



# Marine Corps League

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### REPORT OF CHARITABLE AFFAIRS AND UPDATE ON RECIPIENTS

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The following is a brief but **cumulative** overview of the Charitable Activities in which the Detachment has been involved to date and also provides an update of activities since the 1 March 2025 report.

**Recipient 001** is a 58-year old divorced male who served in the Marine Corps. Until recently, he had been homeless and jobless. With the help of HRC, he was able to find stable employment and they have assisted him in finding an apartment. He had no furnishings or household goods except a (used) bed, a couple of used plates and a used pan.

We provided some (new and used) furnishings (dining table and chairs, sofa/futon, coffee/end tables, microwave), toiletries and household goods totaling \$623.42. In addition, we have been providing unofficial and informal counseling as well as serving as a lifeline in other ways.

**Recipient 002** is a 46-year old divorced male who served in the Navy. He has been homeless (off and on) and jobless for the past two years. He was able to find an unfurnished apartment and now has temporary employment while he searches for something long term.

We provided a sofa/futon, coffee/end tables, toiletries, household goods and foodstuffs totaling \$326.41.

**Recipient 003** is a 35-year old divorced female who served in the Navy. She has three teenage daughters and until recently, they had been living in her car. HRC assisted her in finding an unfurnished apartment and are currently assisting in her job search. The only furnishings they had were two beds, a card table, two pans and four plates, all of which had previously been donated.

We provided some (new and used) furnishings including two beds/mattresses, two sofas/futons, end/coffee tables, dining table and chairs, vacuum cleaner, various household goods including bedding, towels, flatware, silverware, pans, toiletries and foodstuffs \$1,702.23.

In addition, a member of our Detachment who wishes to remain anonymous donated a new washer/dryer and another anonymous member donated a new television and stand (with a combined total of approximately \$1,300).

Update: The original reason this Recipient relocated to this area to evade her abusive ex-husband.

In spite of a restraining order, he has found her and so she is relocating again with the assistance of a battered women's group. They are also assisting her in obtaining a name-change and to reestablish elsewhere. With the approval of the Committee, she was provided \$200 to assist in her travel.

**Recipient 004** is a 34-year old divorced male who served in the Navy. He had temporary employment but recently became unemployed. He is being assisted by HRC in his job search.

Because his utilities were about to be shut-off for nonpayment, we brought his account up-to-date at a cost of \$110.10.

**Recipient 005** is a 47-year old single male who served in the Army. He has been unemployed off and on for a number of years but now has temporary employment while he searches for something long term. He is two months behind on his rent and is about to be evicted.

We have brought his rent up-to-date at a cost of \$1,335. It is anticipated that additional assistance of some type will be required.

**Recipient 006** is a 65-year old married male who served in the Marine Corps. Until recently, he and his wife had been living in a storage shed. With the help of HRC, he has found an apartment and some very basic (used) furnishings and employment.

HRC referred him to us but he declined our assistance stating that there are others who are more in need.

Update: During the month of July 2019, the veteran experienced substantial car problems which forced him and his wife to spend most of the money their rent money for car repairs. We have paid his rent for the month of August in the amount of \$695.

**Recipient 007** is a 63-year old divorced male who served in the Marine Corps. He has been homeless from time to time over the past several years. He has also been unemployed most of the time and usually doing manual labor day-jobs. He advises that he very often unable to work because of dental pain.

We have referred him to a dentist, have covered the initial exam cost at a cost of \$45 and will be covering a number of tooth extractions with a current estimated cost of about \$200. It is also anticipated that additional expenditures may be necessary.

**Recipient 008** is a 34-year old widowed male who served in the Army as an infantryman for 3 years including 6 months in Afghanistan. He had been homeless and living in another state until about one year ago when he relocated to this area. He found full-time employment which lasted until last month. He has been working part-time for the last several weeks and is in search of full-time employment. Additionally, HRC has been trying to get him enrolled in a welding class.

He is two months behind on his rent and is about to be evicted. We have brought his rent up-to-date at a cost of \$980. It is anticipated that additional assistance of some type will be required.

**Recipient 009** is a 58-year-old divorced male who served in the Air Force and received an honorable discharge. He is a VA outpatient for a thyroid condition and high blood pressure. Until recently he was homeless and had been living in his truck for about two years. He has been hunting and fishing for food (which he says he does not mind) and has been doing odd jobs and small carpentry projects for other expenses. Through a charitable organization, he has now been housed in a small apartment and HRC is attempting to identify permanent employment for him. Aside from his truck (not in good shape), he has a few pieces of clothing, his carpentry tools, two pans for cooking and three spoons.

We provided some furnishings including a mattress, a sofa/futon, an end table, a coffee table, a dining table and chairs and various household goods including bedding, dishes, flatware, pans, and foodstuffs totaling about \$965.

**Recipient 010** is a 39-year old divorced Marine who received a medical discharge after 14-months service. He was separated as an E-3 and receives 10% disability. Four years ago, he was a VA inpatient for pain pill addiction (related to his injury) and he advises that he has been clean since that time. He currently lives with his mother and has petitioned for custody of his 3 children. He stated that his former wife is heavily involved with drugs and he feels that he will be awarded permanent custody. If he is awarded custody, he would be required to move into his own apartment. He has the necessary furniture and he is working as a self-employed carpenter and believes he will be able to make the necessary rent/utility payments. However, he is unable to make the necessary (upfront) security deposits on both. He has not yet identified an apartment but believes that he will need about \$1,000 for those deposits.

The Committee has voted to provide the necessary security deposits (up to \$1,000) with an agreement to repay half of the amount fronted. Further action on this depends upon the outcome of his custody hearing.

With our assistance, he obtained a rental unit requiring \$875 (rent deposit), \$250 (water/sewage deposit) and \$300 electrical deposit for a total of \$1,425. The Committee approved this amount but stipulated repayment over time of at least half.

Update: Soon after having provided the above listed assistance, he advised that he was moving to Metairie to be nearer his children. Attempts were made to obtain a refund for his various deposits. A partial refund of his rent deposit in the amount of \$300 was returned to the Charitable Fund.

**Recipient 011** was referred by the Biloxi MCL Detachment but after further investigation, it was found that his story did not check out. Both the Biloxi Detachment and this Detachment declined to assist.

**Recipient 012** is a 31-year old married Air Force veteran who continues to serve in the National Guard one weekend a month. After discharge from active service he was unable to secure steady employment and began using his credit cards for his monthly expenses. The cards are now maxed out and he currently owes about \$25,000 on the cards. He also has a car payment which he has been keeping current.

HRC has set him up with a reputable debt management service and the cards are now frozen. The management company is also assisting him with obtaining a better interest rate with the card companies. He has just secured a good (GS-6 (Step 6)) position at Keesler which he has just begun. His new annual income will be about \$44,000. His wife works part-time and between the two, they feel that this will be sufficient to cover their needs and to begin to recover from their debt. However, it will take several years to wipe out his outstanding debt.

HRC has provided him a gas card to get to and from work and they are also providing the specific clothing necessary for his new job. He is about \$6,000 in arrears on his rent/utilities and he is about to be evicted for non-payment.

He has executed a repayment agreement with his landlord but it specifies a payment of \$2,200 due on 6 June, a payment of \$2,200 due on 6 July and a final payment of \$1,864 due on 6 August. These payments do not include his monthly rent. He does not have the funds to cover the first payment due on 6 June.

The Committee voted to make the initial (6 June) payment.

**Recipient 013** is a 45 year old Navy Corpsman who served with the Marine Corps. He lives with his fiancée and her two children and is a self-employed carpenter. They have been living in a rent-to-own home and living job to job. They recently had an electrical fire which caused extensive damage to the home. In addition, much of their clothing and many of their possessions have been smoke and water damaged.

Another agency has helped by providing some items for the children and by providing them some furnishings and clothing. Their primary need was for materials to make the repairs including flooring, paint and light fixtures. In addition, they need a mattress and clothing for himself and for his fiancée.

The Committee voted to approve expenditures for the needed materials as well as a mattress

and needed clothing. The expenditures were made for sheetrock, lumber, screws, nails, plaster, underlay, paint and fixtures. Gasoline for the recipient's truck was also purchased to allow transport of the purchased materials and for his travel to and from job sites. Total for these purchases was \$438.90. Subsequently, back-payments were made on the Recipient's water bill (\$229.41) and electric bill (\$150) bringing total expenditures for this Recipient to \$818.31.

In addition, anonymous members of the Detachment have made substantial donations in the form of bedding, pillows and other household items. Further, another anonymous member provided them a \$100 gift card.

**Recipient 014** is a 31-year old married Marine whose girlfriend is pregnant. He had been working with a company that did store stocking but was laid off in March. After that he worked day jobs doing welding, painting, pressure washing etc. until he wrecked his truck and because of a lack of transportation, can no longer do those jobs. He states that he is willing to do just about any type of work and is willing to move anywhere along the gulf coast. However, he prefers to stay in MS. They have been staying with friends and relatives across the Gulf coast (AL and MS) but at this time, they have no place to stay and do not have food. He has been using his mother's hotel points to pay for lodging but that has run out.

We put them in contact with HRC to see if they can assist and in the interim, the Committee approved the expenditure of funds to cover seven nights lodging at a hotel at a cost of \$505.58. Subsequently, the Committee approved four additional nights lodging at a cost of \$299.69.

**Recipient 015** is a 40 year old, single Marine who served from 2000 to 2004 and received an honorable discharge. He was laid-off from his job because and thereafter lost his apartment and his car was repossessed. He currently stays at the apartment of a friend but that is becoming difficult. He has a 20% disability (\$260 per month) for a back injury and he currently has a claim pending for PTSD. Other agencies are trying to find him a short-term (up to 3 months) apartment and are attempting to assist him with employment and a bus pass.

