

I want to thank all the Courts for their support of the Military through their prayers and contributions. I believe the Courts I mention will highlight how we continue to grow our support from packages for deployed Servicemembers and flags for the deceased Veterans to help for the active Servicemembers families while they are deployed; assisting the homeless Veterans and assisting all Veterans in your communities.

**Court Margaret Mary #2453 Mitchell** reached out to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DAV) and the Military Assistance Office. There was a female Veteran that had moved from an abusive relationship with two children and one on the way. She was living in their housing and looking for a job. The Court collected donations for household goods, toys and food. The parish found out and contributed also. The Court is now continuing to support her with contributions for the baby.

**Court Madonna #1952 Plankinton** purchased items and clothes for the VA hospitals in Sioux Falls and Ft. Meade and the Hot Springs VA Domicilliary and Veterans Home. At Christmas they found out that the Veterans Home in Hot Springs needed Greetings Cards so they purchased and gathered cards and stationery to send to them. They also put the names of deployed Servicemembers in their Parish Bulletin.

**Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2056 Hot Springs** donated 200 small decorated Christmas trees to the VA State Veterans Domicilliary in Hot Springs. They were assisted by the youth in the Parish.

**Court Sancta Maria #368 Dell Rapids** refurbished Christmas trees and made 180 wreathes to place at Veterans graves over Veterans day. They also get with the American Legion Auxilliary and make pillow cases to give to all deploying Servicemembers.

The State Officers voted to contribute to Court Margaret Mary #2453 Mitchell to assist in supporting the woman Veteran, her children and her new born baby. They also voted to send money to the VA Hot Springs Domicilliary and Hospital where all the woman Veterans in the area are sent. The facility has already sent a Letter of Appreciation for our support.