**GIFTS FOR YANKS**

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**Overview**: 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. Here are several ways to participate in this program:

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.

Contribute to either El Reno Unit 34 and/or directly to El Reno High School for their “Gifts For Yanks” (Christmas) Program. The school has done this program continuously from its inception! They raise money, buy gifts, and deliver to the Oklahoma City VA Hospital.

Have a fundraiser and solicit donations from individual, local businesses, and other veterans’ organizations to help your unit’s efforts to hold a “Gift Shop” at your local VA hospital or center so patients & residents may select and send gifts to their families. Typically done at Christmas time yet may be done all year long for other holidays. The Clinton VA Center ALA Representative does a “Gift Shop” at their Christmas party and the residents enjoy this. Other ALA VA Representatives, and Units, are encouraged to do this at your local VA Hospital or Center! If a unit does this, please notify the ALA Representative so she can put it on the monthly report!

**Report Due Dates**: End of Year Report due by **MAY 26, 2023**

**Donations Accepted All Year**