



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
2016-2017 NATIONAL AWARDS**

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin received the following awards or acknowledgement at the 2017 National Convention in Reno:

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Rose-Harms Unit 355, Grafton
For creating a culture of goodwill
by offering various opportunities to include
everyone in projects and activities

Catherine Brunnquell, Unit President

AMERICANISM

National Americanism Essay Contest
Class I, Winner in Central Division

Elizabeth Frankewicz
Sponsored by Thorp Unit 118, 7th District

Class VI, Winner in Central Division

Michael Hoeksema
Sponsored by Fond du Lac Unit 75, 6th District

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FOUNDATION

For contributing the largest donation per total
Department membership in support of our
Veterans, military and their families

Department of Wisconsin
Laurel DuBois, Department President

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Most Outstanding Unit Program
Promoting Star Spangled Kids

Norris-Spencer Unit 263
New London, 8th District

EDUCATION

Most Outstanding Veterans in
Community Schools Program

Fuhrman-Finnegan Unit 350
Reedsburg, 7th District

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION

The American Legion's Meritorious Achievement Award
for Achieving the Highest Increase in
per capita giving for 2016-2017

Department of Wisconsin
Laurel DuBois, 2016-2017 Dept. President

HISTORIAN

Certificate of Merit for Best Department History
in the Central Division

Diane Weggen, Department Historian



Wisconsin Veterans Home at UNION GROVE 2017-2018 Wish List

- Funds for activities supplies or special events
- Fun size snack bars
- Small notebooks/note pads
- DVDs and audiobooks on CDs
- Funds for iPod shuffles with iPod headphones (the soft kind; not ear buds)
- Books with large pictures (travel, animals, planes, variety of subjects)
- Craft supplies (construction paper, markers, colored pencils, canvas board, non-toxic acrylic paints)
- Bags of individually wrapped chocolate candy (for prizes)
- Walmart, and iTunes gift cards (please purchase and donate the gift cards)
- iPod chargers
- Jigsaw puzzles of 100 or less pieces (preferably animals or scenic; no children's cartoon characters)
- Subscriptions to 'Reminisce' magazine
- Oversized easy read NASCO Easy Read Fingertip Slide Bingo Cards 100 cards #9721141C
- NASCO complete Unlock Memories Interactive Trivia DVD #SN30954C 4 DVDs

Monetary donations for Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove should be payable to ALA-Wisconsin and mailed to ALA Department Headquarters, PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140. Please use the 2017-2018 Poppy Fund Donation sheet #4415 (found on the Dept website www.amlegionauxwi.org under the Forms link).

All other donations should be sent to:

American Legion Auxiliary Representative
c/o Terri Presser
Wisconsin Veterans Home
21425 F Spring Street (Maurer Hall)
Union Grove, WI 53182



**MINNEAPOLIS VA MEDICAL CENTER
2017-2018 Needs List**

Gift Card Suggestions for Minneapolis Veterans

Gift Cards in \$25.00 denominations or more can be used by Veterans for a variety of needs. This could include but is not limited to new shoes, interview clothing, haircuts, uniforms, work boots, scrubs, household supplies, food and leisure pursuits. Gas cards can help a Veteran get to work or help a Veteran's family get to and from the medical center during long periods of hospitalization or while their Veteran is in Hospice Care. Examples:

VISA Gift Cards	WALMART Gift Cards
GAS Gift Cards	TARGET Gift Cards
GROCERY Gift Cards	METRO TRANSIT PASSES

Material Donation Suggestions for Minneapolis Veterans

The following is a list to use as a guide for Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS) special needs, program support and/or equipment. None of these items are available through the MVAHCS budget.

Children's coloring books: for children accompanying their parent, grandparent or guardian to MVAHCS.

Diapers & Baby Wipes: will be distributed by the Women's Clinic for new moms.

New Duffle Bags or Backpacks

Heart Pillows: for patients recovering from surgery

Patient Needs - ONLY NEW CLOTHING CAN BE ACCEPTED

- White "T" shirts (larger sizes)
- White socks
- Men's Boxers/Briefs (all sizes, most of our Veterans are large or bigger)
- Sweat Pants (all sizes, most of our Veterans are large or bigger)
- Men's long underwear (all sizes, most of our Veterans are large or bigger)
- Men's Winter Gloves
- Slippers – non-skid soles only – dark colors for men – sizes large, extra large and 2 X-large
- Chapstick
- Polident or Efferdent denture cream
- Cribbage board – travel size
- Hair brushes – natural bristles only
- Decaf coffee
- Shampoo – small
- Deodorant – small
- Small games & puzzles
- Disposable razors (2 blades)
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste – small size
- Emery boards
- Heart monitor cover bag
- Trachea bibs (stoma covers)

Monetary Donations – will be used for supplies listed above when needed, also for Boxes for Comfort Kits for lady patients, for needs for the New Spinal Cord Area and for needs for Poly Trauma Center. Monetary donations for the Minneapolis VA Health Care System should be payable to ALA-Wisconsin and mailed to ALA Department Headquarters, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140. Please use the 2017-2018 Poppy Fund Donation sheet #4410 (found on the Dept website www.amlegionauxwi.org under the Forms link).

