



The American Legion NEWPORT
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Veteran Emergency Assistance Fund (VEAF)

During 2020, the VEAF provided these services:

- **153** motel nights for 34 individual homeless veterans or veteran families.
- **47** individual veterans or veteran families received rental assistance to keep them housed.
- **16** vehicles owned by veterans were repaired.
- **26** gas cards were distributed.
- **35** Walmart gift cards were distributed for emergency food or baby supplies.
- **41** veterans were given financial support for special needs such as:
 - Medical deductibles
 - Dental costs
 - Emergency clothing
 - Utility bills
 - Bus passes
 - Emergency airline tickets
 - Moving expenses
 - Cemetery charges for placing a grave marker for a Korean war veteran
 - Cremation costs for a veteran's parent

In 2020, the Veteran Emergency Assistance Fund (VEAF) granted applications for **\$84,096** in emergency services to local veterans and veteran families. We expect \$120,000 in 2021.

In addition, the Service Officer, Cory Vigil, negotiated numerous times with 25 other local veteran service providers to share costs so that a veteran's application for assistance would not be rejected.

All donations to the VEAF are considered "restricted" and are maintained in a separate bank account to ensure that they are only used to help veterans in need. **Any veteran living in Orange County may apply** regardless of discharge status. An application is required so that their veteran status can be verified and their needs and current financial situation can be reviewed by the Service Officer. The VEAF has become an important resource because it is able to respond quickly and will partner with all local service providers.

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