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Fellow Michiganders and National Guard Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is imperative that we continue to stay vigilant and follow the guidance communicated by Governor Whitmer and medical community experts. We will most certainly get through these difficult times but the pressure on the medical resources is significant. The most important contribution we can all make is to remain healthy and COVID free.

While we all work to follow the Governor's, Stay Home! Stay Safe!, Executive Order many of us are looking for ways to help. I am asking all Michiganders, young and old, to share your spirit by sending video greetings, note cards and pictures to our Veteran Home residents and veterans who may be isolated at home and welcoming of your outreach. Governor Whitmer has asked us all to be part of the solution in our fight against COVID-19 and to share what you are doing **#DoingMIPart**. Let's all come together and demonstrate what truly makes Michigan and its citizens so incredible!

A Call to Action for Michiganders:

- Write a letter, send a card or color a picture that lets the residents at the State Veteran Homes know they are being thought of during this difficult time. You cannot imagine how uplifting it is for our members to receive this sort of outreach! Once received we will make sure they get to the residents.
 - Mail these items to:
 - Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
3000 Monroe Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
 - D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans
425 Fisher St
Marquette, MI 49855
- Record a video message and send links via email to: DMVA-MIVeteranHomes@michigan.gov

A simple message of thanks and appreciation for the individual's service and that they are being thought of will go a long way. Encourage literacy by having your child read their favorite story to a veteran. Or get really creative and ask your kids to burn some energy with a patriotic song and dance! We will then share these throughout each Home and with veterans across the state. Let's **#MakeAVetSmile!**

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email us at DMVA-MIVeteranHomes@michigan.gov or call the Homes directly at (616) 364-5300 (Grand Rapids) or (906) 226-3576 (Marquette).

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