

## 2017-18 Freedom Grant Recipients

Congratulations to this year's Freedom Grant recipients!

We look forward to serving veterans and military members this year with each of the following lodges.

Louisville, KY, Lodge No. 8 will partner with InterLink Counseling Services to host a fishing trip and dinner for veterans who are being treated for substance abuse and PTSD.

**Tri-City, RI, Lodge No. 14** will partner with the Rhode Island VA Medical Center monthly to provide food, clothing, and personal care items for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Washington-Rockville, MD, Lodge No. 15** will provide school supplies, clothing, shoes, holiday meals, and outings for veteran families year-round.

Willoughby-Cleveland, OH, Lodge No. 18 will create 150 warming kits filled with winter clothing to distribute to veterans staying at area shelters.

**New Haven, CT, Lodge No. 25** will serve a turkey dinner and distribute bags of coats, warm clothing, care items, and personalized gifts to community veterans in need.



Wheeling, WV, Lodge No. 28 will work with Project Healing Waters to hold a fly fishing trip for veterans with PTSD, host a Christmas party for veterans with disabilities, and partner with Helping Heroes, Inc. to provide small appliances for veterans in transitional housing.

New Orleans, LA, Lodge No. 30 will partner with the Volunteers of America to provide monthly birthday dinners and Christmas gifts for veterans in transitional housing.

**Omaha, NE, Lodge No. 39** will partner with Community Alliance to provide move in kits with kitchen items and cleaning supplies to veterans moving into apartments. Elks will also provide assistance with application fees and deposits.

**Chillicothe, OH, Lodge No. 52** will partner with the Chillicothe VA Medical Center and other organizations in Ross County to hold a Stand Down, provide furniture for a transitional living facility, and assist with rent, utilities, and employment support.

**Findlay, OH, Lodge No. 75** will partner with the Hancock County Veterans Office to host a Christmas dinner and provide clothing and gifts to hundreds of veterans in need.

**Atlanta-Northlake, GA, Lodge No. 78** will partner with The Front Door program at the Atlanta VA to provide winter coats, warm clothing, and personal items to veterans living on the streets.

**Seattle, WA, Lodge No. 92** will serve breakfast at the Seattle Stand Down and prepare packed lunches for veterans to take with them as they leave the event.

**Quincy, IL, Lodge No. 100** will host a trip for 100 residents of the Illinois Veterans Home to see a Quincy Gems baseball game and share a picnic meal.

**Trenton, NJ, Lodge No. 105** will hold an Operation Chillout event to distribute backpacks filled with warm clothing, toiletries, survival gear and information on local resources to veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Gallipolis, OH, Lodge No. 107** will visit 70 veterans at local nursing homes to distribute clothes, blankets, toiletry items, and entertainment during the holiday season.

**Sioux City, IA, Lodge No. 112** will coordinate with Siouxland Soldiers to provide coats, hats, and gloves to children of active duty service members and veterans.

**Shreveport, LA, Lodge No. 122** will distribute backpacks filled with winter clothing, bus passes, and toiletry items and host a Christmas dinner for more than 100 veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Battle Creek, MI, Lodge No. 131** will partner with Zero Day Support Services to stock the food pantry each month for 175 veterans at a local supportive housing center.

**Goldsboro, NC, Lodge No. 139** will partner with the Veterans Coalition to hold a Stand Down where they will provide lunch, access to state IDs, clothing, and toiletry items for veterans in need.

**Mount Vernon, OH, Lodge No. 140** will provide food, clothing, and toiletry items to veterans who are homeless or in need. Elks will also prepare and send care packages to local active duty service members.

**Lafayette, IN, Lodge No. 143** will prepare Welcome Kits with bedding, kitchenware, cleaning supplies, and other necessities for veterans who are moving into new housing.

**Manchester, NH, Lodge No. 146** will provide winter boots, tents, and appliances for veterans staying at Liberty House transitional shelter.

**Greenville, MS, Lodge No. 148** will partner with the VA and other VSOs to host 3 educational events. Elks will also provide resource fairs, meals, and personal supplies for veterans in need.

**Taunton, MA, Lodge No. 150** will hold an Elks Riders Fall Food Drive to gather and deliver food baskets to local Veteran Service Offices for Veterans Day. Elks will also distribute Christmas gifts and supplies to veterans in need.

