

**2022 Fall Conference Report
Prescott ALA Whipple Christmas Gift Shop
Northern Arizona VA Health Care System (NAVAHCS)**

Madam President Barbara,

Thank you for this appointment to chair the Whipple Gift Shop at the Prescott VA.

As most of you know, Prescott has residential treatment in the Domiciliary and Community Living Center.

We are providing expandable back packs to our Veterans receiving treatment through the Domiciliary. We have planned for 100, any leftovers will be given out as new admissions arrive. Each backpack will be stuffed with a fleece blanket, socks, hygiene supplies, stocking cap, \$5 gift card to the Canteen and treats. Distribution will be done by a small group of invited guests who will also serve a special dessert during lunch on December 14th.

The group will then move on to the Community Living Center to visit, and pass out individualized gifts and refreshments to those Veterans. They will also receive a holiday bag stuffed with items like what the Dom receives.

I would like to thank those units that supported us with \$2,200 in donations in 2022 - #4, #6, #135, #57, #22 and #25. You made it possible for me to go ahead and prepare for this year. This event is so important to our Veterans at this time of year, so we do need Units to step up and support the Whipple Gift Shop. Donations are accepted all year long so please consider helping us out. We really do want to continue to share the holiday spirit of giving with the Veterans who receive their care through the Prescott VA. Monetary donations should be sent to Department, earmarked for Prescott.

For those of you who would like to support the Prescott VA in other ways, our needs include NEW warmer clothing – all sizes long sleeve t shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, hoodies, and jackets. Also new Queen/Twin sheets, blankets, cleaning products, toilet paper, paper towels for those Veterans moving into housing.

Items we do NOT need right now include lap robes, Afghans, knit hats, socks, women clothing, and those tiny “hotel” size hygiene products.

Again, thank you President Barbara for this appointment.

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Chairman, Whipple Gift Shop