

Communications

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Dear Members and Retirees:

As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods -- merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year you can give the gift of genuine concern for all Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. OH...YES THERE IS!!!!!!

Following is a list of things you can do as a part of CWA Local 4250 December's "Labor of Love" project:

How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber?

A Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate.

Do you have a friend, family member or neighbor that would like their driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter?

There are a gazillion owner-run restaurants - all offering gift certificates - not the big National chains - this is about supporting your hometown Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

How about a gift certificate for an oil change for a car, truck or motorcycle - done at a shop run by the working man.

Would your Mom or wife love the services of a local cleaning lady for a day?

Could your computer use a tune up? I am sure there is some young person who is struggling to get his repair business up and running.

Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands. Also go see a play or ballet at your local hometown theatre.

And don't forget the family pet...utilize the local pet groomer or get a gift certificate to be used at a later date.

These are just some suggestions for keeping America working and your community growing....You can make a Difference!!!!

When filling out your Holiday Cards please take One (1) card and send it to the following address:

**A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20307-5001**

Pass this on...if every member and retiree sent one (1) card, think of how many cards these wonderful, special people, who sacrificed so much would receive.

I would like to give a "special thank you" to Mark Brogan who donated a bagful of Christmas gifts to be distributed to the needy.

This year, Local 4250 will be answering **Dear Santa** letters and fulfilling children wishes. Check with your local post office if you would like to "pay it forward".....

Thank you and enjoy your Holidays

In Our Unity....There is Strength

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