

Operation Christmas Cheer 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The 5th District Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of Illinois is asking for your support! We are looking for donations of goods and/or money to help with "Operation Christmas Cheer" for our hospitalized veterans. The 275 plus veterans that our efforts support each year would say thank you for your support. Our motto in the VFW is to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

All donations of goods will go into a gift box and all monies donated will go directly to purchasing items for the boxes. This year, while paying close attention to COVID19 safety measures, our veterans will receive their boxes on 6 December.

The program has been spreading cheer to veterans for 52 years! As always, we are graciously accepting monetary donations of any amount, however we would also be more than happy to receive 275 of the same items from your company or organization to go into our boxes. In the past, some examples are travel-size games, 500-piece puzzles, sports memorabilia, clothing, towels, grooming kits, sewing kits, toiletries, flash drives, letter writing kits, sports bottles, puzzle books etc.

The VFW, 5th District Department of Illinois, is a Not-For-Profit Veterans Organization as defined under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Service Code and contributions are deductible under section 170(c) - VFW 5TH DISTRICT DEPT. OF ILLINOIS FEIN #36-2917707.

Thank you for your support! Feel free to contact me at 224-308-8531 / kpjecourn@hotmail.com or the co-chairmen Marie Honeywell at 847-254-4314 / marie.honeywell@live.com and Tom McCormack at 815-341-5918.

<u>Checks should be made to</u>: VFW 5th District (memo OCC2020). Please send your donations to the following by November 20th or <u>sooner</u>:

Kevin Cournoyer, Chairman OCC 606 E. Clarendon Dr. Round Lake Beach, IL 60073

Send all donated goods/items to the Post by December 1st or sooner:

Lake Villa VFW Memorial Post 4308 Attn: Chairman, Operation Christmas Cheer 130 E. Grand Ave Lake Villa, IL 60046

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman OCC

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