He requested assistance in obtaining a bicycle for transportation to and from any work he might be able to find. Craig Harvey, one of our members, provided an almost new bicycle.

Update: Oak Arbor had been assisting him in his rent payments. However, their funds are now depleted. HRC advised that the Recipient has recently been reevaluated by the VA and he will shortly be receiving an increase in his disability benefits.

The Committee authorized a one-time payment of his rent of \$600 to cover the shortfall on his rent.

Update: The Recipient has been working part-time in building demolition and has been able to purchase a used car for transportation to work. He has not been able to earn enough to cover the rent for next month and the Committee authorized a one-time partial payment of \$300 to (again) cover his rent shortfall.

Because he now has a car, he has returned the bicycle previously given to him and with the permission of the original donor (Craig Harvey), it has been placed in the Detachment storage facility for reuse.

**Recipient 016** was initially referred to us by the Biloxi MCL Detachment but they have handled that individual internally.

**Recipient 017** is a 58-year-old divorced veteran of the Air Force who received an honorable discharge after 10 years of service. He had worked as a bus driver for four years but was let go after having had three accidents in a thirty-six month period. He reportedly suffers from chronic arthritis and has difficulty walking and standing for long periods of time. He is also undergoing a doctor's evaluation for hip surgery. He is currently unemployed and is behind on his rent but another agency is working on providing assistance for his rent. His only income at this time is \$190.00 in food stamps. He has requested assistance in paying for his phone bill which is about to be turned off and his car payment which is about to be repossessed. In addition, he is in need of clothing (pants (66W/34L), shirts (5xl) and shoes (14 EEE)).

A general request was sent to members asking for donations of clothing but because of the large sizes, nothing was forthcoming.

The Committee voted to approve a single payment towards his telephone bill (\$120.00) and a single payment towards his car (\$300.00).

The veteran continues to actively search for employment but as of 23 July 2019, has not found a position. He requested and the Committee approved another payment of \$300 for his car which was made on 24 July 2019.

Update: The veteran has not yet found work but advises that in the next few days, he will be undergoing surgery for hip replacement which he hopes will improve his health and will also open more employment opportunities.

He advises that the rehabilitation process is usually about six weeks during which time he will be unable to work. He has requested that we make a third payment on his car in the amount of \$300 which the Committee approved with the stipulation that this will be the final payment we will make.

**Recipient 018** is the spouse of an Air Force veteran discovered by Jim Randolph, one of our members. The veteran is in a nursing home suffering from dementia and probably not be returning to his home. His spouse lives alone in a mobile home. She has fallen a number of times and has broken enough bones that she is probably wheelchair-bound for the remainder of her life. The mobile home has a wooden porch and several steps meaning that her only means of access/egress is to have people lift her in the chair.

Skipper Higgins, one of our members was in possession of a prefabricated, steel and aluminum wheelchair ramp belonging to Lieutenant Colonel Harry Cleland (USAF, Retired) of

Madisonville, LA. Skipper contacted Lt. Col. Cleland who agreed to donate the ramp and the Committee authorized the purchase of the parts and materials necessary for the installation.

One of our potential members with carpentry skills agreed to do the installation and with the assistance of his wife and daughter and two other Detachment members, the ramp was cleaned and partially installed.

This included pouring of a small concrete landing pad and the fabrication of some parts. With the approval of the Committee, a cash payment of \$200 was made to reimburse the Member for his work. In addition to the cash payment, some gasoline was purchased for him to reimburse the several trips made for supplies and for the cost of the supplies/materials (\$422.77).

**Recipient 019** is a Navy veteran who served six months and was separated for medical reasons. She is a single parent with 15 year old child, does not receive any child support and attends college at night. She recently started a relatively good job but will not be paid for 2 weeks. She has a prepayment plan for electricity for her apartment in which they deduct about \$3 per day. Her prepaid account went to \$0 and the power to her apartment was about to be turned off.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$150 towards her electric account to give her a chance to get onto her feet.

**Recipient 20** is a 48 year old divorced Army veteran who served from 2000 to 2014 and received an honorable discharge. He moved from Tennessee to Mississippi to be near his six month old daughter. The mother of his daughter permits the veteran to spend time with the child and would allow him to keep the child overnight/longer periods provided he has a suitable/properly equipped place to stay.

He has been sleeping in his car for the past few weeks but Oak Arbor was able to provide temporary housing (up to three months).

He does have some rudimentary household items but is in need of other items including basic living room furniture, a dining table and chairs, bed frame, work clothing and baby items.

Working in conjunction with the VFW as well as donating items himself, Sergeant-at-Arms Don Crosby was able to provide a substantial list of bedding and towels.

The Committee authorized the purchase of the remaining needed items totaling \$586.40.

**Recipient 21** is a 54 year old divorced Navy veteran referred to us by Chris Little (Commandant of MCL Detachment 1460 in Biloxi) has asked that we assist a Navy Veteran who is now living with his handicapped son in a tent (and in his car) in a campground. Chris advised that Detachment 1460 has paid for several nights at the campground as well as having provided a small stipend for food but their Detachment is now without funds.

The Committee authorized the payment of five nights at the campground (totaling \$66) and providing them \$100 for food.

**Recipient 22** is an Army veteran about whom we have been unable to obtain full and necessary information. The veteran stated that he had spent all his money paying for his rent and deposits and that he is in need of furniture and various household items. HRC has been unable to provide him assistance at this time and they are attempting to obtain further information.

At this time and pending receipt of further information, no action has been taken.

**Recipient 23** is the elderly widow of a Navy veteran who was referred to us by Member Cappy Mann. He advises that she has been struggling to pay regular expenses and that she has been working at a menial job until recently when her car died making it more difficult to commute to work. Cappy also advised that she has grown children, one of whom lives with her.

It was suggested that she might be a potential recipient for a car donated to the Detachment by Diamondhead Golf Club Manager Hoppy Smith.

After some discussions with the family, it was determined that one of her children was in the process of negotiating the purchase of a replacement car and that she would therefore not need our proffered car.

**Recipient 24** is a sixty-year-old divorced Air Force veteran who served from 1974 to 1976 and received an honorable discharge. HRC has been working with him for about ten months but they have been unable to find employment for him because of his criminal record. He was housed by HRC in a trailer and Oak Arbor continues to pay his rent. For incidentals, he has been doing odd jobs for his landlord. At the beginning July, he started work at a part-time menial job.

He recently had an electrical fire at his trailer and he lost everything. The Red Cross and another charitable organization have provided some assistance but he is still in need of some furniture and other household items.

The Committee authorized the provision of what donated items are currently available to the Detachment and such other items that might be necessary. However, several other charitable organizations have assisted him and our assistance is on hold for the present.

**Recipient 25** is a 59-year old Army veteran who served three years active and three years reserve service (1977-1983). His lease will expire at the end of August and will not be renewed because of a conflict with his landlord. His left leg has been amputated (not service connected) and his right leg is bandaged from another injury.

After some difficulty, he has identified a suitable handicap-accessible apartment near the Biloxi VA hospital. However, his current income (from disability) is \$1,185 per month of which \$800

(currently goes to rent/utilities/insurance) and he does not have funds available for security deposits at the new apartment.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$300.50 (including money order) for his rent deposit.

Update: The VA inspected the proposed apartment and found that the bathroom was not sufficiently accessible. As a result, the deposit has been refunded (less the \$.50 money order fee).

He continues to search for a suitable apartment. If he approaches us for assistance again, the Committee will have to vote on any subsequent payment.

**Recipient 26** is a 42 year old Army veteran (ARNG-MS) who served slightly less than one year on active duty including a deployment to Kuwait/Iraq theater before completion of obligation and receipt of an honorable discharge. Since then he has had a number of arrests including for drugs, driving while intoxicated, credit card fraud, contempt and probation violation. He is currently in a VA drug treatment program and under court ordered drug testing. He now resides with his step-father and is the custodian of his three daughters (ages 10, 12 and 17). The mother is a drug addict and is not currently in the picture.

He has requested assistance with school uniforms and school supplies for his three daughters.

Although he is a resident of Picayune and does not reside in one of the coastal counties, the Committee authorized the expenditure of \$311.28 for school supplies and uniforms for the three children.

**Recipient 27** is an Air Force veteran who served for thirteen months and received an honorable discharge (permanent disability (back) and is receiving a small disability income). He was enrolled in the HRC employment program in 2018 and he has been working since Sept 2018.

He went on medical leave in June and checked into the VA for inpatient treatment for PTSD and is scheduled to be discharged in August. He will return to work on 1 September.

Because he has been without a paycheck since his hospitalization, he is unable to pay rent for August. He has a roommate who works part-time job and with the help of HRC, they have established a budget and they believe they will be able to handle the rent and other expenses once the veteran returns to work.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$825 for their August rent.

**Recipient 28** is a 37 year old Navy veteran who after slightly more than one year, received an honorable discharge (medical - not service connected disability). He is currently homeless and is trying to find transportation from this area to Tennessee where he will be living with a family member. He has been searching for a job in Tennessee and hopes to find something shortly, he

has not yet found anything. He has requested assistance in the form of a bus ticket from Gulfport to Tennessee.

The Committee authorized the purchase of a one-way bus ticket at a cost of \$177.50.

**Recipient 29** is a 72-year old Marine veteran who relocated from New Orleans for a promised job. The employer closed the business and left town after a few days without paying the veteran. He is now living on his Social Security which he says is sufficient for now but at this time, he owes \$300 for his electric bill.

The Committee authorized the payment of his electric bill of \$302.25 (including service fee).

Update: The Recipient advised that he had suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized and that during his hospitalization, his electricity was turned off. On 5 Dec 2019, the Committee authorized another payment \$302.25 to restore his electric service.