**Houston, TX, Lodge No. 151** will host a holiday event for residents from area veterans' homes where they will provide meals, entertainment, and personal care supplies. They will also host monthly bingo at local VAs.

**Kenton, OH, Lodge No. 157** will host a breakfast and trip to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, partner with Blue Star Mothers to create care packages for service members, and deliver bags of health supplies and snacks to veterans living in nursing homes.

**Springfield, IL, Lodge No. 158** will create Welcome Baskets filled with household supplies, clothing, and personal items for veterans moving into permanent housing.



**Stillwater, MN, Lodge No. 179** will continue to supply groceries, clothing, and personal items to veteran families in need.

El Paso, TX, Lodge No. 187 will provide furniture, household goods, clothing, food, and hygiene products to a local transitional living facility. Elks will also hold a creative painting class for the residents of the facility, and provide them with meals and visits year-round.

Anniston, AL, Lodge No. 189 will host a Fourth of July lunch and provide health and recreation supplies for hundreds of residents at the Col. Robert Howard Veterans Home.

**Bellingham, WA, Lodge No. 194** will deliver supplies to veterans transitioning into permanent housing, host a Christmas party and Veterans Day dinner, and distribute Christmas food baskets to veteran families in need.

**Mankato, MN, Lodge No. 225** will partner with the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans to provide meals at a Stand Down event.

**Petersburg, VA, Lodge No. 237** will visit patients at McGuire VA Hospital each month, providing health kits and entertainment. Elks will also supply clothing for a Stand Down event.

**East Liverpool, OH, Lodge No. 258** will team up with the Columbiana County Action Agency to provide shoes, clothing, backpacks, and coats for veterans at a Stand Down.

**Green Bay, WI, Lodge No. 259** will expand their outreach by providing clothing, personal care items, food, backpacks, sleeping rolls, and meals to veterans in need each month through their Heroes Closet and Soup for Vets programs.

**Davenport, IA, Lodge No. 298** will provide meals, backpacks, and toiletry items at the Quad City Veterans Outreach service day.

**Boise, ID, Lodge No. 310** will create baskets of food, winter clothing, blankets, and personal care items for veteran families in need during the holidays.

**Beaumont, TX, Lodge No. 311** will partner with the VA and local workforce centers to distribute backpacks filled with hygiene products, clothing, and food for veterans experiencing homelessness. Elks will also provide monthly meals for veterans in need.

**Florence, KY, Lodge No. 314** will host a dinner and football game viewing event for residents of the Cincinnati Ohio Domiciliary, providing clothing, blankets, and personal care items for veterans.

**Newport News, VA, Lodge No. 315** will partner with the local VA hospital to provide apartment kits filled with household supplies for 20 veteran families moving into permanent housing.

**Port Townsend, WA, Lodge No. 317** will provide medical and dental medications and supplies for their local Stand Down, as well as volunteer during the event.

**Plymouth-Ann Arbor, MI, Lodge No. 325** will host two steak luncheons for veterans from the Detroit and Ann Arbor VA Hospitals, and residents from two veterans' shelters.

**Roseburg, OR, Lodge No. 326** will provide move-in kits filled with bedding, cleaning supplies, personal care items, and food staples for veterans moving into permanent housing.

**Prescott**, **AZ**, **Lodge No. 330** will partner with the Prescott VA Hospital to provide monthly meals and supplies for veterans who are in transition at the hospital dormitory.

**Baker, OR, Lodge No. 338** will host a Veterans Day family night with dinner, entertainment, and health screenings. Elks will also distribute personal care items and school supplies.

**Hillsboro**, **OH**, **Lodge No. 361** will partner with the county veterans service office to provide clothing for job interviews, daily health kits, and small business supply kits for veterans in search of employment.

**Elwood, IN, Lodge No. 368** will distribute monthly necessity care packages, Sleep Warm and Well bedding bundles, and holiday meal baskets to military families in need.

Tucson, AZ, Lodge No. 385 will host monthly meals for residents from the Veterans Hospital's Blind Rehab Facility and distribute backpacks filled with clothing, food, and blankets to veterans experiencing homelessness.

