



Dear Post Officers,

The Department of Ohio Gifts for Yanks program was created in 1952 to purchase holiday gifts for veterans hospitalized in Ohio VA facilities and to fund special projects such as Veteran picnics, etc. We also support the everyday needs of our VA Voluntary Services Representatives at facilities across Ohio.

This program is solely funded by donations from our Posts across Ohio. This year we are asking for a donation of \$1.00 per member and will gladly take more if you have it.

In 2023, we gave out \$35.00 gift cards to all the hospitalized veterans in VA hospitals in Ohio. I personally was able to attend the distribution at Wade Park in Cleveland and it was so heartwarming to see how surprised and grateful the patients were for the gift cards. Many of them told us they will use them to help their loved ones with gas money so that they can have visitors.

We were also able to fund special projects like comfort carts, the food insecurity program and daily living kitchen occupational therapy last year, as well as stocking the Voluntary Services offices at the VA facilities with coffee, water, etc.

66 Posts have already donated with an upward trend of 42 Post Donations in December 2023 alone!



Please make checks payable to **Gifts For Yanks** with your Post and District number in the memo line and mail to:

**Department of Ohio American Legion
Gifts for Yanks
PO Box 8007
60 Big Run Rd
Delaware, OH 43015**

If you participate in AG sponsored e-Bingo, you can use your Charity Account money to support this great program.

I thank you in advance of this amazing program!

Holly Lewis
Chair, Department of Ohio Gifts for Yanks