

SOP 10282025: Veterans Assistance

The first pillar of The American Legion is Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation. Included in the activities defined by this pillar is rendering assistance to veterans who are in need be it monetary, labor, skills, or whatever assistance is necessary.

The Allen-McKinney Post 44 shall render assistance whenever possible in compliance with the following standard operating procedures;

1. The Post Commander, 1st Vice-Commander, the Post Adjutant and the Post Service Officer will comprise the vetting committee.
2. A veteran may ask the post directly for assistance or may be referred by a fellow legionnaire, from another veteran's service organization or from another outside source.
3. The Veterans Assistance Form 2501 shall be completed for all veterans seeking assistance.
4. When the FRM 2501 is completed, the Vetting Committee shall notify the general membership at the next regular meeting.
5. The Vetting Committee will review the form and do any follow-up verification as they may deem necessary.
6. If approved, a report must be made to the general membership at the next regular meeting. Dispersal of aid need not be approved by the general membership, but they must be informed.
7. If a veteran requests anonymity from anyone other than the vetting committee that request shall be honored.
8. Who is eligible for assistance:
 - a. Any veteran of the Armed Services of the United States with a discharge under honorable conditions.
 - b. Any dependent of an eligible veteran (Must be a legal dependent as per IRS rules)
 - c. American Legion Funds are primarily for veterans. However, consideration may be given to non-veterans for extraordinary humanitarian needs when no other assistance is available or is short of meeting the requirements of the person in need.
9. A copy of this SOP shall be retained on file by the adjutant.