**Recipient 30** is a 76-year-old veteran of the army who received an honorable discharge and was referred by HRC. He has COPD and is living on a meager income, primarily Social Security. He advised that because of the high heat and the poor insulation of his trailer, his utility bills have been extremely high and he will be unable to pay his current bill of \$175.63.

HRC cannot pay his utility bill and they have asked if we can cover that. They have also asked if there is anything we can do about the insulation on his trailer. The Committee authorized the utility payment and a review of his insulation situation. After visiting his trailer, it was opined and the Committee agreed that replacing the insulation was beyond our capabilities.

Update: A number of days later, the Recipient called to again express his gratitude for our having paid his utility bill.

**Recipient 031** is an Army Veteran who served from 10/1967 to 2/1969 and received an Honorable discharge. He has been homeless for about 2 years except for a short period in June 2019. Another organization had provided his rent deposit on that apartment. However, he left that apartment because others living in the unit were bringing in drugs and he felt that he needed to get out of that situation.

He has now found other housing and it is believed he will be able to maintain that housing on his own. However, he is in need of assistance with the security deposit.

HRC has reviewed his budget and they feel that he will have enough money to cover normal expenses.

As authorized by the Committee, a rent deposit in the amount of \$462 was paid to allow him to enter the apartment.

**Recipient 032** is a 65-year old Army veteran who had been living rough (sleeping and cooking on someone's back porch). He has a small disability pension from the VA and a small Social Security payment.

He had not been feeling well and went to the VA for a check-up. After a number of tests, they found problems in his throat which led to surgery. While recovering in the hospital, the few personal items he had left at his porch campsite were stolen.

The Hattiesburg Veterans Resource Center requested that we pay a portion of a security deposit for an apartment they found for him in this area. We originally were asked to pay \$71 which the Committee approved but later another organization paid the full deposit.

He has no furniture, household furnishings or food until his disability check arrives on the first of the month. The Committee approved the purchase of a small amount of food and a few cooking/dining utensils (\$54.86) and \$10 cash for bus fare all to carry him over until his check arrives. Note that this was all that he had requested from us and another agency is attempting to provide some basic furnishings, clothing and other needed items.

**Recipient 033** is a 46 year old single mother who served in the Army from 1991 to 1995 and received an honorable discharge. She was referred by HRC.

Her daughter has just turned 18 and as a result, her child support payments have stopped and her disability payments have also been reduced. She had a scheduled court date for an eviction hearing. She is searching for employment and HRC is assisting in that effort. However, she is currently spending a good deal of time at the hospital caring for her father who is recovering from a heart attack and a stroke.

As authorized by the Committee, we have paid her rent that is in arrears along with related late fees totaling \$841. Because her daughter is attending college, her disability payments will be readjusted to the previous amount. With that adjustment, she feels she will be able to make ends meet. Additionally, she will continue to search for employment.

**Recipient 034** is a 68 year old Navy veteran with a total service time of 10 months after which he was discharged under honorable conditions.

He is unable to work and has applied for a non-service connected disability pension from the VA but that prospect is probably unlikely.

He has been paying his mortgage since 1997. However, he is approximately \$3,000 behind on his payments with a remaining balance of \$18,500 and he is about to go into foreclosure. He advised that he fell behind on his payments because his income was being garnished to satisfy his daughter's student loan.

Although that loan has now been repaid and the garnishments have been halted, it is unlikely that he will be able to keep up with his mortgage payments and normal living expenses.

Because of the large amount he is in arrears and with no prospect for employment, it was felt that making such a payment would be delaying the inevitable. As a result, the Committee voted against making the payment.

**Recipient 035** is a 40-year old Army veteran who received an honorable discharge (hardship).

He had been working at a Casino but was seeking and found better employment. On the day he was to begin the new job, his wife had to have emergency surgery.

Because the new job was time-sensitive, he lost that job and his previous resignation had already been processed and a replacement found.

He has found and has begun another job but because he was almost two months without employment, he was behind \$1,421 behind on his rent.

As authorized by the Committee, we have paid his back rent totaling \$1,421.

**Recipient 036** is a 40-year old divorced Army veteran who did two tours in Iraq. He has been homeless for approximately 3 years. He has recently been an inpatient at the VA and has claims in with the VA for PTSD, depression and a knee injury.

After being released from the hospital he was provided housing assistance by another agency which will continue for the next three months. HRC is assisting in his employment search. When he is settled, he will have joint custody of his two girls aged 5 and 7 who currently reside exclusively with their mother.

He has obtained a couch and mattresses but he was in need of bed frames, pots, pans and dishes and a dining table and chairs.

As authorized by the Committee, we provided two bedframes (donated by Junior Past Commandant Harold Dawley) as well as previously donated pans (as available) and some kitchen utensils.

In addition and as authorized by the Committee, we provided such as one bedframe, bedding, shower curtain, dishes, glassware, flatware and dining table/chairs totaling \$409.64

**Recipient 037** is a 36-year old divorced Army veteran who served in Afghanistan and received an honorable discharge. He has been homeless for three years and entered the VA hospital for inpatient treatment and will be discharged within a few days. Another agency has arranged an apartment with some bedding but he has nothing else.

As authorized by the Committee, previously donated items from the Detachment's storage facility as available were delivered to the Recipient including a couch, recliner, coffee table, television, entertainment stand, dishes (as available) and flatware (as available). In addition, a convection oven (donated by Paymaster Ron Slattery) was provided. To supplement those

items, purchases were made of new items such as towels, pillows, kitchenware, pans and a shower curtain totaling \$365.97.

**Recipient 038** is a 75-year old Marine who served in Vietnam. On his second enlistment, he was injured and received a medical discharge under honorable conditions. A few years ago and after the death of his wife, he moved to the Gulf Coast to be near his daughter. He had been working part-time but was recently hospitalized for a number of days for heart problems and has not yet been able to return to work. He hopes that he will be able to return to work in the near future.

The loss of income and the hospitalization caused financial difficulties. Two local churches have provided assistance in paying his water and electric bills but he had not been able to pay his (\$409) rent for November.

As authorized by the Committee, we have paid his rent for November (\$409), plus a \$50 late payment fee and his rent for December (\$409) for a total of \$868.

Update 01: Two years ago, we provided the assistance indicated above. He recently had car problems which he cannot afford to repair and without his car, he has been stranded. The Committee authorized \$250 for repair of his car.

Update 02: One year ago, we provided the assistance indicated above. He contacted us again and advised that his divorced daughter and her son do not have funds to purchase food and he is unable to provide any money to them. The Committee authorized a one-time payment of \$200.00 to him for use in buying food for his daughter and grandson.

Update 03: Recipient 038 has now been diagnosed with both dementia and early stage Alzheimer's and as a result, has admitted himself to an extended care facility. The costs related to the move exhausted his available funds and the Committee authorized a one-time payment of \$100 for incidentals.

Update 04: Recipient 038 has now been forced to move from the extended care facility because the VA will no longer pay for it. He has again moved in with his divorced daughter and her son until and if he can find another facility or place to stay. As a result, the daughter is again short of food. He has asked for a one-time payment of \$100 to assist and to bridge the gap until he receives his Social Security check. The Committee authorized a payment in that amount.

**Recipient 039** is a 59 year old Marine veteran who received a medical discharge under honorable conditions. He had been homeless and living in his van for about 8 months. Prior to that, he had been staying with a friend. He has some unspecified health issues and he receives some Social Security payments and a 30% service connected disability. He has been using the local food pantries and soup kitchens to reduce food cost. In late October, HRC arranged payment of deposits and his first month's rent. At this point, he has no furnishings or household items.

As authorized by the Committee, we have delivered furniture and household items to him including a couch and love seat, media stand, dishes (as available) and kitchenware (as available). We also made purchase of various other household items that were not available

from our storage facility including a mattress and bed frame, sheets, pillows, shower curtain, television, antenna, flatware and various food items. The total for the purchased items is \$575.94.

Subsequent to the above, the Recipient was hospitalized for a period and incurred additional expenses. As a result, he was unable to pay his electricity bill. The Committee authorized a one-time payment of his electricity bill in the amount of \$152.14.

Again, the Recipient advised that for a number of reasons, he was unable to pay his rent for the past month and will be unable to pay for the upcoming month. He has been served with an eviction notice and advised of his court date.

To prevent his eviction, the Committee authorized the payment of his past month's rent, rent for the upcoming month and late penalties totaling \$1,181.

**Recipient 040** is a fifty-two-year-old divorced male who served on active duty in the Army from 1986 to 1992 and received an Honorable Discharge. He has been undergoing inpatient treatment with the VA for substance abuse and he is now scheduled for discharge. Prior to entering the program, he had been homeless for about 2 months. He has received housing assistance from SSVF/HRC but has no other possessions.

As authorized by the Committee, we have provided to him a previously donated couch, love seat, dining chairs as well as a dining table and bicycle (both donated by Senior Vice Commandant Craig Harvey). In addition, we have purchased other needed items including a coffee and an end table, a television antenna, extension cords, light bulbs and food items totaling \$238.47.

**Recipient 041** is a 28-year old divorced Army veteran who served from 2010 to 2015 and received an honorable discharge at the completion of his obligation. He recently returned to the MS Gulf Coast from Georgia and is living with his mother until he can find employment. He is being assisted in his job search by HRC. Because of his unemployment, divorce and relocation to MS, he has fallen behind for 3 car payments and his car insurance is also in arrears. The car is needed for work provided it can be found.

As authorized by the Committee, payments have been made in the amount of \$963.38 (car payment) and \$346.01 (insurance) for a total of \$1,309.39.

**Recipient 042** is a 28-year old divorced Army veteran who served from 2008 to 2011 and received a general discharge under honorable conditions. She is currently receiving treatment for depression and anxiety from the VA. She is unemployed and is being assisted in her job search by HRC. At the time, she had no financial resources and was in need of assistance in the payment of her electric bill.

