

W.S.E.A. Veteran Chair
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Re; WSEA Veteran Grants

To our W.S.E.A. Lodge Veteran Chairs,

Each fiscal year, you have 2 opportunities to apply for a \$200 Matching grant and a \$200 Stand Down Grant. June – December is the first, and January – May is your second. If you have not applied for our Military/Veteran grants by the end of May, I will choose several Military & Veteran State projects to support.

Our Matching Grant is an uncomplicated way to double a Veteran fundraiser that you will host, up to \$200. How you choose to raise the funds is up to you. Whether you take donations by placing a jar on the counter, pass the hat or host a silent auction. It's up to you. We do ask that moneys we match, go for a Military/Veteran project.

The Stand Down grant was initially to be used for purchasing items for a Stand Down in your county or gifting the money to the Stand Down committee to utilize in the best way possible. What we realized over time, after putting this program together, is not all Counties host a Stand Down, which would eliminate those specific Lodges. We have added an additional purpose to this \$200 grant that opens it up for you to choose a program in your area or a Military project that will help our Veterans and/or Service members Thrive.

I ask that the Veteran chair be the person that fills out the Grant application with the approval of your Lodge Exalted Ruler. You will see the signature blocks on the grant application.

There is one application per grant.

If you need more space to write what you are doing, please use the back side of the grant application.

Be creative and embrace these Grants. They are here to help you reach out to our Military and Veteran Communities.

As I stated at the W.S.E.A. Summer Convention, I'm not here to micro-manage how you support our Heroes. All grant applications are openly welcomed and I look forward to seeing your creative ideas, based on the betterment of our Heroes.

If you provide a brief statement of how you utilized the funds & include pictures, your lodge may be featured during our Summer and Winter Conventions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Thank you for your commitment to our Lodge and our Service members, past and present.

Elizabeth Johnston
W.S.E.A. Veteran Chair
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