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First of all the bad news: The BC VAMC no longer accepts donations of used clothing, crocheted blankets, lap robes, puzzles, non perishable food or canned goods. Due to infection control policies, all personal care products must be new and not have expired. Other items that can no longer be accepted include:

- new or used medical/hospital equipment
- sample sizes
- used sunglasses
- bar soap
- medications (including vitamins)

Now the GOOD news: 100% of your donations will be used for Veterans' needs! Monetary donations to their General Post Fund as well as the following specific items are needed:

Miscellaneous

Flip flops (used in the shower)
Food gift cards (McDonald's, Subway, Pizza Hut, etc)
Gas cards
New underwear (sizes S, M, L)
New undershirts (sizes L and XL)
Men's tennis shoes (sizes 9-12)
Non-spiral bound journals
Forever postage stamps
Canteen books or IMH haircuts
Pre-packaged cookie and snack items
Popcorn, oil and salt for popcorn machines
Larger print Word Search, Crossword and Sudoku
Paint by number and small craft kits

Toiletries (no sample sizes)

Men's Shampoo and Conditioner
Men's Body Wash
Toothpaste and toothbrushes with covers/tops