



Photo (L-R) Moses Tejerina, Chief-VAVS, Pat Hernandez, Trustee Unit 1937, Mike P. Hernandez, Adjutant Chapter 1937, Irene Soto, President Unit 1937, Gloria Hernandez, Treasurer Unit 1937. (Back) Dean R. Merling, VAVS Assistant

The MOPHA Unit 1937 and Chapter 1937 members traveled from Abilene, Texas, to the West Texas VA Health Care System facility in Big Spring, Texas, to deliver gifts for their Christmas Party. There were forty-five (45) gifts for the veterans (men and women) in the "Healing Center" of the hospital. Each bag held a large 50" x 60" fleece throw and at least two (2) pair of heavy socks. Also enclosed in each bag was a Christmas card addressed "To Our Veteran with Respect and Appreciation". Each card included notes of encouragement and signatures of many caring individuals showing concern for the veteran's total well-being, emotional as well as physical. The gifts were very well received and following the presentation the group was escorted on a tour of the facility.



Dustin Howell, VAVS volunteer, assisting Unit 1937 MOPHA Members unload 45 gifts for West Texas VA Health Care System "Healing Center" in Big Spring, Texas.

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