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Vets club donates TV to Heartland Court

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On Thursday, two members of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) put on their Santa hats and delivered an early Christmas gift.

The DAV, which is hailed as the official voice of the nation's wounded warriors and their families, donated a 46" television to the residents of Heartland Court #3.

"There are six vets in the building," said Commander Refugio (Pete) Padilla. "Vets, we never forget each other, we always hang in there."

Some veterans were on hand when Padilla and Adjutant Gary Bartram made the presentation.

"It's beautiful," marveled one unidentified man.

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DAV representatives Commander Refugio (Pete) Padilla and Adjutant Gary Bartram (wearing Santa hats) and residents of Heartland Court #3 are shown with the 46" television the DAV recently donated to the facility.

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Padilla said the funds for the television were provided by the Lee Anderson family.

"He was a World War II vet that passed away and one of the stipulations was a donation to the DAV," he said, noting that another television was also given to Heartland Care

Center.

Padilla said he hopes the gift will show the veterans how much they are appreciated.

"Sometimes they're recognized on Veteran's Day or Memorial Day, but as far as I'm concerned, every day is Veteran's Day," he said.