All other donations should be sent to:

Minneapolis VA Health Care System
Voluntary Services, Mary Ann Davis
One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Thank you for supporting our nation's Veterans!



HOSPITAL NEEDS – TOMAH VAMC

Following is a list of the items used to fill the welcome tote bags delivered to all new inpatient admissions. About 75 are distributed per month. The other list are those items enjoyed by our veterans during their stay in the medical center. **Before donating, please check expiration dates on all items, as we cannot distribute any item that is expired or within one month of expiration.**

ITEMS NEED FOR MONTHLY (WELCOME) TOTE BAGS

Playing cards (new)	Toothbrushes	Combs
*Small container of deodorant	*Small bottle of shampoo	*Small bottle of conditioner
*Small bottle of hand lotion	*Small tube of toothpaste	Small packages of Kleenex

***These items are also needed in larger bottles/containers for distribution to the wards**

ITEMS ENJOYED AND USED BY OUR VETERANS DURING THEIR HOSPITAL STAY

After-shave (alcohol-free)	Envelopes-all sizes	Phone cards (not quarters)
Artificial sweetener	Gloves	Reading glasses
Body wash (3 in 1 wash preferred)	Hair brushes for women	Shaving cream
Coffee (regular & decaf)	Handkerchiefs	Socks
Coffee creamer	Headphones	Sugar-free Hot chocolate mix
Crossword/Word Search/Puzzle books	Lip balm	Sugar-free Kool-Aid
Dandruff shampoo	Men's briefs (new – any size)	Sugar-free Lemonade
Denture cream & adhesive	Mouthwash (alcohol-free)	Sugar-free Popsicles
Disposable razors	Nail clipper	Suspenders
DVD's – especially westerns	Non-skid slippers socks	Toothbrushes
Emery board	Pen/Pencils	Writing tablet
		**Quilts/Afghans

REMINDER:

- We are no longer able to provide BAR SOAP to patients in the hospital – **liquid soap only!**
- We also can no longer use knit/crocheted slippers with or without treads.
- We no longer supply phone cards with quarters on them as there are no longer pay phones at the VA.
- When making **quilts/afghans, please assure that they are either for a twin or full size bed. We are receiving beautiful quilts/afghans that are not wide enough and/or long enough for coverage on a twin bed.

At this time, we are not in need of any lap robes

Any of these items can be donated in-kind and in any quantities. They will be distributed accordingly to the patient wards and/or clinic's needs. Or, monetary donations are welcome in any amount and we will purchase according to the needs.

Monetary donations for the Tomah VAMC should be payable to ALA-Wisconsin and mailed to ALA Department Headquarters, PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140. Please use the 2017-2018 Poppy Fund Donation sheet #4406 (found on the Dept. website www.amlegionauxwi.org under the Forms link).

When making in-kind donations, please, only new or gently used items. "If you cannot use it in your home, we cannot use it at the VA".

If you do not have a pattern book and need a particular pattern, please let me know and I will send to you. All in-kind donations should be mailed to: Ms. Patricia Flanders, American Legion Auxiliary – Bldg. 407, Rm 1750 Veterans Administration Medical Center, 500 E. Veterans Street, Tomah, WI 54660



KENOSHA Outreach (Dayton Residential Care Facility) 2017-2018 Wish List

The following are some items that we could use at the Kenosha Outreach facility. We appreciate everything that is done for us. Our craft club is up and running and the residents enjoy it immensely. Although we have quite a few craft kits, we are always in need of more. We could desperately use hats, mittens, scarves or gloves as we are fast approaching winter and there never seems to be enough to go around.

Below are some of the general items we need:

- Aftershave lotion – alcohol free
- Bar soap
- Caps, scarves & mittens or gloves
- Dental floss
- Denture cleanser and adhesive
- Deodorant
- Disposable razors
- Foot & Body Powder
- Hairbrushes
- Hand lotion
- Mouthwash – alcohol free
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

We are also looking for any craft kits such as:

- Christmas ornament
- Paint by Number Kits
- Model Kits
- Any loose craft supplies

Funds are low and donations would be appreciated. Monetary donations for Kenosha Outreach (Dayton Residential Facility) should be payable to ALA-Wisconsin and mailed to ALA Department Headquarters, PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140. Please use the 2017-2018 Poppy Fund Donation sheet #4412 (found on the Dept website www.amlegionauxwi.org under the Forms link).

