



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY**

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**NJVFW Veterans Assistance Program (VAP)**

To: All VFW and Auxilliary members  
Subject: 2018 / 2019 Joint State Project

Commander Sarmiento and President Eith have agreed to participate in a joint State Project which will benefit and assist veterans residing in New Jersey.

The Department currently maintains a Military Assistance Program (MAP) which has assisted veterans, military personnel and their families. This program is often confused with our National MAP program and with the exception of donations made at our State Convention very minimal funds have been donated to the program by Posts or individuals. The name change to NJVFW Veterans Assistance Program (VAP) should avoid confusion between our Department and National programs.

The VAP program will be our joint project for 2018 / 2019. The program is not meant to replace the local Posts Relief Fund nor their obligations to assist worthy comrades, veterans and families. We believe this valuable program will allow the VFW to lend a hand up and not a hand out to our NJ Veterans. Funds will only be distributed for the aid, assistance, relief and comfort of needy or disabled veterans or members of the Armed Forces and their dependents. All funds will be distributed by the Department Quartermaster and all requests will be approved or disapproved by a four (4) member committee appointed by the Department Commander and President.

Commander Sarmiento and President Eith encourage all VFW and Auxiliary Districts, Posts and individual members to contribute to this worthwhile program and to prove to the world that **"No one does more for veterans than the VFW"**.