

## Veterans Helping Veterans

October 2017

Things have come to a crawl the last month. The Department of Pacific Areas (DPA) Veteran's Assistance Committee (VAC) has awarded only one \$500.00 grant so far this year. We have \$5,500.00 left in the budget for the 2017-2018 year. **Where are my District Commanders? Are we in such a good position that we have no needy veterans in your area of responsibility?** Please take the time to keep your eyes and ears open for needy veterans in your Districts.

I will once again remind all members that the Committee will once again consist of the Committee Chairman and all seven of the District Commanders in the DPA. **Any VFW Member in their District can nominate a worthy veteran for a VAC Grant.** Just let your Post Commander or District Commander know of anyone who needs our help. It is a simple process that requires only a one page nomination form. In order to receive assistance a veteran must have served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. All Requests for Assistance must be identified to the VAC Chairman and/or the District Commander as soon as possible. Once the request is received - the Chairman will initiate action within 24 - 48 hours to convene the committee via one of three methods: (1) Teleconference, (2) Email or (3) Online Chat Services. When the decision is made to render assistance, the Chairman will coordinate with the DPA Quartermaster, the District Commander and his/her representative to ensure financial aid is distributed within 7-10 Business Days. The appropriate District Commander will ensure that he or his representative provides follow-up documentation (i.e., paid medical bills, grocery receipts, paid prescription bills, etc.) to the Committee Chairman. It is also requested that the local representative provide photos and other information to assist the committee in providing updates to the DPA Typhoon Newsletter. Each request for assistance will not exceed \$500.00. All assistance will be provided on a Grant basis. Let's kick the program in gear and get out there and help our fellow veterans.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Cebu from 8-10 December 2017. You may contact me any time day or night. My contact information is: (1) Email - mverville2005@gmail.com, (2) Telephone - +639182491184.

Yours in Comradeship,

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