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We have an update from the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary's "Purses with Purpose" project from the recent Midyear Education Conference: over 1400 purses full of supplies such as toothbrushes, lotions, gloves and snacks to distribute to homeless women, with an emphasis on homeless women Veterans, were collected. Sixteen agencies throughout the state with some in South Dakota and Colorado collected these purses, donated from communities throughout the state. Purses were distributed to homeless shelters, veterans' homes, and locally, \_\_\_\_\_.

Homeless women have more struggles than men, and tend to be underserved in America today. About 70% of homeless women in the country today are veterans, struggling with PTSD, addictions and problems finding employment after returning from service. The Nebraska Legion Auxiliary is determined to bring a bit of dignity and joy to these forgotten souls, and wants to thank everyone for their support.