

## VA & R emergency needs

Hello members,

I have spoken with American Lake. They have a “Clothes Closet” that is urgent need of any assistance with can offer them.

Whenever a Veteran is processed through to Transitional Housing, they are given a large shopping bag with 2 pairs of jeans, 2 shirts, 2 tee shirts (any colors), 2 pair of underwear (boxers for men), 2 pair of socks, 2 pair of boots or tennis shoes.

Along with the clothing, each Veteran is also given a “Hygiene Bag”. These are the size of a standard ditty bag (also in need of), which contain, full size shampoo/condition, soap, razor, body lotion, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, mouthwash, comb and/or brush. Anything you would normally use yourself each day to shower and get ready for your day. For the women Vets, please think of personal care items also.

These are urgent needs, please help if you can. If you are unable to shop, monetary donations are always accepted...please send any monetary donations to Department, earmarked for American Lake Clothing Closet. In Kind donations need a donation slip attached with your Unit/Personal information, items and costs. We have those available for anyone who needs them...be sure to keep copies for yourself for your year end reports.

I am planning for a “Donation Drop” at convention this year during the luncheon. If you can take advantage of the after Christmas sales to help shop for these Veterans in need, please do so. Their needs are year round, not just at the holidays.

Check the VA hospitals/facilities near you, they always have similar needs too.

Thank you so much.

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