

VETERANS

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VETERAN'S LEATHER PROGRAM

As fall approaches, so does the hunting season. If you are a hunter, please consider donating your hide to the Elks lodge.

For many patients in VA hospitals, time can move slowly between visits from family and friends. In addition to holding events and providing friendship to veterans in VA hospitals, Elks also provide the tools for veterans to take up a new skill.

The Veterans Leather Program relies on the charity of hunters across the nation to donate hides so they can be turned into leather used for therapy programs for recovering veterans.

Leather is also used to provide professionally-crafted gloves for veterans in wheelchairs, which are distributed at veterans adaptive sports clinics and gatherings throughout the country.

Each year, thousands of Elks step up to help out with this program, offering their time, energy and skills to serve veterans. Their gifts help to create thousands of gloves and therapy kits provided to veterans at no charge.

In 2019-20:

- 12 states collected 17,234 hides.
- 3,075 veterans received free wheelchair gloves.
- 83,870 square feet of leather was donated by Elks to provide free craft kits for recovering veterans.
- 10,620 veterans received craft kits from the Elks.

For more information visit: www.elks.org/vets/leather.cfm.