Newark, OH, Lodge No. 391 will partner with county and VA service offices to distribute bedding and hygiene kits to veterans at a Stand Down.

Billings, MT, Lodge No. 394 will partner with the Department



of Labor and Industry to provide interview and resume training, host a job fair and Boots to Business training, and provide crisis support for military families.

**Superior, WI, Lodge No. 403** will provide hygiene items and winter clothing for 100 veterans who are experiencing homelessness.

**Madison, WI, Lodge No. 410** will distribute personal care items and assist with transportation and emergency needs for a local community of veterans on a year-round basis.

**Fresno, CA, Lodge No. 439** will host two Christmas parties for 200 residents at the Fresno VA's Community Living Center and the California Veterans Home.

**Kingman, AZ, Lodge No. 468** will create and staff an Elks Day Room for residents to access resources at the Jerry Ambrose Veteran's Council facility.

**Centralia, IL, Lodge No. 493** will join the Marion VA Stand Down to distribute food, clothing, and hygiene items to veterans in search of housing and employment.

**Jefferson City, MO. Lodge No. 513** will host a Thanksgiving meal and distribute winter clothing to 100 veterans experiencing homelessness.

**San Jose, CA, Lodge No. 522** will host a barbeque for patients and families at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital's Traumatic Brain Injury Department.

**Frankfort, KY, Lodge No. 530** will provide warm winter clothing, sleeping bags, backpacks, and personal care items to veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Grass Valley, CA, Lodge No. 538** will provide lunches and information on community assistance programs during a Veteran's Stand Down at the Nevada County fairgrounds.

**Painesville, OH, Lodge No. 549** will provide winter clothing, shoes, and hygiene supplies for veteran services offices in three surrounding counties. Elks will also take patients from the Cleveland Wade Park Veterans Hospital to see a baseball game.

**Wilkins, PA, Lodge No. 577** will prepare and serve monthly meals at the Veterans Place Shelter, and distribute sleeping bags, backpacks, clothing, and personal care supplies.

**Idaho Springs, CO, Lodge No. 607** will volunteer as mentors for the local Veterans Court, providing resources and transportation. Elks will also partner with the Boy Scouts to take veterans with disabilities on a day trip to the Colorado Adventure Point.

**Salisbury, NC, Lodge No. 699** will partner with the Salisbury VA Medical Center to hold a Christmas event and distribute personal care supplies, food, and clothing to veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Tampa, FL, Lodge No. 708** will host monthly meals, weekend Lunch and Learn programs, and holiday events for veterans from the James A. Haley VA Domiciliary.

**Bridgeport, PA, Lodge No. 714** will take veterans from the Spring City and Coatesville VA facilities to a baseball game and provide a Veterans Day dinner with entertainment for the Spring City VA Medical Center.

**Raleigh, NC, Lodge No. 735** will provide meals and fly fishing supplies for Project Healing Waters. Elks will volunteer during the fishing trips and provide space for veterans to create their own fishing flies.

**Lake Hopatcong, NJ, Lodge No. 782** will host a Thanksgiving dinner and summer picnic for veterans experiencing homelessness. Elks will also provide handmade blankets, clothing, and hygiene supplies for residents of the Lyons Veterans Hospital each month.

**Cleburne, TX, Lodge No. 811** will build wheelchair ramps for veterans' homes, deliver Christmas bags to nursing home residents, provide supplies for the local Stand Down, and take veterans to a baseball game.

**Napa, CA, Lodge No. 832** will distribute sleeping bags, tarps, and socks to veterans experiencing homelessness; and provide food, toiletries, and kitchen items for residents at the Yountville Veteran Retirement Center.

**Red Wing, MN, Lodge No. 845** will visit the Hastings Veterans home throughout the year to host recreation and distribute personal care supplies, clothing, blankets, and Christmas gifts.

**Woonsocket, RI, Lodge No. 850** will provide backpacks filled with blankets, socks, toiletry supplies, protein bars, and towels for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Fredericksburg, VA, Lodge No. 875** will provide clothing, undergarments, and personal care supplies for veterans at the McGuire VA Medical Center.

**Watchung Hills, NJ, Lodge No. 885** will provide a meal, bedding, and personal care supplies for veterans at Valley Brook Village supportive housing. Elks will also paint and provide a refrigerator and new book shelf for the common area.

