

National President Brenda Bryant's 2024-2025 Special Project

Now that the Baby has been delivered...

How are you going to make sure everything is covered?

OPERATION BOTTOM COVER

We have discovered there is a need for diapers for the babies of our military and our older Veterans. So, we are partnering with **Operation Showers of Appreciation**. They distribute diapers 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 than it does in the states?

How can your Auxiliary help?

1. Gift money to Operation Bottom Cover through MALTA-Make Gift - National President's Special Project or mail a check to National Headquarters earmarked as NP Special Project.
2. Coordinate with and make a gift of diapers directly to a military base. If you don't have a contact or a base, reach out to your VFW VMS Chairman, maybe they can help.
3. Host a diaper give away for Veteran or military families at your post.

How can your Auxiliary directly help a family?

1. At Mid-Year a link will be shared with members where Veteran families can apply for this type of assistance. There will be a few questions to answer, i.e. branch of service, size of diapers needed, etc.
2. Your Auxiliary can donate directly to a Veteran or military family with this need in your area.
3. Don't forget the wipes. Maybe you can challenge the VFW for every box of diapers you deliver, they can throw in the wipes. Let's work together.

This is **NOT** a state program... It is **not required**.

However, if your Auxiliary has the funds, it is certainly a very worthy program, if your Auxiliary chooses to participate. Reporting of the program would need to be under Veterans and Family Support for showers, active duty, etc., or the Hospital Program, if donations are made to Veterans in a facility, even though it won't be listed in their programs.