

Gratitude in Action. Thanksgiving Reflection.

As I sit down to write this month's newsletter column. I think thanksgiving, my heart overflows with gratitude, not just for the traditional feast and family gatherings, but for the profound support I have seen and/or heard about throughout the DAV Wisconsin's Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP).

In a world where challenges are many and resources can be scarce, DAV WI LVAP has been a beacon of hope and light for veterans, our families, and our survivors. LVAP volunteers have an unwavering commitment, they have made an indelible mark in the lives of others. As the Department's officer designated to monitor the program and provide support to those that may need it. I want to take this season of thanksgiving to share my heartfelt appreciation to each of you.

A recent story that was brought to my attention, a transitioning soldier reported that they were navigating a difficult period, as many of us have experienced, the transition from military life to civilian life. But from the moment they connected with the program, they felt an immediate sense of relief. They were treated with respect and compassion, acknowledging their service and the sacrifices made, and they extended a hand of support when they needed it most.

The assistance they received went beyond visible aid; it was the emotional and moral support that made the difference for them. Especially, the service office that helped them navigate the complexities of their VA benefits. Their dedication and understanding turned what could have been a frustrating journey into one filled with hope, support, and a service connection rating!

This Thanksgiving, know that your acts of service through the LVAP program however, big, or small make an impact. I can speak for Department members throughout this great state. We are grateful for your dedication and commitment to those that need it most.

As we gather with our families and give thanks, I urge everyone to remember those in their communities. DAV WI LVAP relies on the generosity and dedication of folks like you. Your involvement, no matter how small, can make a significant difference in the lives of others. Together, we can ensure that those who have served our nation receive the support and recognition they deserve.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the DAV WI LVAP volunteers and supporters. Your kindness and dedication have not only helped others, but your actions have shown many of us what the true spirit of thanksgiving is all about.

Thank you for being a beacon of hope and light in those that you help throughout the year.

With a grateful heart,

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