**Santa Monica, CA, Lodge No. 906** will hold Operation Veteran Support to provide clothing, food, toiletries, educational supplies, and welcome baskets for hundreds of veterans moving into housing.

**Woburn-Stoneham, MA, Lodge No. 908** will provide needed items to residents at the Chelsea Soldier's Home at Christmas and create care packages for service members overseas for Soldier's Appreciation Week.

**Osawatomie, KS, Lodge No. 921** will send letters and packages of phone cards, books, and toiletries to service members in Afghanistan on an ongoing basis.

**Quincy, MA, Lodge No. 943** will partner with Operation Homefront to provide school supplies and backpacks for the children of military families.

**Ashland, OR, Lodge No. 944** will take the women residents of the VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center on shopping trips to provide clothing and a meal.

**Bristol, PA, Lodge No. 970** will serve a barbeque meal and entertainment to the residents at the VA hospital in Philadelphia and take veterans to see a baseball game.

**Gainesville, FL, Lodge No. 990** will volunteer at the Alachua County Stand Down to distribute hygiene supplies, housewares, and food to veterans in need.

**Holiday Island, AR, Lodge No. 1042** will partner with the Veterans Health Organization for the Ozarks to hold a baby shower for veteran families where they will distribute baby supplies and provide educational materials.

**Longmont, CO, Lodge No. 1055** will stock the Fisher House food pantry, and provide clothing, food, and supplies to the annual Stand Down.

**Harrisburg, IL, Lodge No. 1058** will partner with their local Veterans Association to provide winter clothing and toiletries for veterans moving into new homes.

**Bangor**, **PA**, **Lodge No. 1106** will provide meals and transportation to a baseball game for veterans from three local retirement communities.

**Daytona Beach, FL, Lodge No. 1141** will partner with the Veterans Assistance Coalition to provide bedding, kitchen supplies, and small appliances for veteran families moving into permanent housing.

**Fort Morgan, CO, Lodge No. 1143** will partner with the VFW and the Morgan County Service Officer to supply clothing, personal care items, and blankets to veterans in local

nursing homes and veteran families in need. Elks will also host a dinner for veterans with disabilities and send care packages to military personnel abroad.

**Faribault, MN, Lodge No. 1166** will partner with the American Legion to provide food, clothing, blankets, personal care supplies, and winter survival gear for veterans in need.

**Plainview, TX, Lodge No. 1175** will offer job training and provide meals, activity supplies, and personal care items for veterans at a new Veterans Center in Plainview.

**Bremerton, WA, Lodge No. 1181** will host a Christmas dinner at the Retsil Veterans Retirement Home and distribute hygiene supply kits to veterans in transitional housing.

Oregon City, OR, Lodge No. 1189 will partner with a local day shelter to provide regular meals, clothing, and hygiene supplies to veterans experiencing homelessness.

Anacortes, WA, Lodge No. 1204 will host a community outreach event with meals, educational speakers, and information about local resources. Elks will also distribute bags of warm clothing and hygiene supplies at the event.

Klamath Falls, OR, Lodge No. 1247 will provide food, clothing, utility assistance, and toiletries for veterans in transitional housing at volunteer-run Veterans Enrichment Center.



**Newark, NY, Lodge No. 1249** will provide clothing and shoes for veterans staying in shelters and household goods for veterans moving into permanent apartments.

**Richmond, CA, Lodge No. 1251** will partner with The Veterans Resource Program to provide beds and dressers for veterans living in transitional and permanent housing.

Coeur d'Alene, ID, Lodge No. 1254 will provide clothing, shoes, tents, cots, and sleeping bags as well as breakfast and lunch at the Veterans Stand Down.

**Modesto, CA, Lodge No. 1282** will provide furniture for veterans who are receiving kits from the Elks through the Welcome Home Program.

**Lakeland, FL, Lodge No. 1291** will host an Elks Day Outing and Picnic for the patients at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital and distribute shower shoes, reading glasses, toiletries, and clothing.

**Cohoes-Waterford, NY, Lodge No. 1317** will create Welcome Home Kits with groceries, small appliances, and supplies each month for veterans through the Veteran's House.

