

PRESCOTT ALA WHIPPLE CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

Northern AZ VA Health Care System

The Prescott Gift Shop is scheduled for **December 23, 2026**. It has evolved into a Gift Distribution that meets the needs and interests of the Veterans served by this facility. We currently provide gifts to the Veterans receiving treatment through the Domiciliary (DOM) and Community Living Center (CLC). The day includes parties in both treatment areas that include a variety of gifts, refreshments, music and time to visit with Veterans.

We are accepting new quilts or plush throws to be given to each Veteran residing at the facility during the holiday (180 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.

If your unit would like to donate other items for the parties, please give me a call or text (928-632-2290) to make sure it will be accepted at the VA. We do plan for 180 Veterans – 120 in the DOM and 60 in CLC. Refreshments would also be welcome but edibles **MUST** be prepared in a licensed kitchen.

Funds are also needed to provide these events for our Veterans. I try to make sure that each Veteran gets at least one nice gift for themselves, something that could be used as a gift for loved ones and a few smaller items for their gift bag– my goal is to have about \$8,000 to work with. **Earmark donations for the Prescott VA Gift Shop and send to Department Office – 4701 North 19th Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015.**

Volunteers are also needed to prepare for and host the parties. Please contact me at 928-632-2290 or trishaljets@outlook.com by **December 10** if you or members of your post/unit would like to volunteer to help. I will contact volunteers by December 15 with final arrangements. I will need to know the following:

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

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.

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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 socks, or handmade hats/ scarves for men or women for this winter. Monetary donations are always put to good use – Check with the CDCE office at 928-776-6013 for current needs.