All other donations should be sent to:

Dayton Residential Care Facility – Kenosha
c/o Sue Hembrook
521 59th Street
Kenosha, WI 53140

Thank you for your generosity in supplying our veterans items for them to work on.

Sue Hembrook & Jackie Hackeloer
Kenosha Outreach
Sue: 262-843-4791 or genesuehem@wi.rr.com



CHIPPEWA FALLS Veterans Home 2017-2018 Wish List

Gift Cards:

- Kwik Trip cards
- Wal Mart cards
- Subway gift cards
- Family Restaurant gift cards - Chippewa Falls area only

NOTE: Gift cards should be no more than \$10.00 each.

Other suggested donations:

- Rolls of Postage Stamps
- Toothpaste
- After shave (alcohol free)
- Mouth wash (alcohol free)
- Denture cleaner
- Women & Men's body washes
- Men & Women body lotions
- Men's socks (sizes: L/single pairs)
- Black T-Shirts (no pockets)
- Women's fancy night gowns (sizes: L, XL & 2X)
- Women's anklet socks (sizes: L/single pairs)
- Women T-shirts (request nice cheery colors - sizes: L & XL)
- Winter hats, scarves & mittens or gloves (men & women)
- Packer items and shirts (M & larger sizes)
- Badger items and shirts (M & larger sizes)
- Basketball shirts and items
- Crossword puzzle books (Large print only)
- Holiday decorations
- Snack sized bags of Fritos, Doritos, Potato Chips, real made Popcorn
- (Sugar Free & Single bar) Chocolate
- Unit signed greet cards/holiday cards

Funds are low and donations would be appreciated. Monetary donations for the Chippewa Falls Veterans Home should be payable to ALA-Wisconsin and mailed to ALA Department Headquarters, PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140. Please use the 2017-2018 Poppy Fund Donation sheet #4416 (found on the Dept website www.amlegionauxwi.org under the Forms link).

All other donations should be sent to:

Chippewa Falls Veterans Home
c/o Nancy Randen, Representative
2175 E Park Avenue
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729



**William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, Madison
2017-2018 Wish List**

- Quilts – (bed size, 4 x 6, stitched or tied)
- Fleece Blankets – store bought
- Lap Robes – (4 x 6 & tightly knitted or crocheted)
- Afghans – (bed size & tightly knitted or crocheted)
- Postal stamps – cards of forever stamps
- Plain note cards
- Reading glasses (various strengths)
- Nail Clippers/Emery boards
- Toothbrushes
- Small tubes of toothpaste
- Kleenex (small packages)
- Men's socks
- New Men's tennis shoes (sizes: 10-13)
- Men's t-shirts (call for sizes)
- New Men's Sweatshirts & Sweatpants (M, Lg, XL, XXL)
- Activity books – search a word, crossword puzzles, sudoku (large print and new – not partially used)
- Coloring books/color pencils – for adults
- Model kits (car/airplane/boat/military) – must be plastic
- Model paints (paint pods w/glue)
- Donations for coupon books for Veterans and their families for coffee or lunch at the cafeteria

Monetary donations for the Wm. S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital should be payable to ALA-Wisconsin and mailed to ALA Department Headquarters, PO Box 140, Portage WI 53901-0140. Please use the 2016-2017 Poppy Fund Donation sheet #4405 (found on the Department website www.amlegionauxwi.org under the Forms link). Any questions, call 608-280-7178.

All other donations should be sent to:

Wm. S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital
Community Relations Service (135)
2500 Overlook Terrace
Madison, WI 53705



OSCAR G JOHNSON MEDICAL CENTER 2017-2018 Wish List

- Gift Cards (McDonalds)
- Phone Cards
- Toiletry items – lotions, deodorant, shampoo, razors, brushes, denture cream, shaving cream, etc – both male and female items
- Long and short sleeved shirts
- Afghans for wheel chair vets
- Baby items for new women veterans (diapers, diaper bags, clothes (male and female) and baby books
- Items for children in the facility (children’s books, colors and coloring books
- Wheel chair and walker made bags
- Cather bags
- Playing cards

➤ **Packages can be sent to:**

Gregory C Weiss, Chief of Voluntary Services
Oscar G Johnson VA Medical Center
325 East H St (135)
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
Ph: 906-774-3300 – Ext. 32781