**Ashland, OH, Lodge No. 1360** will initiate a program to support local veterans experiencing homelessness or living in nursing homes by providing care packages of personal care items, clothing, and blankets.

**McAllen, TX, Lodge No. 1402** will join forces with Family Endeavors to provide Start Up Kits for veterans moving into permanent housing and a Veterans Day celebration lunch for veterans in need.

**Garden City, KS, Lodge No. 1404** will host a Thanksgiving dinner for veterans at local nursing homes and provide Christmas stockings with hygiene supplies, clothing, and needed items for residents of the Kansas Soldiers Home.

**Corvallis, OR, Lodge No. 1413** will partner with Good 2 Go Veterans Shelter to provide clothing for job interviews and personal care supplies. Elks will also hold a Veterans Day dinner for families of deployed service members.

**Kelso/Longview, WA, Lodge No. 1482** will facilitate resume writing and job interview training, provide meals, and distribute clothing vouchers and toiletry supplies at the Veteran Expo and Stand Down.

**Middlesex, NJ, Lodge No. 1488** will provide bedding, toiletries, and clothing to create Apartment Kits for veterans moving into housing. They will also provide kitchen supplies for veterans.

**Hood River, OR, Lodge No. 1507** will partner with local organizations to identify veteran and active duty families in need to receive Christmas baskets of food, toiletries, and gifts.

**Brookfield, IL, Lodge No. 1510** will support the food pantry at the Hines VA by providing food and hygiene items during the holidays and year-round.

**Fort Pierce, FL, Lodge No. 1520** will provide tents, food, and hygiene supplies for veterans living outdoors. Elks will also partner with the American Legion to connect veterans with medical care and other services.

**Frackville**, **PA**, **Lodge No. 1533** will partner with We Agape You to provide temporary shelter, hygiene kits, and winter warming kits for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Barre, VT, Lodge No. 1535** will provide sleeping bags, tents, toiletries, boots, clothing, and food for the Barre Area Veterans Council Stand Down. Elks will also coordinate health services and veterinary care for the event.

**Cedar City, UT, Lodge No. 1556** will partner with local shelters, a local veteran assistance group, and law enforcement to provide packs of socks, personal care supplies and interview clothes for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Maynard, MA, Lodge No. 1568** will host a steak dinner and provide hygiene supply bags for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Eustis, FL, Lodge No. 1578** will provide weekly meals and pantry staples for veterans in transitional housing at the Veterans Organization of Recovery for the Homeless.

**Bellows Falls, VT, Lodge No. 1619** will provide cleaning and household supplies for residents at Veteran's Place transitional home.

**Pocomoke City, MD, Lodge No. 1624** will deliver toiletries, craft items, clothing, and recreation supplies to residents at the Perry Point VA Medical Center.

**Indio, CA, Lodge No. 1643** will provide clothing, toiletry items, and meals for adopted veterans living in the Alzheimer's and Dementia Ward at the Loma Linda VA Hospital.

**Huntsville, AL, Lodge No. 1648** will partner with First Stop and Rolling Thunder to provide backpacks, winter clothing, sleeping bags, hygiene supplies, and meals for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Morehead City-Beaufort, NC, Lodge No. 1710** will provide clothing, meals, hygiene items, and camping equipment for veterans at a Stand Down.

**Cahaba Valley, AL, Lodge No. 1738** will support the Three Hots and a Cot program by providing clothing, hygiene supplies, kitchen equipment, food, and other needs for veterans transitioning out of homelessness.

**Hot Springs, SD, Lodge No. 1751** will partner with the Recreation Therapy Department at the Black Hills VA Health Care System to provide tools, bicycle parts, and educational materials for veterans to learn new skills at the Bicycle Repair Academy.

**Wolf Point, MT, Lodge No. 1764** will create Christmas food baskets to deliver to veterans who are experiencing homelessness or in need.

**Vero Beach, FL, Lodge No. 1774** will work with area veteran organizations to provide furniture, apartment necessities, clothing, and food for veterans moving into permanent housing.

**Lakewood, CO, Lodge No. 1777** will partner with the Lakewood Municipal Court Veterans Process to place veterans in permanent housing and provide application costs and Starter Kits of furniture, food, and necessities. Elks will create Veteran Street Packs

of clothing, hygiene supplies, food, and bus passes for veterans who are homeless.

