

Veterans and Family Support Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin December 2024/January, 2025 www.vfwauxwi.org



<u>There are many organizations that support veterans and their families during the holidays</u>, of which you can donate or offer your services:

Operation Homefront which provides emergency financial and other assistance to the families of service members and wounded warriors. **Operation Christmas Spirit** which is an annual project that supports military families and service members through morale-boosting events. **SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity** Provides welfare, health, and support services to serving personnel, veterans, and their families. Other resources for military families include: **Veterans Crisis Line**: Call or text the Crisis Line at 988 or chat live at **veteranscrisisline.net** which also help veterans who are lonely, lack of funds to support their family, homeless, pay a heating bill, utilities bill, especially during the holidays. **Military Family Readiness System**: Connects people to resources that promote military family readiness, resilience, well-being, and quality of life. **Operation Homefront (OH)** provides emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors. **Soldiers' Angels Adopt-A-Family program** which allows volunteers to "adopt" a Military or Veteran family, offering holiday gifts for the children and food assistance in the form of a grocery gift card for their holiday meal. Don't forget "**Operation Bootie Cover**" is a great Christmas gift <u>There is a need for diapers for the babies of our</u> *Military and our Veterans. Go to https://vfwauxiliary.org/officer-tools/*

Donate to: Sports Clip Memorial Relief Fund, Dream Flights (formerly Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation), **Honor Flight Network, or Gratitude Initiative** Sport Clips helps support the organization in their mission to provide educational support and college scholarships to the children of military service members, veterans, disabled veterans and those killed in defense of our country. Other ways are to Purchase poinsettias for veterans, Christmas cards, **New Year memo cards,** gift baskets, games, puzzles, cards, books, read to veterans, sew, cook, clean, pay copays, or offer gas cards, a special focus this year is giving back to the families so be sure to include the family in your endeavors/projects.

From our Roots to our Branches Extending Service to our Veterans as we are "Honoring Veterans Together"

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