As authorized by the Committee, a payment towards her electric bill of \$150 plus \$2.25 service fee was made.

**Recipient 043** is a 46-year old single mother who served in the Army for a little over three years before receiving a Hardship Discharge under Honorable Conditions. She was hospitalized last month and as a result was unable to start a new job that she had found and was therefore unable to make her rent payment for two months (November and December). She is scheduled to attend court next week and will likely be evicted. Her 18-year old daughter resides with her and is currently attending college. HRC is working with her in an attempt to find other employment. Another agency has agreed to pay her rent for November. However, they are unable to pay her December rent of \$720.

As authorized by the Committee, a rent payment of \$720 to cover her December rent was made.

**Recipient 044** is a 28-year-old divorced veteran who served in the Army from 2008 to 2012 and received a General Discharge under Honorable Conditions. She advised that she had left an abusive relationship and as a result had been homeless for about a week before being approved for HUD VASH housing assistance. HRC is assisting in her search for employment.

As approved by the Committee, we have provided her a previously donated couch and a recliner. In addition, we purchased those additional items needed including kitchen utensils, pans, coffee table, end table and a television totaling \$258.19.

**Recipient 045** is a 36-year old Navy (non-FMF) Corpsman who received an Honorable Discharge for the convenience of the government after almost 9 years of service. He is married and has four children. He has completed his degree and is now a registered nurse. He was about to begin a new position but was completely without resources until his first paycheck. He was in need of some basic items and the clothing required for his new position.

As authorized by the Committee, we have purchased hospital uniforms (scrubs), shoes, t-shirts, toilet paper, razors and shaving cream totaling \$405.68.

**Recipient 046** is a 61-year old divorced Marine who served on active duty for three years and received an Honorable Discharge. He is currently receiving inpatient treatment for substance abuse at the VA Hospital. He had formerly been in subsidized housing but his term of eligibility expired and thereafter was homeless and living in his car. Upon release from the hospital (anticipated in March), HRC will be assisting him with an employment search and he will be receiving HUD VASH assistance with housing.

He is currently without resources and will require assistance with repairs to his car without which his employment search will be more difficult. In addition, he will need some furnishings and basic household items.

The Committee authorized the expenditure of up to \$500 for car repairs. However, upon examination of the car, it was determined that substantially more than that amount would be required to make the car road-worthy. Thereafter, the Committee approved the transfer to the Recipient of a car that had previously been donated to the Detachment.

Some repairs were needed to make that car road-worthy. The tires were changed (\$427.57), the windshield was replaced (\$262.13) and several other minor repairs were made by Craig Harvey but not reimbursed. Total for making the car road-worthy was \$736.07.

The title to the car has now been transferred to the Detachment (\$46.37) and we are awaiting the title after which the title will be transferred to the Recipient. Additional title change fees will be involved but in the meantime, the Recipient has been provided a notarized Bill of Sale to permit him to drive the car.

The Detachment has paid his first month's insurance (plus previous fees in arrears (\$270.37) and will be paying two additional months (@ \$132.80) for a total of \$535.97 for insurance for three months. Thereafter, he will be responsible for the insurance.

He has been approved for an apartment and will be taking possession of that apartment within the next two weeks.

As he has no personal items whatsoever, the Committee further authorized the provision of previously donated furnishings from our stores and the expenditure of up to \$750 for other supplemental housing and personal items.

**Recipient 047** is a 75-year old Marine who was referred by another Detachment. He has had a stroke which left him bed-ridden for nearly a year. Through therapy, he has regained some movement on his left side but he remains partially incapacitated. He is no longer able to drive and his only means of transport has been a motorized wheelchair. However, that wheelchair is on its last legs and he can become stranded at any time.

The Committee has authorized providing him of one of the two previously donated mobility scooters we currently have on hand. He was also provided the only charger we have on hand.

The scooter was provided to him and his appreciation was beyond words.

**Recipient 048** is a 45-year old Navy (Seabee) retiree who is recovering from a gunshot wound inflicted by neighbor in an attempted murder. From our stores, the Detachment loaned to him a walker and a wheelchair to be used during his convalescence. These items will be returned after his recovery.

**Recipient 049** is a 36-year old Navy veteran who served on active duty for four years and received a General Discharge under Honorable Conditions. He had travelled to this area from his Virginia hometown in search of work but has been unable to find anything. He has been homeless and living in his car for a number of weeks and has been living on a small disability check. He had planned to return to Virginia but was without funds to pay the travel costs.

The Committee authorized providing him \$300 to help cover his return travel costs. However, when offered our support he declined to accept advising that he had found a temporary place to stay and he expected to receive his disability check within a few days which would allow him to continue looking for work.

**Recipient 050** is a 37-year old Air Force veteran who received a General Discharge under honorable conditions. She is a victim of domestic violence and as a result has been placed in a hotel for the last several weeks while HRC works with her in an attempt to secure employment.

She earlier placed her possessions in a storage unit until she has a permanent place to reside but she has been unable to make the payments for the storage unit for several months (\$600 currently due). A lien has been placed on the items stored there and are scheduled to be auctioned off to settle past rent.

The Committee authorized payment of the \$600 in arrears, payment of at least one month at a cost of \$104 per month and purchase of a new lock for the storage unit at a total cost of \$727.59. The Committee also authorized payment of at least two additional month's rent should she be unable to find suitable housing.

**Recipient 051** is a 60-year old Army veteran who received an honorable discharge (reasons of hardship). He is unemployed and has been living in Section 8 housing with his girlfriend. They were both recently arrested for (alcohol-induced mutual) domestic disturbance and as a result, he has been asked to vacate his apartment. He and the girlfriend have now reconciled and they are going to move to East Tennessee where they will live with his son. He has asked for assistance to help defray fuel costs during the move.

The Committee authorized the purchase of two gas cards each in the value of \$100 (total cost \$207.90 with activation fee).

**Recipient 052** is a 73-year old Air Force veteran who received an honorable discharge. He is in poor health which he attributes to Agent Orange exposure and suffers from inoperable liver disease. Although he has a great deal of difficulty walking, the VA has declined to provide a mobility scooter.

The Committee approved providing him one of the two previously donated scooters we have in our stores. This required the replacement of the batteries of that scooter and the purchase of a replacement charging cord. The Committee also approved the simultaneous replacement of the batteries of the remaining scooter to be able to respond quickly to another request should one arise. Total cost for the batteries for both scooters and one charging cord was \$235.94.

**Recipient 053** is a 53-year old Marine who received a bad conduct discharge. He has recently found employment and is currently in the Hancock County Resource Center recovery/assistance program. However, he has been unable to pay his water bill for several months and is facing shut-off of that utility.

The Committee authorized a one-time payment of his water bill in the amount of \$349.17.

**Recipient 054** is an elderly widow of an Army veteran who has been living in assisted housing but her apartment has a problem with mold for nearly a year. The landlord has not made repairs and she may be forced to relocate. She has also been unable to care for her apartment and is now overwhelmed with trash and junk and in general is living in unsanitary conditions.

The Committee authorized the expenditure of \$500 to make emergency repairs or to pay for other immediate needs should it be necessary. However, seven Detachment Members and friends of the Detachment volunteered time and effort and cleaned/hailed as was needed. No expenditure of Detachment funds was required.

**Recipient 055** is a 38-year old 4-year Marine veteran who resides near Tupelo, MS. He was burned out of his home and at the time of his original request was attempting to obtain temporary housing for his wife and three children. Also residing with them were his wife's sister and her six children who were living with them to escape an abusive relationship. Detachment 1220 (Tupelo, MS) had initially paid for several days at a local motel, had arranged for some clothing and toys for the children and had also arranged for a \$300 Walmart card. The family is attempting to salvage whatever they can from their home and have also obtained some clothing through a local Catholic Church. They are now staying in a temporary home until their homeowner's insurance claim is settled but the cost is substantially more (about \$500 per month) than they can afford. In addition, if their burned home is declared a total loss, the insurance settlement will likely cover only the balance of the mortgage. The veteran is working full-time and his wife is searching for employment.

Generally, the charitable efforts of this Detachment are limited to the three Mississippi coastal counties (Hancock, Harrison and Jackson). However, in extraordinary circumstances, this geographic restriction can be waived by a vote of the Committee which was done in this case. The Committee then voted to provide \$1,500 to assist this Recipient. That amount was provided to Detachment 1220 to administer with the stipulation that it go exclusively to assist this veteran.

**Recipient 056** is a 41-year old divorced male who served in the Marine Corps and is 100% disabled. Until recently, he had been living with a girlfriend who shared some of the household expenses. The girlfriend moved out at the same time his lease expired. He is now homeless and living in a tent. We have been attempting to find suitable housing for him but at this time, we have not been able to do so but will continue to assist.

In the meantime, the Committee authorized the six-month rental of a Post Office Box at a cost of \$45.00.

**Recipient 057** is a 21-year old MS Army National Guard soldier who was on active duty for four months and has now been released from active duty. However, he was unable to resume his civilian job for two months and as a result, has been unable to pay his \$1,100 rent. He hopes to be able to cover his utilities with his first paycheck but there may be additional shortfalls until he gets back on his feet.

The Committee approved the payment of his \$1,100 past due rent.

**Recipient 058** was referred by a Member of the Detachment. He is a 74-year old Army veteran who owns and has lived in a double-wide mobile home for more than twenty years. It is located on a site owned by the veteran. The home is deteriorating, the floor has broken through at several points, the walls are warped and there is mold in a number of places. During Hurricane Ida, the roof began to leak and he lost the pole supporting the electrical line into the home. He was able to get the pole replaced but has been experiencing intermittent power failures since

that time. He recently had two small electrical fires and power has now failed to various parts of the home. He is now staying with a friend until the home can be more made habitable or some other solution can be found.

