

Gift Shop - 2025

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR UNIT

COLMERY O'NEIL HOSPITAL **Dates-December 1-2**

We are working on plans for the Gift Shop at Colmery O'Neil Hospital, and we sincerely hope you are planning your boxes of gifts. Gifts should be shipped to arrive at the hospital **no later than November 18**. We will store the boxes until the hospital opens for Gift Shop. Send all the checks to Department.

Here are some suggestions for gifts that are most readily accepted, **gift cards**, jewelry, makeup, electronics, curling irons, headphones, small tools, towel sets, throws, stuffed animals, dolls, toys and electronic games. We can always use Balls, (basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, Volleyballs. This year we are asking **NOT** to send **clothing**, apart from Sweatshirts and Hoodies in all sizes, **(M-3X)** We especially need gifts for little boys and girls and both sexes for teenagers. Ear Pods, Small Bluetooth speakers. Body spray and Lotions, Blue light glasses.

GIFT Cards are an easy and perfect gift for all. You just need to make sure they are easily accessed to all States. **We do not need knitted hats, gloves, scarves, shoes and flip flops.**

PLEASE SHIP ALL BOXES DIRECTLY TO VOLUNTEER SERVICES, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILARY, COLMERY O'NEIL HOSPITAL, 2200 GAGE BLVD, TOPEKA, KS 66622. **PLEASE MARK ALL YOUR BOXES "GIFT SHOP" SO THEY WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE RIGHT PLACE.** It is most important that you enclose a list of all gifts, giving the price and the total value. This is important to us in making our report to the Department. Please enclose the name of the person to receive the acknowledgement. We do try to acknowledge all boxes or money received but unless we have your name and address as well as the Unit, we cannot do this. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND USED ARTICLES, EVERYTHING IN THE GIFT SHOP MUST BE NEW. PLEASE DO NOT SEND LARGE, HEAVY OR BULKY ARTICLES THAT ARE HARD TO PACK FOR MAILING. Our packing facilities are limited, and we cannot handle large items. Items NOT CHOSEN by the veterans are pictures, picture frames, books, purses, photo albums, large or small novelties and NOTHING GLASS.**

We would suggest that you send items that are more "individual" instead of things like vases, pictures, and other items that are general gifts. Most patients want to send something to his or her mother, wife, or others that are personal. **In selecting gifts to be sent, ask yourself "Is this something I would give to my own family?"** If not, it probably is not something the patients would select. They have the same requests for gifts that we do. I know you would spend more on a gift for your own family but use this as a guideline in the selection of your gifts.

WE DO APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. If your Unit would like to contribute to the postage of mailing these gifts, your check would be appreciated. PLEASE make all checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kansas, Ear mark them **for Colmery O'Neil Hospital.** Send them to Department Headquarters. **DO NOT MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE VA Hospital.**

A lot of HELP IS NEEDED for the GIFT SHOP. We will need Volunteers to shop with the Veterans, wrap gifts, help with mailings, and other general tasks around the shop. Please let us know if you might be available to help. YOU ARE SO IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE GIFT SHOP A SUCCESS. All Auxiliary, Legion and SAL Members are important for the success of our Gift Shop!

If you have any questions, please let me know. My phone number is 785- 554-9458.

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