

President Pam's Projects

Operation Comfort Warriors

Today, wounded warriors need a variety of items to help in their recovery. Some patients require loose-fitting sweat suits to cover their healing wounds without adding pressure to burns sustained in combat. Others use fitness equipment to rebuild strength in their muscles. Still others enjoy the camaraderie and fresh air that come from a fishing trip, thanks to donated gear. Some gifts have included sports equipment for the adaptive therapy program at Fort Jackson, gift cards to patients at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and fishing and kayak gear at Fort Drum. The success of the program relies entirely on donations, which are used to purchase items for U.S. service members.

The Legion contacts officials at military hospitals, VA hospitals, warrior transition units and surrounding communities, and obtains lists to determine what is most needed by wounded, injured or ill service members. Once a need is identified, the items are ordered by the Legion and delivered in an expeditious manner. It's as simple as that. No red tape. All of OCW's administrative and marketing costs are paid from Legion membership dues received, meaning that 100 percent of donated funds go directly to purchasing comfort items for the troops.

Indiana Veterans Home

While many previous Presidents have chosen a specific item to focus on at the home, my project is to supply the fun and entertainment to the residents. For example, we will be purchasing decorations for every holiday so the residents can enjoy and participate in the holiday.

Also, to bring in outside entertainment when possible, for the residents to enjoy. Maybe it will be a choir, or a band, or a magician, or even a skit. These residents were once able to go to these, but are no longer able; therefore we will be bringing the entertainment to them.