The Committee authorized the payment for a service call (\$85.00) to assess the electrical problem. The immediate problem was found to be the panel into which the line feeds from the street to the home. The technician estimated the cost for repair of that portion to be approximately \$700. This would only be the restoration of electricity to the outside of the home. He then went inside and reported that too many repairs would be required to make the home safe for electrical power. He advised that all wiring, breakers and panels would require replacement and that his company was not willing to undertake the repairs because of the potential for subsequent fires on undetected problems and the associated liability.

The Recipient is considering his options. He has income from Social Security and is still working but his income is minimal. He probably does not have the resources available to replace the home unless something is found at a very reasonable price. Because some of the immediate problems (leaking roof and electrical) were triggered by Hurricane Ida, we will be encouraging him to review available disaster assistance. However, because there were other existing problems before the storm, he may be found to be ineligible. If a replacement mobile home within his means is found, the existing home would have to be demolished and removed (cost unknown) and the electrical line into the site would still require repair (\$700). Failing that, he will have find a rental and may require assistance with the deposits involved in that. Additionally, the existing home would still have to be removed and the site cleared.

**Recipient 059** is a 26-year old Marine whose 6-month old child was born with both Plagiocephaly (misshapen (flat) skull) and torticollis (contracted neck muscles causing the neck to tilt sideways, forwards, or backwards). According to the neurosurgeon handling the case, a specialized helmet is required to begin to correct the skull. They were told that Tricare will not cover the (approximately) \$1,800 cost of the helmet because they judged it to be cosmetic. An appeal has been filed but it does not look promising. The family has purchased the helmet but this has been a substantial burden.

The Committee approved the reimbursement of the cost of the helmet.

**Recipient 060** is a Navy veteran who served four years and was honorably discharged. He was referred by HRC. He is currently under-employed and his fiancée is searching for full-time employment. They and her two children were forced to move from their rented home because of the owner's sale of the home. They have not been able to find housing within their means and were forced to put all of their property in a rented storage space and move into an extended stay hotel. After one-week and with the cost of the move/storage, they have depleted all of their funds. In the past, his minimal income level had nevertheless precluded their receiving assistance from HRC. However, because they are now considered to be homeless, they are now eligible for help from HRC. HRC paid for one week at a hotel but cannot pay additional towards the hotel at this time. In addition, as a means of economizing, they had last year put his car on blocks and they had been driving her car. Her car recently broke down and they were forced to use his car with expired tags.

The Committee authorized the payment of a one week hotel stay for the Recipient and his family (\$372.45), the partial reimbursement of their moving expenses (\$508.47 for the rental truck) and the payment of the fees necessary to bring current his car license tag (\$91.90). It is also anticipated that payment of an additional week at the hotel may also be necessary.

Update: HRC had taken over his case and had begun paying his hotel bill. However, HRC noticed no progress on his finding a permanent residence and HRC notified him that they would no longer pay his hotel bill. He again contacted us and requested that we again pay his bill. After we initially declined to pay for one-week, the Committee authorized the payment of \$403.20 for a four day hotel stay to permit him time to receive his next paycheck.

**Recipient 061** is a 27-year old Army Reserve soldier who was referred by the Camp Shelby Family Services Office. He has completed basic training and has attended monthly meetings for five years. He has not yet been activated. He is married with two children and both the husband and the wife are currently employed. They recently had unexpected expenses related to the death of his father in Ohio which required that he travel there to settle that estate. As a result, they were unable to pay the current month's rent of \$1,441.00.

The Committee authorized the one-time rent payment of \$1,441 plus a \$50 late payment fee for a total of \$1,491.00.

**Recipient 062** is a 59-year old Marine who served on active duty for six years (broken time) and received an honorable discharge for medical reasons (10% disability then and 30% disability now).

He has been working as a grocery bagger and had been making ends meet until he was infected with Covid-19. Because he was quarantined he was unable to work for several weeks and his infection was too late for him to receive offsetting government assistance. As a result, he fell behind two months on his rent as well as on other bills. He has returned to work and has been paying off the other bills but has now received an eviction notice with court date.

The Committee authorized the payment of two months back rent plus late penalties totaling \$1,101.00.

**Recipient 063** is a 63-year old Army veteran who received an honorable discharge. Six months ago, he fell one month behind in his rent. Although he has since been paying his monthly rent on time, he has been unable to pay the one-month he has been in arrears and he now faces eviction and a court date has been scheduled.

The Committee authorized the payment of the one month rent he is in arrears totaling \$586.32.

**Recipient 064** is a 102-year old Marine veteran who was wounded on Iwo Jima. His financial situation is stable but he sometimes requires outside help because of various health problems. Additionally, his wife has been unable to leave him unattended and this has made it difficult for her to take care of other necessities such as household shopping, cleaning, etc.

Members of the Detachment contacted the local Veteran Services Officer (VSO) who immediately visited the veteran and began pushing the VA for assistance. Additionally, contact

was made with one of Congressman Palazzo's staff who also contacted the VA. As a result of their efforts, an evaluation of the veteran was conducted on the following day. The veteran now receives in-home VA-funded assistance for a number of hours, five days each week. This provides assistance in bathing, house cleaning and time away for the spouse for other necessities. (Note: Letters of Appreciation from the Detachment were presented to the VSO and to Congressman Palazzo's staff member for their quick and persistent actions taken with the VA on behalf of this veteran.)

The Detachment provided a wheelchair to the veteran from our stores. The Committee also authorized the purchase of two grab bars (\$78.22) and Members of the Detachment have made the installation. Notably, one of the friends of the Detachment provided a very useful hospital bed to permit the veteran to rest safely and comfortably. Members of the Detachment transported the bed to the home and then placed and assembled it.

**Recipient 065** is a 66-year old Army veteran who received a General Discharge under Honorable Conditions. He normally works two weeks per month and combined with his Social Security has been able to make do. He recently contracted Covid and was unable to work for a number of days. As a result, he fell behind on his electric bill and it was about to be turned off.

The Committee authorized the payment of his electric bill in the amount of \$200.29.

**Recipient 066** is a 64-year old Navy veteran who received an honorable discharge and was referred by his VA social worker. He is 100% disabled, wheelchair-bound, unable to work and has no resources aside from his disability income. It is unlikely that he will be working for health reasons and his income will probably not change substantially. He has moved into an apartment which is more wheelchair accessible, lower cost and with utilities provided. However, he does not have the funds for the required deposit and the first month's rent (total of \$1,050). Additionally, he does not have funds for food until his next disability check.

The Committee authorized the payment of the first month's rent and deposit and the purchase of sufficient food and other necessities to last until his next disability check in the amount of \$1,249.77.

**Recipient 067** is a 34-year old Air Force veteran who received an honorable discharge after four years of service and was referred by HRC. She is currently receiving HUD/VASH assistance and has been paying her \$401.50 rent regularly. She has recently had unavoidable expenses which prevented her paying one month's rent. She had been working full time in a local casino making \$11 per hour and has now found a position which pays somewhat better but she is still in arrears and is about to be evicted.

The Committee authorized the payment of her one month rent that is in arrears plus penalties in the amount of \$476.50.

**Recipient 068** is a 62 year old Navy Veteran with an honorable discharge who after living in a tent for 3 years, contacted Hancock Resource Center for assistance. HRC put him in a hotel for 8 weeks, while connecting him with HUD/VASH. HUD/VASH provided him a voucher and he has moved into an apartment. He has no income but has now applied for Social Security benefits and should start receiving those benefits shortly. He has multiple health problems and is now

receiving physical therapy. He is currently without a mattress and HRC has requested our assistance in obtaining a set.

The Committee authorized the purchase of a mattress and box springs with bed frame at a delivered total cost of \$663.38.

**Recipient 069** is an 85-year old Marine who suffered a serious fall some time earlier and is now unable to rise from a sitting position without assistance.

The Committee authorized the purchase of a lift chair at a delivered cost of \$562.00.

**Recipient 070** is 65-year old Marine suffering from cancer and residing in a nursing home. It was suggested that a small tabletop refrigerator would allow him to keep drinks and snacks in his room

The Committee authorized the purchase of a tabletop refrigerator at a delivered cost of \$117.70.

**Recipient 071** is a 35-year old MS National Guard Member who has deployed twice. She and her finance have four children residing with them. She lost her job a few months ago and has since been unable to find anything suitable. Her finance makes deliveries but his income is minimal. They have fallen behind on their rent and have been given seven days to settle their account by an eviction court. The amount in arrears is \$1,916 but she has only been able to find a portion of the money due. In addition, she will have a difficult time coming up with the following month's rent.

The Committee authorized the payment of the rent in arrears plus the following month's rent totaling \$2,617.

**Recipient 072** is a 33-year old Army veteran with four campaigns in Afghanistan and is a Purple Heart recipient. He and his wife have three children under the age of ten. Recently, their home was burglarized and all of his cash and other valuables and goods were stolen. As a result, he is unable to pay his rent, electric bill and cell phone bill. The local American Legion has agreed to assist with his cell phone bill and the Camp Shelby Food Pantry and Family Assistance Center has provided foodstuffs, blankets and toys for the children. However, he still owed approximately \$850 in rent and \$283 for his electric bill. Although they reside outside of our normal area of operations in George Country, our SOP does allow for exceptions and in this case, the Committee made an exception.

The Committee authorized the payment of the rent and the electric bill totaling \$1,133.

**Recipient 073** is a 60-year old veteran of five years with the Coast Guard who lives with his wife and their teenaged son. He has recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer and is now unable to work. He has applied for disability benefits but it will take some time for a response. His wife works 45-50 hours per week but with the added medical bills, utilities and house payments, they are falling behind on their bills. They had earlier purchased and financed their home from a private individual (\$900 per month) plus insurance (\$200 per month).

The Committee authorized the payment of a stipend of \$1,500 for each of 2 months (total of \$3,000) after which the case will be reevaluated.

