

Christmas Gift Shop for Veterans

December 3 – 5, 2025

VA Southern Arizona Healthcare System Auditorium, 3601 South Sixth Ave, Tucson, AZ 85723

Christmas Gift Shops, historically hosted at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and veterans homes, offers veterans in these facilities an opportunity to send gifts to their loved ones at no cost.

A cherished tradition since 1928, American Legion Auxiliary volunteers collect donations or purchase gifts items for veterans. ALA Gift Shops may be placed in a specific location within a VA facility, may take the form of a cart full of gifts, or they may travel from one physical location to another.

While Christmas Gift Shops may look different at each location, the experiences for volunteer and veteran are very similar. ALA volunteers help Veterans select items when they visit the Gift shop. We make sure that veterans confined to their rooms are able to participate & offer to shop for them. For Veterans who may not see their loved ones over the holidays, we can ship their gifts at no cost.



Please email Melani by the middle of NOV with a list of the items you are donating... We need kids, girls & boys gifts.... Toiletries, head-sets, alarm clocks and fun stuff



Let's honor the Veterans in our community again this season by offering items that our veterans can proudly give to members of their family. To reach this goal we are asking each of the 28 Units assigned to support Tucson VA Medical Center to shop for or donate funds to our ALA Gift Shop.

Items we would like to see in our Shop include, but are not limited to:

- Clothing items (most popular are small, medium, large, XL, as well as 2X & 3XX)
- Hoodies, Sweatshirts & pants, Jackets, etc
- Sleepwear & Loungewear: all sizes
- Hats/gloves/scarves: adults & children (female/male)
- Toiletry & Nail Care Kits (for both males & females)
- Head-sets, alarm clocks, Christmas items....
- Basketballs, footballs, baseball gloves/mitts, soccer balls
- Lap blankets and Throws
- Toys for the youngsters
- Games for the family
- Adult & Children's books
- Coloring Books/markers/crayons

We also need a bit of your time on the first week in December. Help set-up on **Tuesday**.

Wed-Thurs-Fri: Come meet ALA members from other Units. Accompany the Veterans while they select gifts for their families. Help wrap gifts while the Veterans wait. More importantly, thank every Veteran for their service to us and our Country, with wishes for a wonderful Christmas holiday!

Set-up Tuesday, Dec 2: 12p – 4pm

Ribbon-cutting Ceremony Dec 3: 8:45am

Gift Shop: 9am – 2pm: Wednesday–Thursday

9am – 1pm: Friday