



# OPERATION GOLDEN SHIELD

*Protecting Our Veterans and Supporting Our Caregivers*

*In this unprecedented time of the COVID pandemic, we must all do our part to help each other and to help those in need. Operation Golden Shield is committed to improving the care and protecting the health of our nation's warriors, the Veterans who have served our nation honorably and who now live in VA nursing homes and community living centers. Led by cadets and midshipmen from West Point and Annapolis, the team is mobilizing local communities to meet the needs of our Veterans and of those who are caring for our Veterans.*

#### **NEXT COLLECTION EVENT:**

**Saturday, June 27, 2020**

**10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Vienna Presbyterian Church  
124 Park Street, NE, Vienna, VA



#### **NEXT DELIVERY EVENT:**

**Tuesday, June 30, 2020**

**10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Washington DC VA Medical Center  
50 Irving Street, NW, Washington DC

- *The COVID pandemic has expanded to 8 million global cases, to include over 2 million cases and over 115,000 deaths in the United States alone (as of June 14, 2020). Roughly 11% of all COVID cases in the United States come from nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.*
- *In the VA health care system, there have been over 17,000 cases treated for COVID with over 1,700 active cases and over 1,400 known deaths (as of June 14, 2020). Veterans living in VA nursing homes – called Community Living Centers (CLC) – are a particularly vulnerable population at high risk for complications.*
- *Our nation's capital has a single Community Living Center located at the Washington DC VA Medical Center (DC VAMC); it provides 24/7 long and short-term care for its 120 residents who are recovering from or living with a variety of medical conditions requiring skilled comprehensive nursing care.*

**The following items have been requested by the DC VAMC CLC:**

#### **Requested Collection Items for Care Providers:**

- *Masks (Procedural and N95)*
- *Isolation gowns*
- *Hand sanitizer*
- *Bouffant hair nets*
- *Viral swabs for testing*

**Cash donations  
also accepted**

#### **Requested Collection Items for CLC Residents:**

- *Personal supplies (socks, wallets, reusable tote bags, lanyards)*
- *Radios (personal) and headphones*
- *Snacks (fruit snacks, chips, hard candy)*
- *Games (playing cards, word search, dominos)*
- *Office supplies (notepads, pens, crayons/markers, coloring books)*



#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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