Update 01: The Recipient advised that he has been approved for disability payments but that these will not begin for three months.

After reevaluation, the Committee authorized the payment of three additional months of stipends.

Update 02: Recipient 073 has now passed. Although there is mortgage insurance available, that will not be settled for at least two months leaving the widow and their 14-year old son short on funds. At the date of his death, the Charitable Affairs Fund has made three mortgage payments totaling \$4,500. The Committee reviewed the situation and agreed to two additional payments (as previously authorized). This will bring to five the number of payments made with each in the amount of \$1,500 each and totaling \$7,500.

**Recipient 074** is a 77-year old Air Force veteran who previously resided on the Gulf Coast and was very active with local veteran support groups. After he and his wife relocated out of the Gulf Coast area his wife began suffering from a severe but originally undiagnosed disease. None of the medical facilities covered by their insurance were able to make a correct diagnosis. They then turned to facilities that were not covered by their insurance and quickly went through their savings and are now very short of funds. The wife has now been correctly diagnosed and is under treatment but is in poor condition because of the late diagnosis.

Although they now reside outside of the three MS Gulf Coast counties and as permitted by the Detachment SOP, the Committee voted to provide assistance in the amount of \$1,000.

**Recipient 075** is a 39-year old veteran who spent 5 years in the Marine Corps during which time he deployed to Iraq for one tour. After his discharge from the Marine Corps, he joined the Army National Guard and was then activated and sent to Iraq for another tour. He is married and has four children. He recently lost his job and was out of work for two months. Because they had more or less been living paycheck to paycheck, they fell behind on their rent by one month. Their place of residence is in northern Mississippi which is out of the Detachment's normal area of operations. However, the SOP permits providing assistance outside of the three coastal counties on a case by case basis.

The Committee authorized the payment of one month's rent plus a late fee totaling \$850.

**Recipient 076** is a 37-year old veteran of six years in the Navy who served in Afghanistan. She has an Associate's Degree and a Bachelor's Degree in areas of study with limited salability. She is a recently divorced, pregnant and a single mother of an 11-year old daughter. She receives 70% disability related to PTSD. She has been trying to increase her disability to 100% but has not yet been able to do so. The father has not paid child support. She is unemployed but does some day to day work for cash amounting to \$200-\$300 per month. When her resources run out, she has been putting the shortages on her credit cards. Those cards are now maxed out. She lives in her mortgaged home which costs a little over \$1,000 per month. Her electricity bill was months unpaid and was turned off for nonpayment. Her water bill was in arrears and was about to be turned

off as well. All of her other bills were also in arrears including her car payments (about to be repossessed), car tags, car insurance, trash pick-up, cell phone and internet. Her student loans were in forbearance but she would be unable to pay those. Her credit card debt totaled in excess of \$32,000.

The Committee approved a Detachment-formulated plan of action which required that she accomplish certain things including obtaining employment in exchange for which, the Detachment would pay certain of her necessary bills (specifically excluding student loan and credit card debt) for a three month period of time. The amount expended to date is approximately \$4,940. However, because the Recipient has failed to comply with the terms of the agreement, the Detachment has ceased to pay her bills.

**Recipient 077** is a 76-year old Army veteran who had been receiving in home care for a variety of reasons. Approximately three months earlier, he fell from his bed and broke his hip. He underwent surgery and rehabilitation at the VA hospital and when he was released and returned home, he found that the caregivers had been living in and destroying his home. Pipes were broken and water damage resulted. They ran up a \$900 electric bill, stole items, destroyed furniture and generally ruined his home. Additionally, the caregivers had collected a large number (13-18) of cats who were also living there. The odor resulting from widespread animal urination was horrible and the entire dwelling was overrun with rodents, roaches and other pests. The cats have now been removed and the caregivers are being investigated and will likely be charged with elder abuse as well as other charges. He now has other caregivers but he has few resources remaining and is unable to move about without assistance.

One of the friends of the Detachment donated a hospital bed to replace the bug and rodent infested bed in which he was sleeping. The Detachment purchased two ceiling fans which were installed by the caregivers. The Detachment arranged for the placement of a commercial dumpster for removal of ruined and useless items. Several Detachment Members as well as four members of the Gulfport I&I Staff removed the kitchen cabinets all of which were no longer serviceable. They also removed to the dumpster a large quantity of items from both inside and outside of the home. The Detachment arranged for a brush hogging service to get the lawn under control to lessen the rodent problem. The Detachment also arranged for multiple rodent/pest treatments after which the cabinets will be replaced at Detachment cost. The Detachment also purchased a washing machine, refrigerator and kitchen stove to replace items ruined or stolen and also purchased a needed lift-chair. After partial completion of the rodent/pest treatments, the Detachment purchased replacement kitchen cabinets and four Members of the Detachment made the installation. Expenditures have totaled approximately \$7366.

**Recipient 078** is a 46-year old veteran of the Air Force who received an honorable discharge. His 41-year old wife is also an Air Force veteran who received an honorable discharge. Both husband and wife had been working but the husband was laid off some months ago. The wife continued to work and the husband was able to find new employment after several months. They are now recovering financially but have not been able to pay the two months rent that is arrears and they are under threat of eviction.

The Committee authorized the payment of the two month's rent that was in arrears in the amount of \$2,520.

**Recipient 079** is a 30-year old Marine who received an honorable discharge. He has two children. He and his wife are going through a divorce and they will have joint custody of the children. Because of that split and the necessity to maintain two homes, he is facing extra expenses. He has recently started a new job which will pay a base salary with the chance of commission which he feels will be sufficient to cover his expenses. However, he is currently \$3960 in debt and has requested assistance in that amount.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$1,277 (mortgage), \$836 (car payment) and \$526 utilities for a total of \$3,916.

Update 01: The Committee authorized the additional payment of \$1,115.44 (mortgage) and \$212.64 (electric). The Committee declined to authorize the payment of \$2,000 in lawyer fees.

Update 02: The Committee authorized the additional payment of \$1,057.30 (mortgage), \$419 (car payment), \$137 (water) and \$252 (electric).

**Recipient 080** is a 22-year old national guard soldier who has completed basic training, has now served for approximately two years and is attending meetings regularly. She is working full-time at a fast food restaurant drawing minimum wage and she is actively searching for better employment. She is living with her godmother to whom she pays \$200 a month in rent and \$200 a month to assist in utilities. She has fallen two months behind in her car payment and is under threat of repossession.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$764 to bring her up-to-date on her car payments. In addition, she was referred to a local company for potential employment.

**Recipient 081** is a 36-year old Army (National Guard) soldier who has been deployed in the past. He is married and they have one child. His wife does not have a job.

He recently lost his job and is now in search of a new job. They have been paying bills with their now depleted savings. As a result, they have fallen behind in their rent payments and they have received a 3-day notice to vacate.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$2,096 in back rent and late fees and the payment of one payment of \$849 for the upcoming month's rent.

**Recipient 082** spent more than 20 years in the Tennessee Army National Guard. He was activated and was sent to Iraq where he was seriously wounded by an IED in 2007. After hospitalization and rehabilitation he received a medical discharge. However, he has now developed spinal cancer believed to be connected to titanium pins used in his reconstruction and his life expectancy is limited.

He is married and they had two children who were both murdered about two years earlier. He and his wife recently purchased and closed on a home. Soon thereafter it was discovered that

the electrical panel/breaker box and some related wiring will have to be replaced or their homeowners' insurance (required by the mortgage holder) will be cancelled.

Because of the expenses related to his daughters' funerals and the purchase of the home, they are without resources to make the repairs estimated to be about \$2,420. Although they are not residents of the three Coastal Counties and would normally be outside of our area of support, the Charitable Affairs SOP allows the Committee to assist outside of the area in extraordinary circumstances.

The Committee authorized the payment of the electrical repair bill not to exceed \$2,420.

**Recipient 083** is an honorably discharged Navy veteran who served for ten years. He is divorced and provides child support for three children. After his divorce and to keep living expenses low enough to be able to pay child support, he has been living in a furnished, rented room. He has now found a better paying job and to facilitate visitation, will be moving to a rental closer to his children. His brother, an honorably discharged Marine lives out of State in a shed without utilities and is unemployed. He will be bringing his brother to this area to reside with him.

He does not have sufficient funds for the water and electric deposits (totaling approximately \$450). Additionally, and because he has been in a furnished room, he has no furniture or household items and does not have the funds to purchase these and other necessities.

The Committee authorized the payment of the deposits for the water and electric. Additionally, an appeal has been sent out for donations of needed furnishings and household items. After provision of whatever items are donated, a survey will be done to determine his additional needs.

Update: A large amount of furnishings and household items were donated by Detachment Members and friends of the Detachment after which a needs survey was conducted. It was determined that certain new items were needed and have since been provided to him. These included a microwave, coffeepot, bedding and other household and expendable items totaling approximately \$1,160 in cost.

**Recipient 084** is a 22-year old National Guard soldier who recently returned from deployment. He had been told that his active-duty status was to be extended for a period of time and so he did not immediately return to his full-time job. The active-duty extension did not occur as scheduled and as a result, he lost about six weeks pay. Although he has now returned to his full-time job, he has fallen behind in his rent and is facing eviction within the next several days.

The Committee authorized a one-time rent payment in the amount of \$1,000.

**Recipient 085** is a 21-year old Marine who has two years of service in the Marine Corps Reserve. He lives outside of our normal area of support but his Reserve Duty Station is within our area. He and his (19-year old) girlfriend with whom he lives recently became parents. He works as a pizza delivery person at night and his girlfriend works in a taco truck during the day. With the new addition to the family, they have been overwhelmed with expenses and have been unable to make ends meet. He is looking for a better job and they are also searching for a less expensive apartment.

The Committee authorized the one-time payment of approximately \$1,150 to cover current and past due cell, utilities and renters/auto insurance.

