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Post 27 and VFW National Headquarters Help Wounded Warriors in Need

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The Wounded Warrior ministry at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany helps service members who are injured down range with treatment and recovery. Some 55,000 wounded warriors have passed through the medical center since OEF/OIF began. Many are sent there with only the clothes they arrive in. The "Chaplains' Closet" at the hospital tries to provide these soldiers with adequate clothing and shoes during their stay.



Knowing that sometimes it is hard for the Chaplains' Closet to provide soldiers with these basic needs, VFW Rhein Post 27 in Wiesbaden, Germany applied for an Unmet Needs grant through VFW National Headquarters. A \$10,000 grant was approved and used to buy supplies for the Chaplains' Closet.

Joseph Miller, a Post 27 member said he wanted to help because service members are all part of a team. "Support your own. Army of one, one team, help each other out. Retirees, active duty, all branches of service, all one team," he said.

Miller got involved partly because he has a personal connection to Landstuhl. "For me it's a real great opportunity to give back because I went through Landstuhl before when I came back from down range. And now, as a VFW member, to give back to the wounded soldiers gives them something they don't have when they come over here. It's hard when you first get back, you don't have anything. The more we can give the better off they are."

After Post 27 spent more than \$10,000 at the PX for clothing and shoes, they traveled to Landstuhl to deliver the goods to the Chaplain's Closet at the hospital.

Col. James Griffith, Chief Chaplain at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center said, "I knew they were bringing some shoes, I didn't think they were bringing 250 pairs, so this is wonderful."

"We spent over \$10,000...then drove down to the hospital to deliver all of it. They were very happy," said commander of VFW Post 27, Steve Slauson.