



# VFW National Home

Eaton Rapids, MI

## The Challenge:

Making the most of limited funding is a top priority in a non-profit endeavor. Caring for our active-duty and veteran military personnel is no exception. That's why the VFW National Home (VNH) in Eaton Rapids, MI was looking for ways to stretch their budget to provide the best housing possible for military members and families.

## The Solution:

In early 2024, leadership at VNH was contacted by their gas provider, Consumers Energy to gauge their interest in reducing energy costs. Consumers Energy connected VNH with one of their preferred energy experts, who provided a free walkthrough and a full report on savings opportunities throughout the facility.

The walkthrough revealed thousands in potential savings from the installation of faucet aerators, a programmable thermostat and water heater blankets. Plus, as a non-profit organization, VNH qualified to receive the equipment and installation labor at no cost.

## The Result:

Leaders at VNH acted on the findings and approved installation of the recommended energy-saving equipment. The updates are projected to save over 1,200 MCF of natural gas and up to \$6,300 in costs each year.

## Project Details

### Upgrades:

- 6 kitchen faucet aerators,
- 1 programmable thermostat
- 29 water heater blankets

### Annual estimated cost savings:

\$6,354.84

### Annual estimated gas savings:

1258.31 MCF

**Total project cost:** \$0.00 - covered in full by Consumers Energy

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“The program is awesome. Thank you for reaching out to us and wanting to work and improve the home. You have all been amazing.”

– Brennan Lally  
*Grant and Major Gift Officer*

#### Energy Savings in Action:

The VFW National Home's commitment to those they serve shows in their willingness to explore solutions and collaborate with business partners to see them through. Now, with thousands of dollars back in their bottom line each year, they're equipped to invest in other priorities.



## We're here to help

The biggest challenge in reducing energy use at your organization is knowing where to start. Consumers Energy is here to help. Count on our Business Energy Efficiency team to guide you every step of the way through a simplified, hassle-free process.

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