



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

CMAC Board of Directors
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Dear CMAC Board of Directors,

New white crew neck T-shirts in all sizes and sweat pants in all sizes are needed for Veteran patients in the Vancouver VA campus long-term care facility. Some patients have been transferred from another hospital and are away from family, thus no way to receive clothing. Some patients only own the clothing on their backs. Some patients have accidents and need a change of clothing. These are the needs we fill.

A staff member in the Vancouver VA long-term care facility created a collection area for donated clothing to meet some patient's needs. It is in a locked small room with access granted only for nurses and some volunteer staff. The nurses record what they give to the patients and it averages to about 45 total items per month. White crew neck T-shirts and sweat pants in all sizes are our greatest need and are what we distribute most often. We supply donated gently used outer clothing for VA patients in need but feel that new T-shirts and underwear is the most respectful way to provide their most personal clothing. I am a volunteer who helps with the collection and organization of clothing in this room.

Part of the patient therapy program is that they dress themselves every morning and go to their appointments both on the Vancouver VA campus and the Portland VA campus. In the fall and winter it is a cold excursion to Portland. While volunteering at the Vancouver VA campus we have seen patients waiting for the shuttle bus to the Portland VA in their hospital pajamas in the winter!

Our Marine Corps League Auxiliary Columbia River Unit continues to support these needs through our VA Veterans Patient Clothing Project, but the needs are greater than we can sustain. Please consider helping these dear needy veterans with any contribution that you can provide. Due to natural turn over in the long-term care facility, clothing needs are ongoing. An annual donation to this cause would be most helpful.

There are several ways to meet the needs:

1. Deliver needed items to the third floor VAVS office (Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services) Vancouver Campus, in care of Jeff McAleer, Voluntary Service Specialist. Explain that they are for the patients in the long-term care facility.
2. Send a check to MCLA (Marine Corps League Auxiliary Columbia River Unit) and note in the purpose line "VA Veterans Patient Clothing Project". Mail the check to Patti Kuhar MCLA Treasurer, 1071 E. 18th St., LaCenter, WA 98629.
3. Send a check to Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) Vancouver Campus, Jeff McAleer, Voluntary Service Specialist, 1601 East Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver WA 98661. Note in the purpose line for "VA Veterans Patient Clothing". However, this involves a longer process to meet the needs.

Note for your information:

- A. The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) is a 501c3 organization EIN # 93-1127631. When donating needed clothing or a grant, you will receive a letter from the VAVS for tax purposes stating your company, address, the items donated and/or the value of the donation.
- B. The Marine Corps League Auxiliary Columbia River Unit is a 501c4 organization EIN # 91-2073084. Clothing, coupons, or a grant can be sent to the treasurer stated in #2 above. We will purchase or deliver clothing to the VA Vancouver Medical Center Long Term Care Facility. We record your donation to ensure that you receive a letter from the VAVS for tax purposes stating your company, address, the items donated and/or the value of the donation.
- C. You can confirm the validity of my (Caroline Ruhmshottel) volunteer position and this request by calling (360) 696-4061 extension 31842.

Thank you for your generous support for our veterans, especially those in great need.

We Sincerely Thank You,



Caroline Ruhmshottel

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VETERANS PATIENT CLOTHING NEEDS

Men's new all sizes:

- White T-shirts crew neck
- White briefs

Men's gently used or new, clean, any size clothing:

- Sweat pants
- Zip-front hoodies (no logos)
- Shirts both long and short sleeved (no logos)
- Light jackets (no logos)
- Suspenders and belts
- Jeans
- Shoes

Lap robes and quilts are always appreciated

The same list above is needed for women, but there are few women patients.

Thank you, Caroline Ruhmshottel 360-892-2806