

2026 New Jersey State Commander Project

Every year State Commanders have a project that assists or honors the service of veterans. Between January 17, 2026 and June 30, 2026 our project will be:

The VFW Veterans Assistance Program

The purpose of this fund is to assist veterans living in the State of New Jersey with financial needs.

Included but not limited to examples of financial assistance:

- Purchasing materials for ramps and making the home handicap accessible
- Make necessary one-time payments for utilities or other "necessities" if the veteran falls behind on payments
- Purchase batteries for electric wheelchairs or scooters
- Assist veterans with security deposits on apartments
- Purchase gift cards for food for needy veterans
- Emergency vehicle repairs
- Emergency housing
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National Desert Shield/Storm War Memorial slated for dedication on October 24, 2026, in Washington D.C.

Any entity donating a minimum of One Million dollars can have a plaque located on the memorial. The VFW is \$52,485.00 short of reaching that million-dollar mark. No other VSO has donated this much, and we would be the only VSO identified on the memorial if we could cross that finish line.

The deadline for these donations is March 20, 2026 so the architects can include it on the memorial. Please donate to achieve this goal and ensure that the VFW continues to stand out as the premier veterans' service organization.

Donations can be made online at vfnwj.org or sent to NJ VFW 171 Jersey St Bldg 5 Trenton NJ 08611

Thank you for your support,



Ken Hagemann

State Commander