Blythe, CA, Lodge No. 1799 will gather service agencies together to distribute information on Veterans Day and provide a meal and hygiene supply bags for veterans in need. Elks will also distribute backpacks and school supplies to veterans and their families.



## Walnut Creek, CA,

**Lodge No. 1811** will host a holiday meal for veteran families in need from the local Reserve Units, Yountville Hospital, Martinez Vets Center, and Blue and Gold Star Moms.

**Lordsburg, NM, Lodge No. 1813** will set up an emergency food assistance program and provide utility assistance for elderly veterans in need.

**Palmer, AK, Lodge No. 1842** will partner with Alaska Healing Hearts to host a Western Weekend with pony rides, camping, games, and meals for military and veteran families.

**Morganton**, **NC**, **Lodge No. 1852** will make monthly visits to provide food and entertainment for veterans with disabilities at the hospital in Black Mountain.

**Venice Nokomis, FL, Lodge No. 1854** will provide a meal, blankets, and Comfort Packages of personal care items, socks, and other necessities for the residents of the CW Haley VA Hospital Nursing Home twice during the year.

**Florence, OR, Lodge No. 1858** will deliver Christmas Baskets of toiletries, slippers, and treats to veterans in residential care facilities who are not able to have families visit for the holidays.

**Bristol County, RI, Lodge No. 1860** will work with the YWCA to provide backpacks of personal care items, laundry supplies, and small appliances for veterans transitioning into permanent housing.

**South Kingstown, RI, Lodge No. 1899** will provide holiday meal baskets for families in need at the Newport, Rhode Island Naval Base.

**Ken-Ton, NY, Lodge No. 1942** will provide Welcome Kits filled with linens, cleaning supplies, kitchenware, and small appliances for veterans moving into permanent housing.

**Vista, CA, Lodge No. 1968** will partner with Operation Showers of Appreciation to provide cribs, car seats, and other supplies for military families expecting babies.

Cartersville, GA, Lodge No. 1969 will provide tote bags filled with hygiene supplies, clothing, and entertainment for veterans at assisted living facilities.

Greenwood Lake, NY, Lodge No. 2067 will host a picnic for military families where they will put together care packages for loved ones who are away on active duty.

**Rensselaer, NY, Lodge No. 2073** will write letters to active duty service members, provide Welcome Home Packages for returning veterans, host job training workshops and an annual Veterans Expo focused on education and employment.

**Brewster, NY, Lodge No. 2101** will host trips for veterans from the Putnam County Veterans Residence, including a Hudson River cruise, fishing trip, theater show, and Sunday brunch.

**Titusville, FL, Lodge No. 2113** will partner with the National Veteran's Homeless Support group to host a Stand Down where they will provide food, clothing, hygiene supplies, and access to medical services.

**Arlington, TX, Lodge No. 2114** will host cookouts, pool parties, and a Christmas party for residents from the Dallas and Fort Worth VA Hospital. Elks will also provide clothing for the Stand Down.

**Auburn/Webster, MA, Lodge No. 2118** will create Home Care Packages with clothing, toiletries, cleaning supplies, kitchenware, and food for veterans moving into permanent housing.

**Englewood, CO, Lodge No. 2122** will deliver holiday gift baskets with toiletries and socks to residents at the VA nursing home in Denver. Elks will also partner with the Navy Chiefs to host a meal for veterans experiencing homelessness.

Rogers-Bentonville, AR, Lodge No. 2144 will provide clothing, toiletries, personal care items, and emergency needs for veterans at area assisted living facilities.

**Springfield, OR, Lodge No. 2145** will provide dental vans, medical supplies, and event equipment for the Lane County Stand Down.

**Lynnwood, WA, Lodge No. 2171** will build wheelchair accessible raised gardens for the residents at Sebastian Place Veterans Housing Facility.

**Potosi, MO, Lodge No. 2218** will visit residents at two area veterans' homes where they will provide clothing, activities, and equipment for rehabilitation programs.

Hopkins, MN, Lodge No. 2221 will create Welcome Home Kits with groceries for veterans moving into permanent housing and host a Christmas event for veterans who were previously homeless.

