



# American Legion Post 1819

## Annual Spirit of Christmas Service Project

For the past 6 years prior to the Christmas holidays American Legion Post 1819 has partnered with Norwich University to provide 50 “care package” stockings to veteran patients at the White River Junction VA Medical Center. Cadet and student volunteers sign cards and fill the stockings with goodies purchased by or donated to Post 1819. Ideally Post 1819 and Norwich volunteers personally deliver the Christmas stockings to the veterans.

In 2021 a group of 14 volunteers worked for 2 hours to fill 50 Christmas stockings and hand wrote creative “Thank-you for your service” cards to ensure we brought a “little holiday cheer” to the patients, although we were unable to visit with them and personally deliver the gifts & cards (due to COVID restrictions). Showing our appreciation to the veterans in our community, at a time in which they were separated from family, makes it especially impactful. See some great photos from the stocking stuffing event below.

American Legion Post 1819 along with Norwich Cadets and students will again do the Annual Spirit of Christmas Service Project in November 2022.

