



American Legion Auxiliary

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October 5, 2021

TO: District Rehabilitation and Unit Chairmen

RE: GIFT SHOP – ANN ARBOR V.A. MEDICAL CENTER

2021 GIFT SHOP IMPORTANT NOTICES

Due to COVID19 restrictions, the Gift Shop will be modified for 2021. No large gathering, such as the Gift Shop (and the Annual Baby Shower), are allowed be held on-site again this year. Also, no volunteers are yet allowed within the hospital/clinics. However, the AA VA Executive Board has expressed that they would like to continue our strong dedication in providing the AA VA inpatient veterans with this valued program. Thus, we will be able to conduct a Gift Shop this year—with restrictions.

The structure for this year's Gift Shop will be:

1. Units are strongly encouraged to continue with their generous gift donations. Units have several options regarding the shipment/delivery of gifts. If mailing, please ship by November 29th to me (Krystal, address listed below). Another option is to arrange for package pickup, please contact Carla Pohl (email: clpohl1@comcast.net , or call 517-260-7019) to make arrangements. A final option is to drop your packages to the Onsted Post 550, please contact Carla for delivery days/times/options.
2. The VA Nursing staff has agreed to meet with the inpatients and compile their 'shopping lists during November 22-Dec 2. All completed lists will be given to VA Volunteer Services staff by December 2nd; those lists will then be picked by me.
3. Auxiliary Volunteers will meet at POST 550 on Sunday, December 4th from 10am to 6pm to Shop, Wrap, and Package for mailing. We will need 8-10 volunteers; can be done in four hour shifts (10-2, 2-6). Please contact Carla Pohl, the 2nd District VA&R Chairman for details and to sign up. A potluck lunch will be provided on Sunday. Please note: we need a few volunteers (5-8) on Saturday @1pm to help unpack the mailed/delivered boxes and set-up; please contact Carla.

Thanks. *Krystal Hall, Ann Arbor Representative, 5111 Ginger Drive Pinckney, MI 48169. 734-323-5850 kahall@umich.edu*



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TO: Unit VA & R Chairmen

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IMPORTANT -- PLEASE READ ENTIRE BULLETIN

This year, volunteers are only needed on Sunday, December 6th. We will meet at Post 550 (Onsted) starting at 10:00 am.

Volunteers: From the 2nd and 18th Districts. Please come ready to Shop, Wrap, and Pack. And have some fun while servicing our 'distance' veterans.

GIFTS are to be supplied by the 2nd and 18th Districts. Packages must be delivered no later than Monday, **November 29, 2021**. If using other options (pickup or delivery to Post 550), PLEASE ADDRESS SEALED BOX as if for mailing.

BOXES TO: Krystal Hall, AA VA Representative **Delivery** (by arrangement) at
 5111 Ginger Drive, Pinckney, MI 48169 Post 550, Onsted

Purchase of these gifts is the UNIT'S responsibility. Each Unit is to supply the following gifts valued at \$7 to \$10 each. You may spend more for each gift if you wish. *PLEASE FOLLOW THIS SUGGESTED SHOPPING LIST:*

Units of Gifts Type:

***For All Units: toys are needed, suggested levels: Infant-3 yrs-2/unit;
 4-8 yrs-3/unit; 8-12 yrs-3/unit; teens-6/unit***

10-25	10	5	Women & Teen Girls; 5 Men & Teen Boys
26-50	12	7	Women & Teen Girls; 5 Men & Teen Boys
51-75	14	7	Women & Teen Girls; 7 Men & Teen Boys
76-100	16	8	Women & Teen Girls; 8 Men & Teen Boys
101-125	18	9	Women & Teen Girls; 9 Men & Teen Boys
126-150	20	10	Women & Teen Girls; 10 Men & Teen Boys
151-175	22	11	Women & Teen Girls; 11 Men & Teen Boys
176-225	24	12	Women & Teen Girls; 12 Men & Teen Boys
226-275	28	14	Women & Teen Girls; 14 Men & Teen Boys
276-325	32	16	Women & Teen Girls; 16 Men & Teen Boys
326-375	36	18	Women & Teen Girls; 18 Men & Teen Boys
376-425	38	19	Women & Teen Girls; 19 Men & Teen Boys
426-475	42	21	Women & Teen Girls; 21 Men & Teen Boys
476-550	46	23	Women & Teen Girls; 23 Men & Teen Boys

Please select a variety of items. The gifts should be lightweight and small—as we do mail the gifts, the US postage charges will be less expensive.

LADIES: **Sweaters**/shirts (pullovers, long-sleeve T-shirts) in sizes S-XXX, gloves, **robes/gowns** (S-4X), slippers, **jewelry** (plain earrings, chains, bracelets preferably), billfolds (no purses please), **watches**, casual sports sets

MEN: Gloves, **shirts (M-4X)**, **pen and pencil sets**, **billfolds** (leather), socks, slippers, insulated underwear (large sizes), sweatshirts, **watches**, hand-held computer games.

CHILDREN: Small stuffed toys, small dressed dolls, purses/wallets/small backpacks, small games, stretch gloves, jewelry, cars (small), trucks, hand held electronic games
- PLEASE NO CLOTHES

DO'S

1. DO choose as many UNSIZED gifts as possible.
2. DO be on TIME, both in sending gifts and reporting to work.
3. DO send gift **bags** (all sizes: mini to extra large).
4. DO be sure you list valuation of gifts donated (Retail, not sale price).
5. DO send a post card to quickly receive a thank you note.
6. DO send tissue paper; children wrapping paper; post office wrapping tape and regular tape.

DON'TS

1. DO NOT SEND GLASSWARE OR BREAKABLES, SUCH AS COLOGNES, PERFUMES AND AFTERSHAVE LOTIONS.
2. DO NOT SEND RAZORS, SCISSORS OR ANY SHARP INSTRUMENTS.
3. DO NOT count articles costing less than \$7.00 as one gift.
4. DO NOT send women's personal underwear, with the exception of gowns or robes.
5. DO NOT send soiled or broken articles, PLEASE.
6. DO NOT send candy.
7. DO NOT send old or broken jewelry.
8. DO NOT send purses (wallets are okay).
9. DO NOT send small kid clothes (1 year through 10 years).

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: Two sets of listing sheets are enclosed. If additional sets are needed, please request them from Department Headquarters early. One is required for each carton. Please number cartons "1 of 1", "1 of 2", etc.

WHITE Copy: In the shipping carton
YELLOW Copy: Send to District VA & R Chairman
PINK Copy: Unit Files

Contact your District President if you do not have the name and address of your District Rehabilitation Chairman.

IF YOU WANT AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE THAT YOUR GIFTS WERE RECEIVED, ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED POST CARD WITH YOUR GIFTS

If your Unit is unable to shop for gift shop and wishes to contribute cash, the money MUST BE MAILED TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE NO LATER THAN **NOVEMBER 12, 2021** TO ALLOW TIME TO PROCESS YOUR CHECK AND GET IT TO THE V.A. REPRESENTATIVE SO SHE CAN PURCHASE NEEDED GIFTS. BE SURE TO INDICATE THE DONATION IS FOR ANN ARBOR GIFT SHOP.

DO NOT SEND MONEY DIRECTLY TO THE HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE.