

***Gift Shop***  
***Mary French ~ Chairman***  
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The Department of Minnesota Gift Shop falls under the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program.

The purpose of the Gift Shop is to provide gifts to the Veterans and their families at the nine Veterans facilities in Minnesota. The gifts are purchased with donations from the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Veteran is allowed to choose a gift for themselves, their significant other or care giver, and any children living in the house under the age of 18.

The gifts are then wrapped by our very cheerful volunteers. Some of the homes will have a party with refreshments and cookies at the same time, other homes will have a party on another day. This is a great way to start your holiday season. If you would like to be one of Santa's Elves at a Veteran's facility near you please contact one of the Home or Hospital Reps at that facility. This is so much fun and very rewarding. It is a great way to get in the Christmas spirit.

The Gift Shops are held at the Veterans hospitals in Minneapolis, St Cloud, Fargo and Sioux Falls and at the Veterans Homes in Fergus Falls, Hastings, Luverne, Minneapolis and Silver Bay. All the Gift Shops are held the last week of November thru the second week of December. Call the facility's representative to find out the dates and time.

Please ask your Posts, Units, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders for donations and volunteering at the Gift Shop and explain to them about this wonderful program.

At Fall Conference there will be a display of some of the gifts that will be given at the Christmas Gift Shops.

What a great way to Remember, Honor and Serve.

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