Update: The Recipient advises that he has begun working full-time painting and hanging sheetrock. He also delivers for Doordash as he can. They have moved to a less expensive townhouse and he feels he is on track to be able to handle his future expenses. However, he has not yet received his first paycheck and with moving expenses and security deposit he cannot pay this month's rent.

The Committee authorized a one-time payment of approximately \$1,100 to cover his current rent expense.

**Recipient 086** is a 33-year old National Guard soldier. Her husband is a 34-year old National Guard soldier who recently returned from deployment. They have three children. During the husband's deployment, the wife had been working part-time but they have fallen several payments behind on their car payments. The wife has found full-time employment but she will not start for several weeks. The husband is searching for full-time employment.

The Committee authorized the payment of three of their past due car loan bills totaling \$1,800.

**Recipient 087** is a 73-year old Air Force retiree whose home and car were extensively damaged during a recent tornado. She was home during the event and received some injuries when she was knocked to the floor by the force of the tornado. Another agency is providing limited monetary assistance, some clothing, transportation and some food. Because of health issues and concern for mold, she has not been able to return to her home and at this time, she is unsure of whether or not she will be able to rebuild. Her brother who is also elderly is attempting to clear some of the debris but he too has health issues.

Although the Detachment does not normally provide cash, the Committee felt an exception was in order because of her wide range of needs and authorized a \$2,000 payment.

**Recipient 088** is a 20 year old National Guard soldier who has just returned from extended annual training. He makes substantially less during deployment and as a result has been unable to cover his electric bill. All of his other bills have been paid and because he has returned to his civilian job, he feels he will be able to recover.

The Committee authorized the payment of his electric bill in the amount of \$205.

**Recipient 089** is a 76-year old veteran of the Army National Guard who has a number of serious health issues and has a good deal of difficulty moving around. He owns and lives in a mobile home that is in poor condition including an inoperable air conditioning system, a good deal of mold, holes in some of the walls and floors and carpet that should be removed for both sanitary and safety reasons. An assessment of the site was made by Members of the Detachment and they reported that in order to make it habitable, the air conditioning system should be replaced, the mold problem addressed and the flooring and dry wall problems addressed.

The Committee authorized payments necessary to bring the residence to habitable standards. That has included mold remediation of \$3,850 and removal of the existing air conditioning system and replacement and installation of a new system at a cost of approximately \$5,200. Other necessary repairs will also be made. Note that some of these repairs may be addressed by Members of the Detachment depending upon the availability of volunteers with the necessary skills.

Update: Additional repairs were made to the residence including the replacement of sections of walls and floors. Total additional cost was approximately \$1,500.

**Recipient 090** is a 76-year old 100% disabled Army veteran who is living on his disability income.

Recently, the final burner of his very old electric range stopped working. As a result, he is no longer able to cook and does not have the resources to repair or replace the unit.

The Committee authorized the purchase, delivery and installation of a new electric range as well as the removal of his old unit at a cost of approximately \$950.

**Recipient 091** is a 62-year old disabled Army veteran who lives alone on his disability and retirement.

His lease had expired and he was in the process of moving which would have required that he purchase a bedroom set to replace the borrowed set he had been using. While

moving, his car broke down. The cost for repairs were too expensive and he purchased a used replacement. The down payment used all of his available cash and he now cannot afford to purchase a bedroom set or to buy food.

Subsequent checks were made and his veteran status has not been confirmed.

**Recipient 092** is a 60-year old Navy retiree who lost his home during Katrina. He had been working as an overseas contractor but that position is now terminated and he is now unable to work because of back problems.

Until recently he has been living in a long-term hotel but his funds have run out and he was living on the streets. One of the local VFW's is attempting to assist him in getting back on his feet and they are trying to acquire a camper which can be placed in an inexpensive campground. That is to serve as a temporary shelter while they attempt to find a more permanent solution. In the meantime, he is in need of a place to stay for about two weeks until the camper can be acquired and placed.

The Committee authorized the payment of hotel bills for about two weeks at a cost of approximately \$1,100.

**Recipient 093** is a 53-year old veteran who served who served 3 years in the Marine Corps. He has been a career firefighter until approximately 3 months prior when he suffered a severe stroke and is no longer able to work. His abilities to both move and speak have been limited by the stroke and it is unlikely that he will regain full use of either of these functions. He is married and has two teenage children. His wife who had been working part-time has been looking for a full-time position since his stroke.

He will soon be medically retired and has filed for disability. He will also begin drawing from his TSP. However, it will take about three months before these payments can begin and he will need assistance to cover his \$2,100 monthly mortgage during the interim.

The Committee authorized the payment of his mortgage for up to three months.

**Recipient 094** is a 23-year old National Guard soldier who lost his job two months prior and at approximately the same time, separated from his wife. Living alone, he has been able to pay all of his bills from his savings except his mortgage and he is now approximately \$3,100 in arrears and his savings have been completely depleted.

He has begun a new job but will not be paid for another week and he has received a foreclosure notice on his home. He believes that with his new job he will be able to manage his future bills.

The Committee authorized a one-time payment of his past due mortgage.

**Recipient 095** is a 51-year old former member of the Navy who left the Navy after 12-years and joined the Army National Guard. Since that time, he has been deployed a number of times. He is married and has a 12-year old child. Both he and his wife had been employed. However, several months earlier, she lost her job and as a result, they fell behind on their bills. She has since found another job and they are now trying to recover financially. They are working with a financial counselor and are also working with the mortgage company. To avoid foreclosure, the mortgage company has agreed to a repayment plan but it requires an immediate payment of some of the arrears.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$2,000 to the mortgage company to bring their account current and to avoid foreclosure.

**Recipient 096** is a 39-year old Army National Guard soldier who is currently deployed and will remain so for another 10 months. He is paying child support for a child of a previous marriage. His current wife has three children from a previous marriage. All three of those children are currently attending college. She currently is employed as an LPN. The engine of the family car has failed and now requires replacement at an estimated cost of approximately \$5,000.

The Committee authorized the payment of up to \$5,000 for repairs to the car.

**Recipient 097** is a 43-year old National Guard soldier who has previously been deployed three times to Afghanistan. She has one 12-year old child. She is currently going through a divorce. As he was leaving, the husband removed most of the household items from the home which required replacement of some items. She is working and will begin a second job shortly. She recently wrecked her only car and is now using a borrowed vehicle which is in poor shape and will not last. She has placed her house on the market and has moved in with her mother until she regains financial stability. She has fallen behind on her mortgage, electric and telephone bills and is now approximately \$2,500 in arrears on those bills. She is also in need of another \$2,500 as a down payment for a replacement car.

The Committee authorized the payment of the mentioned bills that are in arrears and the payment of the down payment on the replacement car for a total of approximately \$5,000.

**Recipient 098** is a 31-year old Army veteran who relocated to the MS Gulf Coast two months ago to accept full-time employment. He is scheduled to begin his new job in the next several days. He is married and has one child.

Because of relocation-related expenses, he has insufficient funds to cover his rent for the month. An area VFW will pay a portion of his rent but he is still short approximately \$600.

The Committee authorized the payment of the remaining portion of his rent.

**Recipient 099** is a 53-year old Marine who had been working remotely and sending the bulk of his money to his live-in girlfriend for a down-payment on their home. When he returned to the area, he found that she had left taking all of their money and possessions. He is now unemployed, destitute and homeless. He is also receiving medical treatment involving the draining of excess fluids from his body and will be entering the VA hospital for further treatment.

The Committee authorized the payment for a hotel room for seven nights until he could be admitted to the VA hospital for treatment.

**Recipient 100** is a 75-year old Marine who suffers from service-connected kidney cancer and is receiving related disability payments. He and his wife of 50-years have had custody of their two grandchildren until her death last year from breast cancer. His son has now straightened out his life and will soon be taking custody of the children. However, he is not yet sufficiently financially stable to do so and custody remains with the Recipient. Since the death of his wife, the Recipient has attempted to recover from debts incurred because of her sickness and because of the added expenses resulting from his custody of the grandchildren. Recently, his vehicle has broken down leaving him without needed transportation and bills for repairs are expected to be approximately \$8,000. In addition, he is several thousand dollars in debt for everyday recurring expenses.

The Committee authorized the payment of approximately \$2,000 towards his recurring debt.

**Recipient 101** is a 58-year old Navy veteran who served three years. He is married and has two minor children. His wife is employed. He recently underwent back surgery and has been undergoing physical therapy. As a result, he has been unable to work but he has been receiving short-term disability payments. He expects to return to work shortly but his vehicle needed immediate repairs. That expense meant that he has been unable to pay his mortgage, electric and cell bills totaling approximately \$1,300.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$1,300 to cover the bills indicated above.

**Recipient 102** is an elderly Marine whose trailer was demolished during a recent storm. The Committee authorized the payment of his hotel bills for two weeks but the veteran declined our assistance stating that others had more need than did he.

**Recipient 103** is a MS National Guard soldier currently on active duty whose 8-month pregnant wife has been forced to quit her job because of heart problems. As a result of their additional medical bills and loss of income, they have fallen behind on many of

their bills. They have received some assistance from the MS National Guard Military Family Relief Fund but they still require assistance totaling approximately \$1,900 to cover their water bill, car insurance and their car payment.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$1,900 to cover the bills indicated above.

**Recipient 104** is a 23-year old Mississippi National Guard soldier who has so far served three years. He is married, has no children and his wife does not work outside of the home. He recently lost his job as a truck driver and is in search of another. As a result, they have been unable to pay their mortgage and cell phone bills totaling approximately \$1,700. He has a number of job interviews lined up and hopes to have a new job in the immediate future.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$1,700 to cover the bills indicated above.

