



Veterans of Foreign Wars • 5th District • Department of Illinois

Operation Christmas Cheer

✱ Christmas Party ✱

“CELEBRATING OUR 51st YEAR”

Dear Comrades and Sisters of the VFW, Auxiliary, Cooties, and friends,

Our very own 5th District once again for the 51st consecutive year is sponsoring “Operation Christmas Cheer.” This year’s joy and happiness are being brought to all our hospitalized veterans on December 9, 2018. The entire day is dedicated to promoting “Christmas Cheer” to the hospitalized veterans at Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

This year’s OCC will follow the same format as the past eighteen years. We will be at the wards around 12:45 pm to 4:00 pm to spend quality time with the 325 patients.

All commanders, comrades, presidents, sisters, Cooties, Marine League members, and friends are invited to participate in this year’s program. Please contact Kevin Cournoyer, Ray Rigsby or Diane Ahrens so we will have an idea how many members are coming.

We will tour the Health Care Center from 12:45 to 4:00 pm. We will sing Christmas carols, entertain the patients, and most importantly, take a few minutes and talk and pray with our brothers and sisters.

We will be handing out Christmas gift boxes to each veteran that will contain fruit, candy, phone cards, cookies, and miscellaneous items. Last year we had 60 different items in these gift boxes.

As our motto states, “Honor the Dead by Helping the Living.” That’s the purpose and mission of the VFW and OCC where veterans are helping veterans. **We definitely need your help!** To continue this program, we need the financial support of each post/ auxiliary/pup tent, businesses, and of the general public in the state of Illinois and nationally. Last year we had 99% (years past were at 100%) support from our 5th District posts and auxiliaries. Let’s make this a Christmas our hospitalized veterans will remember. We again need your **support** to make this happen. We are only asking for a **\$200.00 minimum donation** (more would definitely help) from each post/ auxiliary and pup tent. We are **not** selling any raffle tickets. This money can and should come out of your “**relief funds**.” This is what it is for, helping our veterans in need.

Checks should be made to: VFW 5th District (memo OCC2018). Please send your donations to the following by November 19th or sooner:

Rich Coombe Jr.
Quartermaster, 5th District
2120 11th St. Apt. 10
Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096

God bless you and your family,

Kevin Cournoyer,
Chairman OCC
Surgeon of the 5th District

Co-Chairmen: Tom McCormack &
Lee Nagel

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Chairman

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