

## HELPING OUR VETERANS (HOV) GRANT

### WI Unit 228



What a marvelous opportunity WI Unit 228 embarked upon and what gratitude has been returned when we undertook an HOV project. We requested funds to make no-sew tied blankets for Purple Heart veterans & their families. It resulted in a three-part project. Part I of the project was to make the blankets for PH veterans who were hospitalized or undergoing treatment for a prolonged period of time.

Part II involved 1 blanket that was made from HOV funds and will be auctioned off with other items donated from Unit 228. The basket was donated to the Grand Slam Auction for Hometown Heroes, a camp for the children of our "Fallen Heroes." The campers come from all around the United States. Proceeds, from the auction items, help pay for the transportation, lodging, etc for the kids, during their week at camp. I would like to give special recognition to Hailey and Hannah Cherone, members of Unit 228 who helped me transform the fabric into blankets during Parts I & II of the HOV Projects.

Part III of the HOV Project involved a double facet. A couple of our junior members attend a school that sponsors A Day of Giving, which encourages their students to do a project to help others. Their mom, Past National Treasurer Rhiannon Cupkie, is one of the Organizers of this day, which is held in the spring at their school. They will be making no-sew tied blankets to donate to the Nurse's Room at Camp HomeTown Heroes to be used by the campers who get sick or injured at camp. These campers will be able to find comfort using the blankets while they are confined to the Nurse's Room, instead of being able to partake in the activities of the day.

WI Unit 228 would like to thank the National Leadership for giving us opportunities to help serve veterans and their families in various ways. It also was an excellent way to engage our teenage members and junior members, who may not be able to attend our MOPHA meetings due to school or extracurricular activities.

