



## **OPERATION BOTTOM COVER**

### **DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN JOINT VFW & AUXILIARY PROGRAM**

This Program is the National Project of the National Auxiliary President. The program has been adopted by the Department of Michigan State Commander, Kimberly Napoleon, as a Special Joint Project in partnership with our Department Auxiliary. No soldier, sailor, airman or marine with a family serves alone whether they are stationed in CONUS or deployed in a foreign land, their family serves with them, often without supporting services that are adequate to meet daily needs.

We have discovered there is a need for diapers for the babies of our military and our veterans. So, the National Auxiliary are partnering with Operation Showers of Appreciation. They distribute diapers through their Diaper Assistance Program all over the world to active-duty military and veteran families. They have been in business for more than 15 years. Did you know that in Japan it costs twice as much for active-duty service members to purchase diapers then it does in the states? Share this link to Operation Showers of Appreciation with members: [www.osoamil.org](http://www.osoamil.org).



### **So How can your Post help in this joint project?**

Promote a Post or joint fundraiser and gift the proceeds to your Auxiliary to support their donations to Operation Bottom Cover at the national level. And then REPORT your project through your Community Service Reports.

Make a donation to Department earmarked "Operation Bottom Cover". If you want your donation to Department earmarked for the VFW National Home families, please add that to your memo note. We are also working with the National Guard and Reserve Family Support Coordinators at the state level to identify families of deployed soldiers in need.

Make a donation directly to the VFW National Home earmarked "Diapers & Wipes".

### **How can your Post directly help a family?**

Host a Post or joint program soliciting diapers and wipes or donations for veteran or military families at your Post. You may identify area families through your local National Guard Armory or Reserve Center Family Support Coordinators. Young families that are members of your Post or Auxiliary may be in need of assistance. Look close to home!

**This is a great opportunity for your Post and Auxiliary to work together to support this joint project to benefit veteran and military families in need. Because this is a joint VFW and Auxiliary Program that requires separate tracking, we request that after you enter your normal CS Report on the website you send to the Department Adjutant a copy or a summary of the project report completed.**