Greenwich, NY, Lodge No. 2223 will host a Stand Down and provide meals, clothing, personal supplies, and healthcare services for veterans who are homeless.

Cedar Grove, NJ, Lodge No. 2237 will provide food, bedding, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies for military families in need.



**Garfield, NJ, Lodge No. 2267** will partner with The Veterans Transitional House to supply household needs and groceries for veterans moving into permanent housing.

**Lompoc**, **CA**, **Lodge No. 2274** will partner with Global Hearts Group to support military families with events to help children understand deployment and gather for recreation.

**Westminster, MD, Lodge No. 2277** will partner with the county Veteran Services Program to provide food, furniture, and transportation for veterans moving into permanent housing.

**Newark, DE, Lodge No. 2281** will provide groceries and prepare weekly meals for Victory Village transitional home for veterans.

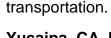
**Hackettstown, NJ, Lodge No. 2331** will create survival packs with tents, sleeping bags, and durable winter clothing for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Manahawkin, NJ, Lodge No. 2340** will partner with local organizations to provide reusable containers filled with personal care supplies, warm clothing, and food for veterans in need.

**Sparta, NJ, Lodge No. 2356** will provide Welcome Home Packages with beds, linens, kitchenware, small appliances, laundry and personal supplies for veterans setting up new apartments.

Kansas City (Northland), MO, Lodge No. 2376 will host a dinner and provide furniture and bedding for residents at St. Michael's Veterans Center apartments.

**Cocoa Beach, FL, Lodge No. 2387** will hold a cookout for veterans at the Volunteers of America transition facility and provide personal supplies, haircuts, and bus





Yucaipa, CA, Lodge No. 2389 will partner with the Loma Linda VA Hospital to host a pasta dinner and provide clothing, hygiene supplies, and books for Christmas.

Stirling, NJ, Lodge No. 2392 will provide tables, chairs, and other

household supplies for local veterans who are moving into permanent housing.

**Piscataway, NJ, Lodge No. 2414** will provide dinners with entertainment and personal hygiene supplies for veterans with dementia at the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home.

**Chandler, AZ, Lodge No. 2429** will provide jackets and clothing, and host a meal for residents in need at the veterans' home.

**Centralia-Chehalis, WA, Lodge No. 2435** will host a Stand Down to provide toiletries, clothing, food, and household supplies for veterans in need.

**Forest Grove, OR, Lodge No. 2440** will serve meals to veterans who are homeless and provide clothing, sleeping bags, and hygiene supplies through their Veteran's Room program.

**Rockville, IN, Lodge No. 2471** will partner with the local Veterans Office to provide food, hygiene supplies, and clothing to veterans in need.

**Chestertown, MD, Lodge No. 2474** will host a fishing trip followed by a dinner at the Lodge for hospitalized veterans from the Perry Point VA Medical Center. Elks will also provide bags of toiletry supplies and canteen books for attendees.

**Plano, TX, Lodge No. 2485** will provide clothing, shoes, toiletries, bedding, and food for the Dallas VA Stand Down, create Welcome Kits for veterans transitioning to permanent housing, and provide socks and undergarments for the patients at the VA hospital.

**Simi Valley, CA, Lodge No. 2492** will partner with the Samaritan Center to distribute personal care kits and host a Thanksgiving meal to share information about local resources for veterans.

**Rio Rancho, NM, Lodge No. 2500** will partner with HUD-VASH to provide essential home supplies and personal care items for veterans moving into new homes.

**Blue Springs, MO, Lodge No. 2509** will create care packages of hygiene supplies, clothing, bedding, and food for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Seminole, FL, Lodge No. 2519** will provide bedding and cleaning supplies for veteran residents at nine area transitional homes.

**Aripeka, FL, Lodge No. 2520** will provide bags of toiletry supplies and socks for veterans experiencing homelessness throughout Pasco County.

**Forks, WA, Lodge No. 2524** will host a Stand Down and provide breakfast and lunch for all veterans in attendance.

**Cape Henlopen, DE, Lodge No. 2540** will provide bedding, personal hygiene supplies, children's clothing, and other necessities for families living at Home of the Brave transitional facility.

