

Northern AZ VA Health Care System

500 HWY 89 North in Prescott

Whipple Gift Shop

Our Gift Distribution is scheduled for **December 17, 2025**. Our plan this year is to have a holiday activity in the Community Living Center (CLC) in the morning and to have a holiday party for the Domiciliary (DOM) during the afternoon. These events will provide an opportunity for many volunteers to be involved. If your unit/post is interested in helping for either the morning in CLC or the afternoon with the Dom, please call or text me at 928-632-2290 or e-mail me at trishaljets@outlook.com. I will contact you directly once our plans are complete.

We are accepting new quilts or plush throws to be given to each Veteran residing at the facility during the holiday (170 needed). Tied fleece blankets would also be most welcome as well. If you are interested in donating, please make sure the item is at least 48"x72". If crocheting or knitting, we ask that items are tightly knitted or crocheted so that the item does not have holes that can get caught on wheelchairs, fingers or toes and cause a tripping hazard.

I will be picking up donations of blankets/throws during the Fall Conference or donations could be delivered to my home at 7132 North Viewscape Drive in Prescott Valley. Please make sure that any donations are clearly marked with your unit information. The parties will provide an opportunity to thank our Veterans in person and to wish them health and happiness during the holidays and the coming year.

Please contact me at 928-632-2290 or trishaljets@outlook.com by **December 8** if you or members of your post/unit would like to volunteer to help. I will contact volunteers by December 12 with final arrangements. I will need to know the following:

- If you prefer to volunteer for the morning (9:00 - Noon) or afternoon (1:00 – 4:00).
- The number of volunteers

Following is the agenda for the day.

9:00 AM Meet in the **Community Living Center** (CLC) first floor dining room. We will have a small gathering with Veterans who are able to join us to receive their gifts and then we will visit the rest of the Veterans in their rooms. CLC staff asked that we provide flannel shirts as the primary gift – already purchased. I will also include a few small treats. As we pass out gifts and chat with each Veteran, we will also provide Christmas cookies and sparkling cider. **I am looking for 6 volunteers to assist with this morning's distribution.**

12 Noon-1pm Lunch for all volunteer helpers in CLC first floor dining room.

1:00 PM We will meet at the Domiciliary to prepare for their distribution and party. The party will consist of music, refreshments, gifts, etc. I will be looking for 8-10 volunteers to help with this activity. The primary gift at the Dom is a backpack – already purchased. Veterans will also receive their choice of other items, fleece throws and treats. The DOM Party will run from 2-3:00 with clean up after.

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P.S. The Prescott VA Veterans can always use new hoodies, sweatpants, long sleeve T-shirts and men's shoes. We do not need any handmade hats or scarves or socks for men or women for this winter. Monetary donations to the Recreation Therapy program are also needed.