

Department of New Hampshire  
VFW Auxiliary President's Special Project  
**Veterans Homeless Awareness**



**August 2023 General Information**

**Basket Raffle at COA & Picnic 08/19/2023**

Please join us at the August COA and State Picnic on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Littleton VFW Post for our 1<sup>st</sup> raffle of the year! Come see the goodies you can get for the basket drawing. Below are the items in the basket.



**Fleece Tied  
Blanket**

**Where will your donations help?**

Homeless & Struggling Veterans in New Hampshire need our help! One of the big issues our Veterans have is paying for the out-of-pocket medical and dental expenses. These expenses include copays, deductibles, and expenses that are not covered by insurance. We all know exactly how expensive medications can be especially when our own insurance will not cover what the doctor has prescribed. Remember your recent visit to the Dentist and its time for a root canal or a crown? Dental insurance typically doesn't cover it all.

A special account has been created at Liberty House in conjunction with the VFW for a specific line in the ledger that will be used for those out-of-pocket expenses. Funds received for this Special Project will be ear marked for this newly created account line item. Funds received will be distributed on as-needed basis to a Veteran in need until the account is exhausted.

**What is Liberty House?**

Liberty House is an organization that provides substance-free housing and connections to various community services that help New Hampshire veterans transition to independence.

**Community veterans:** They regularly work with struggling or homeless veterans from the community, male and female, many of whom are on fixed incomes, providing them with assistance such as food, clothing, transportation (gas cards, bus passes), camping gear and community referrals. While our transitional living program only serves male veterans, support for our community veterans is open to both male and female veterans.

## Ways to raise funds!

There are many ways to have an event to help! Here are some suggestions but this is only the beginning:

- 5K and 10K races
- Motorcycle rides
- Meat Raffle's
- Restaurant nights
- Food and clothing drives
- Bake sales

## WORD!

Now that you have scheduled an event, how do you get the word out? Send me an email or tag me on Facebook with the event information and or a flyer. It will be communicated to the local newspapers, The Patch, WMUR, and Facebook! If you schedule it, they will come! They served our country to keep all of us safe. Let's work together to support this great cause to organizations helping our Veterans get the resources they need and make a difference in their lives.

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Best regards,

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**HOUSE**

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“When Life Offers  
a Veteran No  
Friendly Direction,  
Liberty House Holds  
Out the Hand of  
Brotherhood.”



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Combating Veteran Homelessness