**Recipient 105** is a Mississippi National Guard soldier with three years of service. He is married and his wife recently gave birth to their first child. He lost his civilian job because he wanted to be present for the birth of his child and when he returned to work, his position had been filled. He is currently in search of another position and is working with job counselors in his job search. He is in need of assistance in paying his rent and his car note with both totaling approximately \$2,200.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$2,200 to cover the bills indicated above.

**Recipient 106** is a 20-year old Army National Guard soldier who joined the Guard late last year. He has just completed his basic training and advanced infantry training and has found a new job which will begin in the next several days. He has taken an apartment and has purchased a used car. However, the down payments on the car, the apartment and the security deposits for utilities have exhausted his savings and he is now unable to pay his next month's rent totaling approximately \$1,400. He feels that after starting his new job, he will be financially stable and has requested rent assistance in the amount indicated.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$1,400 to cover the bills indicated above.

**Recipient 107** is a 23-year old Army National Guard soldier with four years of service. He was activated and served on the Gulf Coast during the Covid emergency. He was then placed on annual training during which his pregnant wife went into labor. He was released from annual training to be with his wife during their child's birth. Because of his extended period of active duty, he has no civilian job at this time and has fallen behind on his rent (\$1,600) and electrical (\$200) payments. Additionally, the engine of his only car has blown and requires replacement (\$2,500).

The Committee authorized the payment of \$4,300 to cover the bills indicated above.

**Recipient 108** is 30-year old wounded and disabled Army National Guard soldier who remains in the Guard despite her disability. She is a single mother who receives some child support. She lost her civilian job three months ago but begins a new job in the next several days. Because of her loss of employment she has fallen behind on her water (\$130) and electric (\$135) bills and on car payment (\$800).

The Committee authorized the payment of \$1,100 to cover the bills indicated above.

**Recipient 109** is a 27-year old National Guard soldier who recently had an automobile accident requiring hospitalization and resulting from her having passed out while driving. She was referred to a neurologic specialist who diagnosed her with a seizure disorder. As a result of that diagnosis, her driver license has been revoked through end of the year as has her ability to work. She is a single mother and as the sole source of income she has fallen behind on her bills. Efforts to qualify her for temporary SSA assistance are underway but she requires immediate assistance to cover her various utility bills, medical bills and her mortgage currently totaling approximately \$3,800.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$3,800 to cover the bills indicated above.

**Recipient 110** is a 59-year old Army veteran who served for four years. He is currently unemployed and receives disability payments. He resides in Hattiesburg which is outside of our normal area of operation but his electricity will be turned off today unless payment of \$250 is made.

The Committee authorized the payment of \$250 to cover his immediate electric bill.

**Recipient 111** is a 28-year old Army National Guard soldier who is married and has four children. He recently lost his civilian job because of company downsizing. He has found a new job and is undergoing that company's intake process and will not receive his first paycheck for about four weeks. His resources are now depleted and he will not be able to pay his mortgage in the amount of about \$2,650 and his water bill in the amount of approximately \$150.

The Committee authorized a one-time payment of his mortgage and his water bill.

**Recipient 112** is a 51-year old Marine who served 12 ½ years before being medically discharged with 100% disability. He lives with his wife, his unmarried daughter and two grandchildren. He recently relocated to Mississippi to be closer to a large VA facility and now faces substantial financial problems because of relocation costs. He has found a home and will be using the last of his resources to turn on the utilities. However, he requires assistance for the lease security deposit and first month's rent totaling \$3,000.

The Committee authorized a one-time payment totaling \$3,000 with the landlord being advised that the security deposit is to be returned to the Detachment at the time of move-out.

**Update:** The Recipient advises that his finances have still not completely recovered and requested a one-time assist on his utilities.

The Committee authorized the payment of his electric and water bills totaling approximately \$750.

**Recipient 113** is a 29-year old Army veteran who was honorably discharged after completing four years of active duty service. He is now in the reserves, is married with five children, all under the age of five. His wife has a small business and he had been employed as a truck driver but that company was forced to close because of poor management. As a result, he has been out of work for about two months and they have been living on their savings and on the small amount brought in by his wife's business. He has received notification that he has been selected for employment as a local law officer. His background checks have been completed, he will begin work within about two weeks and he has been scheduled to attend the academy soon thereafter. Because of the lapse in his employment, he has fallen behind on his rent (\$3,800) and two car payments (\$1,670) and his car insurance (\$800) has been cancelled for nonpayment.

The Committee authorized the payment of the mentioned bills totaling almost \$6,300.

**Recipient 114** is a 32-year old National Guard soldier who recently returned from an extended deployment. He is married and has three children. He lives in an unincorporated area that is one county removed from our normal area of support but has nevertheless requested our assistance. Upon his return and because of administrative problems not of his making, he will not be paid for another two weeks. As a result, he will be unable to make his mortgage payment of approximately \$2,400.

The Committee authorized the payment of his mortgage with the provision that he make a repayment after he is paid. He has since made the full repayment.

**Recipient 115** is a 25-year old unmarried National Guard soldier who lives alone. He is employed locally but recently had an accident which required replacement of his automobile needed for work. As a result, he has been unable to pay his electric bill of approximately \$150.

The Committee authorized the payment of his electric bill totaling \$150.

**Recipient 116** is a 27-year old National Guard soldier who lives with his 7-year old son. He is legally separated from his wife who is currently incarcerated. He has legal custody of his son. He has been employed but between the need for child care and the recent breakdown of his car, his income has not been sufficient to cover his expenses. He expects to receive his first food stamps in a few days. As a result of all of this, he has decided to go on active duty and will be doing so within the next several weeks. He is currently two months behind on his rent (totaling \$2,105.00) and does not have sufficient funds to cover his electric bill (approximately \$150).

The Committee authorized the payment of the mentioned bills totaling almost \$2,210.

**Recipient 117** is a Marine Reservist who has a small business in the construction industry. He is unmarried and has no children. The recent extremely poor weather has adversely impacted his business to the extent that he is \$1,000 in arrears on his current month's rent and will be unable to pay his next month's rent in the amount of approximately \$2,250.

The Committee approved the payment of the amount in arrears and the upcoming month's rent.

**Recipient 118** is a 21-year old MS National Guard soldier who is married and has an 11 month old child. Her husband recently lost his job and as a result, they will be about \$250 short on their currently due mortgage. The husband has found a new job but will not start for a couple of months. As a result, they will be unable to make their next month's mortgage payment (\$1,850) as well.

The Committee approved the payment of the shortage amount and the upcoming month's mortgage.

**Recipient 119** is a 20-year old National Guard soldier who was laid off for seven weeks. As a result, he has fallen behind on his rent (\$875) and electric (150) payments. He is unmarried and has no dependents. He has since obtained another job but is in need of assistance to cover his rent and electric bills that are in arrears.

The Committee approved a one-time payment of his rent and electric bill as indicated.

**Recipient 120 (130)** is a 38-year old National Guard soldier, divorced, with 4 dependent children had her civilian job impacted by the Government Shutdown, coupled with a medical issue and was unable to drill for several months. As a result, she has fallen behind on her rent (\$2,756) and is faced with eviction at the end of December. She is back to drilling and working normal hours but does face surgery in January. She feels confident that once her rent is caught up, she can successfully maintain her bills.

The Committee approved a one-time payment of her back rent \$2,756.  
Rent Paid 12/19/2025 at Apartment Office by MCL.

**Recipient 121** is a Navy 27-year-old Female, with 2 ½ year old, medically discharged. 3 weeks ago, VA Case worker said it takes minimum of 60 days for disability payments to start. She has had a PT job for the last two weeks. She needs help with the transition, a one-time request has been made for the following: Rent \$1010 (Feb 17<sup>th</sup>), Elec \$180 (Feb 3)

The Committee approved a one-time payment of her utility and rent. Utility of 181.94 was paid at Utility Office on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **VA Targeted Accounts**

In addition to the above efforts made directly to individual veterans, the Detachment donated a total of \$2,500 to ten VA targeted accounts which provide earmarked, direct assistance to local veterans and Biloxi VA inpatients. Those funds are:

5555 – Needy veteran fund;  
5556 – Recreation Activities (canteen books, bingo, sporting events, recreation outings);  
5557 – Christmas Gifts (purchase of Christmas gifts for patients);  
5584 – Recreation Special Events (used to buy food for inpatients during special events and outings);  
5574 – Patient Coffee Fund (provide hot coffee for patients);  
5665 – Bait Shack (provide bait and fishing gear for inpatients to use on VA fishing pier);  
5671 – Women Veterans (used to fund the Women Veterans Program including Health Fairs and purchasing refreshments for monthly meeting);  
5593 – Blind Rehab (used to purchase items for patients in the Blind Rehab program);  
5626 – Hospice Program (used to fund the Hospice Program);  
5598 – Golden Age Games (used to fund travel and lodging for Veterans participating in the Golden Age Games);

#### **VFW Post 2539 Restoration**

As a result of Hurricane Zeta, VFW Post 2539 sustained a good deal of damage and after months of trying they have still been unable to recover and resume their normal activities.

The Committee authorized a grant of \$1,200 to the Post to go towards disaster relief. Additionally, the Detachment contacted the other MS Detachments suggesting donations be considered for VFW Post 2539. The Detachment further urged that the MCL Regional and National organizations publicize the Post's needs.

**Tennessee Flooding and Marine Corps Reserve Association**

The Marine Corps Reserve Association acting as a collection point for relief efforts for those impacted by severe flooding in central Tennessee and contacted the Southeast Division of the Marine Corps League requesting support.

The Committee authorized a grant of \$500 to be earmarked for relief of veterans and the families of veterans in the impacted areas.

**Louisiana Hurricane Ida Disaster Relief**

The Marine Corps League Southeast Division was acting as a collection point for relief efforts for veterans in Louisiana impacted by Hurricane Ida.

The Committee authorized a grant of \$1,000 to be earmarked for relief of veterans and the families of veterans in the impacted areas.