW Operation Uplink**. This provides troops with free phone calls to their families to keep in touch.

There are many more programs available. Make sure to go onto the VFW Auxiliary and VFW websites to print out applications and flyers for promotion.

Don't forget to send in your over the top promotions for Veterans & Family Support. I cannot wait to share them with Ambassador Beth.

Next month will be the sources available on the website that you can print out and hand out at your next veteran event and Adopt A Unit.

