

Assistance to American Legion Posts

There is some literature available, on line, regarding assistance to American Legion Posts, and unfortunately, because of our 501(c)(19) designation as a veterans non-profit, we do not qualify for much of what is out there.

You can be sure, that your American Legion team, NEC Robbins, JA Wilson, Vice Chairman Chechelo, Adj. Baker and myself are working tirelessly to reach out to our Congressmen and Women, to get whatever help we can for our Posts. We realize that those who have a building need financial help and we will work hard to get that relief to you.

We are reaching out to our state legislators to correct the injustice to The American Legion, that does not include us in any state program grants. How can that be?

I ask all of you to reach out to your State Senators and State Assembly members and let them know that we are being singled out and left out of the stimulus assistance programs both at the State and Federal level. Do this today! Don't wait till tomorrow. Remember the electric and gas bills as well as water, sewerage and insurance bills keep coming.

Those posts who have not submitted their Consolidated Post Report (CPR) please do so immediately. We can use the information on that report to inform our elected officials of just what we do. It's quite more than drinking beer, I can assure you, but they don't know it. That is ok, we will tell them.

Lastly, is your post doing a "Buddy check". Have you contacted your older members to find out if they are OK? Do they have food? Do they need someone to pick up a prescription? Help with groceries? Someone to talk to? Get the picture? We hear so much on TV about "we are in this together," but are we trying to help someone?

I see every day, Dept. Chaplain Mike, sends us a prayer and also includes some personal reflections. I was impressed at the great things they are doing at Post 129, Toms River, with regard supplying meals and groceries to those in need. What's your post doing? Chaplin Mike, if you care to, please send this out with your daily prayer so that it may reach someone that is not on the Department mailing list. Thank you!

May God Bless you all and may God continue to bless The American Legion and the United States of America.

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