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ELLIS COUNTY DETACHMENT 1452, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE INC. LAUNCHES ITS PROJECT F.A.I.T.H. PROGRAM

Provides eligible Veterans and families with immediate family, life, or living assistance

ENNIS, TEXAS, Mar. 14, 2019 — The Ellis County Detachment 1452 has been working hard to organize and ultimately activate this program within our non-profit corporation and the time has finally come!! Our members have felt very strongly that a program like this is needed in and around Ellis County, and we are looking forward to working closely with individuals and organizations to be able to keep this program functioning far into the future. Project F.A.I.T.H. (Funding Assistance In Trying Hours) is designed to provide immediate family, life, or living assistance, either financially or in-kind, to Veterans of all branches of the United States Military in Ellis and neighboring Counties. This program aids Veterans by providing assistance to Veterans and their immediate families for basic needs, including but not limited to: food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical assistance, building a mobility ramp, etc.

“Many Veterans struggle during times of emergency or crisis. Project F.A.I.T.H. provides a means to enable these brave men and women, Veterans of the US Military, to get a leg up while returning to a more productive, fulfilling life with their families after an emergency or crisis. When we help improve the lives of our Veterans, we also improve the quality of life for their families, communities, and our Country as a whole,” said Jack Luge, the Detachment’s Senior-Vice Commandant. Project F.A.I.T.H. is a committee driven program which allows the committee of five to seven members to vote on an individual’s case (within the guidelines of the programs

Bylaws) without the time delays of having to wait until the entire Detachment is together to brief and vote on the matter. However, certain conditions apply that would warrant a Veterans case to be taken before the Detachment's membership at a monthly meeting for decision. Emergency situations are taken into account. All cases are briefed with anonymity and haste as a primary priority.

Veterans or their immediate family (spouse or children) can apply for assistance with Project F.A.I.T.H. by visiting the Detachment's website and navigating to the programs webpage at <https://mclelliscounty1452.org/Project-FAITH/>. Upon receipt of the online application the Project F.A.I.T.H. Committee Chairman (or his/her designee) will schedule a sit-down interview with the requestor where the Chairman must evaluate and determine the need of a Veteran or their immediate family members, verify Armed Forces status (discharge character of service) of the Veteran with a DD form 214 (DD-214) or other valid documents (certificate of discharge, VA documents, etc.), ask questions relevant to the need as described by the requestor, and provide the requested aid to the Veteran/family as needed, if approved, by the Committee. ***The Committee Chairman must provide a response to the Veteran within 72 hours informing the requestor of the approval or denial of the case.***

This program will only be effective with support from within the community, and beyond. Donors play a crucial role in this program due to the fact that this program cannot be sustained with the Detachment's on-hand Capitol at any given time throughout the year. If an individual or organization would like to provide support either monetarily or by in-kind support with goods and services, you can visit the Project F.A.I.T.H. webpage noted above and click on the appropriate link. At the time of this release our first request is pending. This allows individuals and organizations to play a pivotal role at the onset of this program. Thank you for considering participation and if you have any questions please contact us at info@mclelliscounty1452.org.

About the Ellis County Detachment 1452, Marine Corps League Inc.: *The Marine Corps League was one of the earliest established Veterans Organizations, organized by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, then Major General, John A. Lejeune in June 1923 and chartered by an Act of Congress in August 1937. The Ellis County Detachment 1452 was chartered by the Marine Corps League's National Headquarters in May 2017 and is a nonprofit corporation with a 501 (c)(4) designation within the Internal Revenue Code of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Detachment is tax-exempt within the Marine Corps League's*

Group Exemption (code 0955) with the IRS. All donations to the Detachment are typically tax-deductible for the donor, depending on the donors status with the IRS. The Detachment's mission is to lend support and partner with Veterans, Veteran organizations, and community members and organizations through volunteerism, financial support, and grants to empower Veterans to conquer the challenges they face in an ever-changing world and increase community awareness. Please visit the Detachment's website at <https://mclelliscounty1452.org>. This is a very good resource for more information on what the Detachment is about and what they have going on.

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