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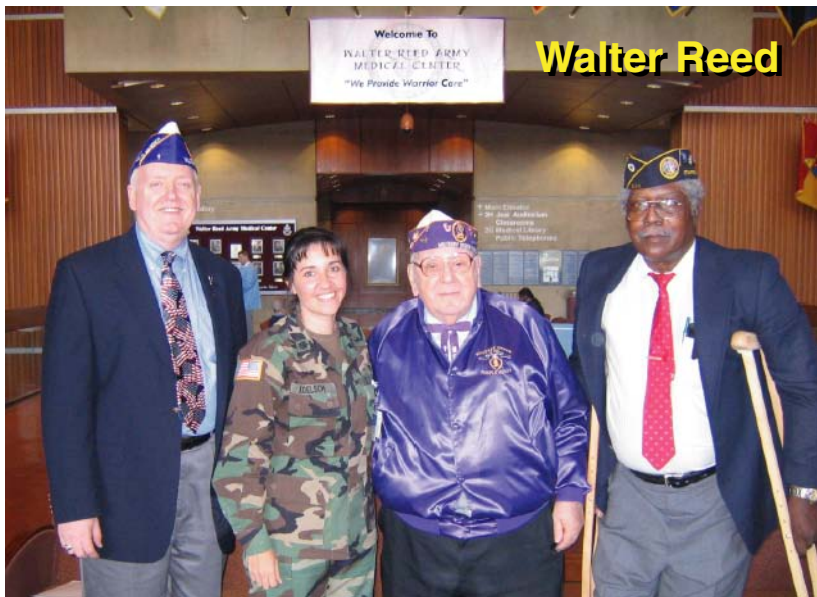


**OGC's
FIRST VISIT**

Press Release

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A WWII vet, a Korean War era vet, and a Vietnam War vet present \$3,000 in Gift Certificates to our wounded and injured troops in Walter Reed and Bethesda Military Hospitals on behalf of MOPH Chapter #1 and DAV Chapter #13



Walter Reed



Bethesda

Left to right: Al Meadows (Past DAV State Commander and currently MOPH State Jr. Vice Commander), Walter Reed escort officer Lt. Colonel Angela Koelsch, Ed Orio (Past MOPH State Commander), and Buffert Brooks (DAV Ch. 13 Commander)

Left to right: Ed Orio, Buffert Brooks, and Bethesda escort Chief Santiago Chavez.

A World War II combat infantryman, a Korean War era artilleryman, and a Vietnam War combat infantryman were honored to represent Ansonia/Derby/Shelton MOPH Chapter #1 and Stamford DAV Chapter #13 for their first trip to Walter Reed and Bethesda Military Hospitals in Washington, DC on Oct. 28, 2005. They visited our troops who were wounded or injured in Iraq or Afghanistan.

MOPH Chapter #1 and DAV Chapter #13 joined forces to start Operation Gift Cards. Operation Gift Cards was started to:

- Thank our wounded and injured troops (personally, when possible) for their service to their country and their sacrifice for freedom.
- Present all patients in Walter Reed and Bethesda Military Hospitals, who were wounded or injured in Iraq or Afghanistan, with a "Thank You" kit including a \$20 gift certificate, redeemable in their PX (military store). The gift certificates are enclosed inside a specially designed thank you card with a group photo of members from the sponsoring chapter or post.
- Inform the patients of the free programs that the sponsoring service organizations have developed to help our troops, our veterans and/or their families. Programs that may be of interest to them in their rehabilitation or once they are discharged.

MOPH Chapter #1 and DAV Chapter #13 are attempting to enlist chapters and posts of veterans service organizations in Connecticut to join OGC so it can continue for 6 to 12 months. Their goal is to have a different chapter each month purchase \$2,000 in gift certificates in order to present every Walter Reed and Bethesda patient hospitals who was wounded or injured in Iraq or Afghanistan with a "Thank You" kit including a \$20 gift certificate for use in their PX (military store).

The representatives of MOPH Chapter #1 and DAV Chapter #13 visited 20 of the wounded soldiers and personally thanked them. Each visited soldier was presented with a custom-designed thank you card from each chapter with a \$20 gift certificate inside (\$40 total in gift certificates) along with informative flyers. At least one "Thank You" kit was left for each of the other wounded or injured patients. For additional information contact either person at the top of this page.