



American Legion Auxiliary Dept of OK

Serving Those Who Served!

***2024-2025 "GIFTS FOR YANKS" Plan Of Action***

**What is this program, and why do we have it?**

The "Gifts For Yanks" program was started in 1944 to remember our hospitalized veterans. We solicit donations each year to give gifts to our veteran patients & residents at all VA hospitals and centers in Oklahoma.

**Several ways to participate in this program:**

- 1) Contribute to the Department Headquarters to help with the crisp \$1 bill gifts they give to veterans at the VA Hospitals and Centers during Christmas Tour.
  - 2) Contribute directly to El Reno High School for their "Gifts For Yanks" (Christmas) Program. The school has done this program continuously from its inception! This is their 79<sup>th</sup> year! They raise money, buy gifts, and deliver to the Oklahoma City VA Hospital.
- ☐ Deadline is December 1, 2024 to donate directly to El Reno High School. Address to send donation:



**El Reno High School  
"Gifts For Yanks"  
401 S. Bickford – P.O. Box 580  
El Reno, OK 73036**

- ☐ Make of copy of donation letter sent to El Reno HS and send to Department Gifts For Yanks Chair, by **December 1, 2024**, for your Unit to be recognized at the El Reno HS "Gifts For Yanks" program on **December 12, 2024**.

**Year-End Reports**

Please submit a narrative report, by **April 1, 2025**, to the Department "Gifts For Yanks" Chair.

Narrative report should include:

- ☐ Hours spent raising money
- ☐ Amount of money donated and to whom donated
- ☐ How many ALA members volunteered/participated? SAL? TAL? Non-members?

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