

Department of Minnesota American Legion Family Service Project at the 2026 Fall Conference

The 2026-2027 Department project is to collect supplies for the Creative Arts program. This program is open to ALL veterans, with the only stipulation that they are registered with the VA. They do not need to live in a veterans' home, nor do they need to receive medical services through the VA – just be registered.

The VA's Creative Arts Program uses therapeutic arts—including art, writing, music, drama, and dance—to help Veterans heal from physical and emotional trauma. Part of the VA's Recreation Therapy Service, it aids in managing PTSD, reducing social isolation, and improving motor skills.

All donations will be split between the eight veterans' homes and four VA Hospitals serving Minnesota.

Wish List

Colored pencils, Gel pencils
Crayola crayons
Crayola washable markers, Sets of colored SHARPIE markers (Sharpie brand in particular), Dry erase markers, Watercolor markers, Chalkboard markers
Pencil sets for sketching and small sketchbooks
Unlined and Lined journals
Erasers
Glue gun and hot glue sticks
Elmer's Glue, Roll on glue sticks, Tacky glue, Wood glue, Non-toxic model glue
Mod Podge
Scotch tape, Glue tape, Painters tape
Adult Coloring books (simple, mandala patterns and wildlife)
Stencils
Assortment of colored pipe cleaners
Reams of construction paper
Cardstock (12x12) prints, designs, and colored
Non-toxic model paint, Craft paints-all colors
Variety sizes of paint brushes, including foam brushes
Stickers
Cotton balls
Colored Pom Poms
Color by sticker books
Paracord & Buckles
Aprons (for both male & female veterans)
Wooden craft kits
Craft kits from oriental trading all together for certain holidays, time of the year, etc.
Simple ceramic pieces to paint
Stain glass projects

Please bring your items from Thursday, October 22nd to 9am on Saturday October 24th to the Glen Carlson Exhibit Hall where the Auxiliary session will be held.