

Post 9960 Officer Guide to Assisting Veterans

Targeted Priorities: Geographic area to include Cedar Point, Cape Carteret, Bouge, Peletier, Maysville, Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, and Salterpath. In specific instances, Swansboro and Hubert.

Purpose: Provide where assistance gaps exist using the most appropriate method

Assistance Includes: Morgan Hall usage, cash assistance, donations, disability and veteran services assistance, community services assistance, veteran recognition ceremonies, targeted housing and special assistance projects, holiday meals.

Priority of Effort:

Post and Auxiliary members

Elderly veterans in assisted living communities

Homeless and/or indigent veterans in our community

Separated or retired veterans in need of assistance (housing, food, transport), within our AOR , which cannot be fulfilled by other means

Active-Duty Personnel:

Friends and Family

Unit CO & SgtMaj

Chaplain

Family Readiness Officer

Navy and Marine Corps Relief

Separated or Retired Veterans:

Friends and family

Local and State Community Services

Veterans Affairs

Considerations and Guidelines:

*VFW is a hand-up not a hand-out organization

*Post will never assist with deposits

*Post will make direct payments of assistance to creditors (Electric Co, Water Co, Landlords, etc.) never cash directly to veterans in need.

* Post will assess a veterans need and ability to maintain once assistance is provided to prevent repeated requests. **(If a veteran has five car payments, should we pay a light bill?)**

In rare incidents, assistance may be provided more than once.

*Although the Post may consolidate effort to assist with other VFW entities and contribute directly through them, when dealing with outside organizations we should make our contribution payable directly to a cause or individual, not payable to another assisting agency.

* Other agencies and VFW Posts may utilize gas or gift cards to assist veterans. These cards can be easily sold and/or proceeds applied to other than intended relief.