

## Anna L Ross

### 2020-2021 Veterans and Family Support

I would like to introduce myself. I am the granddaughter of a WWII Army veteran, the daughter of a Vietnam Marine Corps veteran, and the wife of a Korean Defense Army veteran. I have been an active member of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 2889 in District 5 for 12 years during which time I have held the offices of Trustee, Guard, Patriotic Instructor, Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Vice President, and Senior Vice President.



**Helping to support our veterans is a passion for me and it is why we are all members of the VFW Auxiliary and that is what this program is all about!**

Here is a short introduction to the **Veterans and Family Support Programs:**

- 1. National Veterans Service (NVS)** – This program helps veterans, service members, and their families obtain the benefits they deserve.
- 2. VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs** – This program includes Military Assistance Program (MAP), Unmet Needs, and the VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship.
- 3. Direct Aid to Veterans & Families** – This program is about helping veterans and their families with meeting their needs. (Helping homeless veterans, helping with bills, food, clothing, etc.)
- 4. Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness** – Help make a difference in the life of a veteran in crisis by educating yourself and others about the warning signs of suicide.
- 5. Support for Veteran & Military Caregivers** – This program helps caregivers tend to their veteran while ensuring they care for themselves.

The National President's Special Project this year is Stars, Stripes, and Support: Combatting Food Insecurity Among Our Nation's Military Service Personnel and Their Families. – Every auxiliary that donates at least \$25 will receive a citation

2020-2021 will be a challenging year due to the social constraints we have to operate under, but if we all work together, I am sure that we will make South Carolina shine! I look forward to helping you to educate your auxiliary members and the public about the many

programs we have that provide aid to our veterans. I also look forward to seeing many of you get the National and State awards available to you for your hard work.

**Let's make this a fun & exciting year!**