

DEPARTMENT VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT 2022-2023
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Hello, to all our wonderful Department Auxiliaries of Washington.

My name is Bonnie Riggs, from District 3 from Art Drexler Post 9079 Spanaway.

- + I have been an Army Military Wife & VFW Auxiliary member under my husband Douglas Riggs, who served in Desert Storm, Desert Comfort, Korea, Panama, and many more. And now as an Active Duty Retired after 22 years with me by his side.**
- + I came from a military family with my father in the Air Force in Korea and retiring with Boeing since he got out of the service.**
- + I have been a President for my Auxiliary for 7 years now and just got voted back in for 2022-2023.**
- + District 3 President for year 2020-2021, 2021-2022, & District Senior, Junior Vice & Guard**
- + Department Youth Chairman 2021-2022 and now I am Honored to be your Department Veteran & Family Support for 2022-2023 Chairman for this year.**
- + I have been the Veterans Family Support Chairman, for my Post 9079 and District 3 Chairman ever since, I joined the Auxiliary about 10 years ago.**

THIS HAVE A GREAT YEAR 2022-2023

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We have a lot of great programs out there, just to help our veterans and their families.

We have Sports Clips, National Home FOR Children, Help A Hero Scholarships, Map Program, & many more.

The Veterans and Family Support Program has a mission of giving something back to our Veterans. Every veteran has sacrificed a part of his or her life to keep the American Dream a reality. It is our obligation as an auxiliary to assist those who have served whenever possible. We can also help their families cope with the stress caused by deployment, physical and emotional injuries received during active duty, and other struggles related to being in the military. The National Veterans Service and The Veterans and Military Support Program are two parts of this program with distinct purposes for supporting our veterans, active military, and their families. National Veterans Service (NVS) works to ensure that all our veterans, service members, and their families obtain the benefits that they deserve. This VFW sponsored network works nationwide to provide Service Officers who help veterans navigate the Veterans Affairs system. There is no cost for this service. They assist all veterans (VFW members or not) in filing claims for disability compensation, rehabilitation and educational programs, pension and death benefits, and employment and training programs. They can also assist veterans in receiving access to health care, medical evaluations, and treatment for drug or alcohol dependency. And by helping our homeless veterans to get back on their feet, and their families. By helping in the VA Hospitals, Orting Soldiers Homes, Tiny Homes & National Home For Children.

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