



VFW Auxiliary of WI Veterans & Family Support November 2018



I know it is only November but as we all know, Christmas is just around the corner, and I wanted to help you with a few ideas of what to get the veterans and military families on your gift list.

Operation Uplink™

The VFW understands the importance of keeping military families in touch. That's why in 1996 they launched the VFW **Operation Uplink™** program - a calling program for deployed service members that provides free phone time to active-duty military personnel and hospitalized veterans.

Operation Uplink™ is much appreciated by active-duty military and their spouses and children – a welcome way to stay connected-especially during the holidays! Free Call Days are scheduled for troops stationed overseas. Unlimited calls home three days each month are provided via more than 450 Internet cafes. Plenty of virtual PINs for free call time are also still available for distribution from the VFW.

Donations to Veterans and Military Support can be made online or by mail.

Donate online at www.vfw.org/ways-to-help, select Veterans and Military Support, click "Contribute."

Donate by mail by sending funds to the VFW earmarked for Veterans and Military Support. Mail check to:

**VFW National Headquarters
Attn: Veterans and Military Support
406 W. 34th Street, 9th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111**

Other Ways to Assist Veterans, Military and their Families

All other projects that aid and support our veterans and military personnel qualify under the Veterans and Family Support Program.

Examples of what else can be given:

- Care packages sent to Troops
- Holiday parties for veterans, active-duty military and/or their families
- Clothing drives for homeless veterans
- Collecting food for Feeding America

Just to name a few.

I do hope that you will come together as an Auxiliary and create a project that helps our veterans and their families, especially during the holidays, and I want to hear about those efforts. Write a letter of what you did or will be doing to help veterans and their families and email it to me or snail mail it. I want to share those efforts with other auxiliaries that can maybe duplicate your project. National also wants to know what you are doing, so that they can also thank you and pass along all your great ideas. Together we can do great things and support our Veterans & Families!

"Reaching for the Stars for Our Veterans!",

Faith A. Elford
WI Veterans & Family Support Chairman



faelford@outlook.com

920-568-9278