TO: Gifts To The Yanks Who Gave 2720 E. Lincoln Street

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(Required)  CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE	Exp. Date		on my VSA Masterdard Section S	Payment Type:Check -or Credit Card	DIVISION NO.:	СПТҮ:	NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR POST:	GTTY CONTRIBUTION FORM
		Exp. Date		(Checks payable to: The American Legion, Dept. of Illinois (Earmarked: "Gifts To The Yanks")	DISTRICT NO.:	ZIP CODE:	POST NO.:	

#### **AWARDS and RECOGNITION**

An award will be presented to top 10 highest Posts based on cash contributions to the program over \$2,000. Also, awards will be presented to the Auxiliary highest Units based on cash contributions to the program over \$2,000.

All contributors of \$1,000 or more will receive a certificate of appreciation at their Division Convention. All contributions of \$100 or more will receive acknowledgment of their contribution.



Santa delivers Gifts to the veterans at LaSalle from the Gifts to the Yanks.



warmth given to a veteran at Lexington Healthcare Center

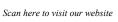


### GIFTS TO THE YANKS WHO GAVE





Serving Hospitalized Veterans Across Illinois





# A PROGRAM FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

The American Legion Department of Illinois



The GIFTS TO THE YANKS WHO GAVE

program was instituted in 1944 to remember our hospitalized War Veterans

The American Legion, Department of Illinois, has maintained this worthy program continuously since its inception by distributing gifts annually to each of our veteran patients at all of the V.A. Hospitals and extended care units throughout Illinois.

The GIFTS TO THE YANKS program has had the continuous support and cooperation of our American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units, the S.A.L., 40/8, 8/40 as well as receiving private contributions from individuals, businesses and other veteran organizations.

The last sentence of our Legion Preamble asks us to "consecrate and sanctify our Comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness" and part of the opening prayer at our meetings includes "we ask thy blessing and comfort for those Comrades who are suffering mental and physical disability. Cheer them and bring back to them the blessing of health and happiness." Many of our Comrades are hospitalized and in need of the "Mutual Helpfulness, Cheer and Happiness."

For God and Country we thank you for your support!



Lake Zurich Post #964 members deliver gifts to the veterans of Lexington Healthcare Center.

### SUGGESTED METHODS OF RAISING FUNDS:

- 1. Direct contributions from Post or Units
- 2. Solicit individuals at Post Meetings and functions
- 3. Raffles
- 4. Fund Raisers
- 5. Mailings (with contribution forms) to your members
- 6. Tag Day in your town or county
- **7.** Personal donation (just fill out the contribution form and mail it in TODAY)
- 8. Collection Canisters:
  - a. At Post bar, food line, etc.
  - b. In local businesses, stores, taverns, etc. (ask permission first)
  - c. At work

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## EXAMPLES OF WHAT SOME POSTS HAVE DONE:

- Dinner, etc. 50 cents from each ticket sold goes to GIFTS TO THE YANKS
- Post bar First sale each day (with minimum of \$1.00) goes to GIFTS TO THE YANKS

#### LET US KNOW WHAT WORKED FOR YOU



Roanoke Post # 463 delivering gifts to veterans in the Apostolic Christian Home.



No money is used for administration costs

The American Legion