

Annual "Sweats for Vets" Program

September 2020

Good day Hibernian Brothers! I wish to offer you and your Division an opportunity during the Christmas/New Year season to support a Veteran.

Over the past 16 years, the local Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians have collected and distributed thousands of new sweat outfits to our veterans in residence (or local patients) at the Veterans Medical facility in Martinsburg, WVA. This year's program to secure 800 new sweat outfits is now underway for distribution in early January 2021.

We continue to seek donations from several sources. I sincerely welcome your consideration and participation with this wonderful annual event!

What we wish to provide our veterans (both men and women – approx. 10% - 15% of the veterans in residence are women)

- New suit outfits (tops and bottoms) - Men in the larger sizes (XL to 4XL), Women (L, XL) – unwrapped (the outfits will be wrapped and packaged by the KofC and AOH over the New Year's weekend);
- New sweat socks;
- Monetary support – a significant number of Veterans currently have no meaningful source of income or families to support them. Stipends are provided to those in need by the Hospital to allow the residents to buy sundry items as well as to get a haircut for instance; checks should be made out to "Martinsburg Veterans Medical Facility".
- Handmade cards of support – this is a wonderful way for your children/grandchildren to express their "thanks for your service".....I cannot tell you how often over the years it has been the cards that deeply touched the Veteran!

Brothers, your consideration and support are greatly appreciated. "Thank you" from the Veterans you touch with your generosity! Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Regarding pickup of donations between now and Christmas, contact me to coordinate. Monetary support can be mailed to the address below for distribution in January.

In our motto

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