



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support – December 2025-January 2026

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**National Theme: *From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free***

**Department Theme: *We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All***

During our training at Fall Conference, I presented a challenge to all Auxiliaries across the State of Michigan: **locate homeless Veterans in your area and adopt them for the holidays.**

The holiday season is a time of giving, reflection, and community—and a powerful opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Veterans experiencing homelessness.

### **How You Can Help:**

- Assemble **blessing bags** filled with essentials such as socks, hats, gloves, toothbrushes/paste, soap, and other personal care items. These small gestures offer warmth, dignity, and hope—demonstrating that our Veterans are not forgotten.
- Host a **blanket drive** to provide warmth during the coldest time of year. A warm blanket not only protects against harsh weather, but also reminds our Veterans that they are seen, valued, and appreciated.
- If you are in a highly populated area, **open your doors** on especially cold days. Create a simple warming station offering soups, coffee, hot cocoa, and blankets. Partner with your community for donations and support—many hands make light work.

### **Start a New Tradition:**

As a new year approaches, consider launching **at least one new event** that connects your post home with your community. The more frequently we welcome others into our space, the more likely we are to connect with a Veteran or family of a Veteran in need.

### **Upcoming Patriotic Holidays & Recognition Days (December / January)**

Please consider hosting an event, reaching out, or taking a moment to honor these important dates:

- **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** – December 7
- **Bill of Rights Day** – December 15
- **Anniversary of the U.S. & Allied Victory at the Battle of the Bulge** – January 25

Let's work together to ensure that **no Veteran faces the winter season alone**. Your compassion and action can change lives.

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