2020-2021 Local Talking Points

* Established in 1914, the VFW Auxiliary is the nation’s oldest veterans’ service organization auxiliary.
* Members of the VFW Auxiliary are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat.
* There are nearly a half million members representing all 50 states. **We have \_\_\_\_\_ members in (list your state or Auxiliary).**
* We serve the veterans of this country and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform.
* It is our mission to assist the VFW in any way we can. We share a common goal of serving veterans, their families and our communities.
* During the 2019-2020 Program Year, Auxiliaries provided a total 3 million dollars in aid to veterans, military service members and their families.
* Some of the ways members offer support are:
	+ By being a voice for veterans, locally and on Capitol Hill; we are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families.
	+ By assembling and mailing care packages to active-duty troops.
	+ Holding send-off and welcome-home events for troops.
	+ Spreading the word about PTS and military/veteran suicide awareness.
	+ Participating in Stand-Downs and assisting homeless veterans.
	+ Visiting veterans in VA Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Veterans Homes.
	+ Offering youth scholarships and educating youth about the American Flag.
	+ Spreading patriotism and educating our communities about America’s patriotic holidays.
	+ **Highlight other ways your Auxiliary offers support (i.e. holiday parties for children, sponsoring a local baseball team, delivering meals to shut-ins, etc.)**

There are more than 3,700 Auxiliaries nationwide **and we are working here in (your city/town name)** to improve the lives of our nation’s veterans. Learn how you can get involved at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) and **visit our Facebook page. Search for (list your Auxiliary name here).**