

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission is the major source of hides and tanned leather used for recreational and occupational therapy throughout the Veterans Administration health care system. Elks Leather has become a national byword among veteran patients everywhere.

Each year, through the dedication of our volunteers, the Elks donate tens of thousands of square feet of hides which are turned into a number of products. Gloves to protect the hands of wheelchair-bound Veterans, leather craft kits, and crafting leather are all part of the program whose aim is to improve the lives of our Veterans. For the last two years, thanks to the 34 Lodges participating, Missouri has been the number 1 provider of hides. Since the government does not budget money for leather for wheelchair gloves for veterans, it falls upon the Elks to keep the supply line open.