**Poway, CA, Lodge No. 2543** will provide shelter, food, medical care, counseling, and other needs at the North County San Diego Veterans Stand Down in January.

**Edmond, OK, Lodge No. 2578** will provide food for the pantries at the Veterans Corner and the Dale Graham Veterans Foundation. Elks will also host meals for residents at the Norman Oklahoma Veterans Center.

Ocean Shores-North Beach, WA, Lodge No. 2581 will partner with the Grays Harbor County Veterans Mobile Unit to provide health services at a Stand Down. Elks will also provide home repairs and emergency food for veteran families in need.

**Cape Coral, FL, Lodge No. 2596** will host monthly meals and provide clothing and personal care items for veterans and active military members in need at the Cape Coral Military Museum

**Clovis, CA, Lodge No. 2599** will create Survival Kits of food, clothing, coats, blankets, first aid kits, and hygiene items for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Katy, TX, Lodge No. 2628** will provide Welcome Home Kits and clothing for veterans moving into permanent housing.

**Vacaville, CA, Lodge No. 2638** will partner with the Solano County Sherriff to provide backpacks filled with clothing, food, bus passes, and personal care items for veterans exiting incarceration.

**Mesa-Buckhorn, AZ, Lodge No. 2656** will provide Welcome Home baskets of baby clothes and personal care supplies for veterans who are new mothers.

**Casas Adobes, AZ, Lodge No. 2663** will partner with the Southern Arizona VA Homeless Program Team to provide kitchen supply starter kits for veterans moving into permanent housing.

**Tahoe/Douglas, NV, Lodge No. 2670** will partner with local organizations to provide emergency housing, transportation to VA appointments, and Welcome Home Kits for veterans moving into permanent housing.

**Eagle River, AK, Lodge No. 2682** will host a Christmas dinner for service members without families nearby at Joint Base Elmendorf/Richardson.

**Calera, AL, Lodge No. 2703** will host a lunch and establish a supply pantry for veterans in need to select food, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products.

**Marshall County, KY, Lodge No. 2707** will host a fishing trip and meal for veterans from the VA Hospital and a local PTSD support group.

**South Marion-Villages, FL, Lodge No. 2730** will provide undergarments and socks to veterans in need at the county Stand Down.

**Zephyrhills, FL, Lodge No. 2731** will provide clothing, shoes, and laptop computers for veterans in assisted living facilities and VA housing.

**Golden, CO, Lodge No. 2740** will provide kitchen supplies, furniture, beds, and other basics for veterans moving into permanent housing.

Van Nuys-Reseda, CA, Lodge No. 2790 will provide bags of personal care supplies and snacks three times throughout the year to VA residents attending Lodge fish fry events.

**Snake River, ID, Lodge No. 2807** will host a meal and educational festival to provide information about local services to veterans in need. Elks will also provide winter supplies, medication, and hygiene items for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Fredericktown, MO, Lodge No. 2812** will provide home repairs and appliances for Madison County veterans in need.

**St. Lucie West, FL, Lodge No. 2823** will provide care packages of personal hygiene supplies and food for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Wagoner, OK, Lodge No. 2838** will provide kitchen supplies, bedding, and meals for the Oklahoma Vets Project Operation Tiny Homes, where veterans will learn home building skills and complete a house for a veteran in need.

**Little River, SC, Lodge No. 2840** will provide kitchen supply sets and toiletries for veterans transitioning into permanent housing.

**Fountain Hills, AZ, Lodge No. 2846** will partner with U.S. Vets to provide a year's supply of nutritious, non-perishable food for veterans in need.

**Sahuarita, AZ, Lodge No. 2851** will provide food pantry items and baskets of baby supplies for National Guard families with young babies through the Family Readiness Unit.



Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota, FL, Lodge No. 2855 will host a boat trip and dinner for residents from veteran retirement homes and independent living facilities. Elks will also host lunches with educational speakers for patients from the C.W. Young Veterans Center.

**North Cape Coral, FL, Lodge No. 2874** will partner with the VA Housing Program to provide clothing, hygiene supplies, household goods, and bus passes for veterans experiencing homelessness.

**Corpus Christi, TX, Lodge No. 2879** will provide food baskets for local veteran families in need during the holidays.