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## **American Legion extends Operation Comfort Warriors**

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 6, 2009) - The nation's largest veterans organization will continue its fundraising to purchase comfort items for hospitalized troops recovering in U.S. military hospitals around the world after doubling its \$50,000 goal for the holiday season.

"The American Legion family and its friends have raised more than \$115,000 that we have used to purchase sweatsuits, DVDs, puzzles, portable electronics and other gifts for the wounded heroes recovering at Walter Reed, Bethesda and numerous other military hospitals," said American Legion National Commander David K. Rehbein. "We delivered many of the items before Christmas. But even though the holiday season has long passed, the war continues. The military does a good job of taking care of its own at these facilities, but we want to do more. The need continues so therefore Operation Comfort Warriors will continue."

Donors can make online contributions by visiting [www.legion.org/ocw](http://www.legion.org/ocw) <<http://www.legion.org/ocw>> or by sending a check to Operation Comfort Warriors, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Administrative and promotional costs for Operation Comfort Warriors are paid by The American Legion, allowing 100 percent of the donations to be spent directly on the troops.

With a current membership of 2.6 million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and mentoring youth. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.