

## **Winnebago Co. DAV Chapter 17 Provides Help to Homeless Veterans**

On Veterans Day 2020, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 17 of Winnebago County donated DAV backpacks to the Day by Day Warming Shelter in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The backpacks will be provided to local homeless veterans. DAV National Headquarters provided the backpacks while DAV Chapter 17 and DAV Auxiliary Unit 17 filled the backpacks with warming blankets, gloves, hats, hygiene kits, etc.

“These backpacks are truly appreciated and are a morale booster for our veterans” said Amanda Hammond, Operations Director at the Warming Shelter.

Rod Kalata, Chapter 17 Commander said, “It was especially important for us on Veterans Day to donate these backpacks to our homeless comrades in appreciation of their military service. This was a collaborative effort on all levels.”

DAV Chapter 17 and DAV Auxiliary Unit 17 are committed to ensuring that all veterans are treated with dignity and respect.



In the picture from Left to Right: Mark Mennen, Junior Vice Commander, Chapter 17; Julie Hert, Commander, Unit 17; Rod Kalata, Commander, DAV Chapter 17; and Amanda Hammond, Operations Director, Day by Day Warming Shelter. Julie Hert is also DAV Auxiliary State Commander, Department of Wisconsin, Inc.