

Article VIII

Proposed Bylaw Addition of "Section 4"

VFW Bear Flag Post 1943 ("VFW") evaluates all requests for assistance using the following criteria:

- (1) The requestor must be verified as a veteran or dependent. The Veteran must have been discharged honorably. That means that the veteran must have documentation indicating an Honorable Discharge or a General Discharge under Honorable Circumstances. VFW will be the only entity making this verification. The verification decision will be dispositive of the issue and deemed final. Proof of verification may be done by a bona fide DD214 or some other bona fide governmental (Federal, State, Local) entity, establishing to the satisfaction of the VFW that the individual is a military veteran or dependent of same.
- (2) All other potential funding sources have been exhausted.
- (3) The VFW must be able to independently verify the need.
- (4) The need must be temporary. The word "temporary" is used as it is commonly defined and understood. The VFW will make the sole determination of any such proffered need.
- (5) In consideration of any monies being provided to a veteran/dependent, that individual promises to repay such monies on a dollar for dollar basis within a reasonable period of time as that term is commonly defined and understood. The VFW will make the sole determination of a reasonable period of time on a case by case basis.

The results of the VFW research concerning the request will be presented to the VFW Executive Committee ("Committee") or regularly scheduled post meeting for approval or rejection. If approved, the VFW quartermaster will write a check or checks in the amount/s requested to the appropriate creditor/s. The evaluation, approval and funding process should usually be completed within two to three days from the date of request. In the case of a bona fide exigency beyond the established basis for the loan of monies, this time frame and payment criteria may be shortened and/or modified with the approval of the Committee.

In the event of an emergency situation, the VFW Post 1943 Commander or Senior Vice Commander, with the concurrence of two other members of the Committee, is authorized to approve payments not to exceed \$500 for a bona fide veteran or veteran's dependent to receive transportation, medical services (e.g. prescriptions), shelter, clothing and/or food to meet short term critical needs.

All such actions must be recorded in writing to include the names and contact information of the veteran/dependent served, the date/s, amount/s and recipient/s of the expenditure/s as well as a description of the services and/or items purchased. The transaction must then be submitted to the Committee and included in the minutes of the first monthly Post meeting following the act.