

# Connecticut VFW Post Provides COVID-19 Assistance to its Community

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VFW Post 1532 in Putnam, Conn., used its location as a drop-off point for donations to the older residents, including veterans, according to Post Quartermaster Antonio Rendon.

“We have reached out to our community on Facebook and our local radio station, WINY Radio,” Rendon said. “We collected donations from our community to help our elderly in the community who couldn't get out to get the necessary goods to survive during this period.”

Rendon added that he and other volunteers “worked tirelessly” in collecting, organizing and distributing donations at the Post, including:

- Jessica Malarkey, an Auxiliary member
- Cariann LG, an Auxiliary member
- Sonja Chanllor, an Auxiliary member
- Rhonda Lajoie
- Susan Pratt

Items collected at the Post, which has amounted to about \$2,000 worth of goods according to Rendon, will be donated to Putnam-area senior housing developments, as well as other northeast Connecticut organizations, including TEEG, Daily Bread and Friends of Assisi Food Pantry.

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