



Devoted to Mutual Helpfulness

Veterans Helping Veterans

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

As the nation’s largest veterans’ service organization in the United States, the American Legion is committed to helping veterans to apply for VA benefits and to receive safe and legitimate assistance as is appropriate. The American Legion offers its own assistance programs for certain types of needs, and we also work with the VA and community-based assistance for veterans. Completing this form helps us to understand the veteran’s situation and to discern how best to answer a request for assistance. The Veteran’s signature allows us to share this information within the American Legion and with VA contacts and community organizations.

VETERAN’S NAME _____

VETERAN’S ADDRESS _____

PHONE WHERE VETERAN CAN BEST BE REACHED _____

EMAIL ADDRESS VETERAN WANT US TO USE _____

VETERAN’S CURRENT NEED (Please explain clearly the situation and specific help requested):

Veteran’s Signature

Date of Request

Person Taking Request (Name/Post/Phone) _____



RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

INSTRUCTIONS: *Please do not tell the veteran that we cannot help.* If you do not feel able to provide assistance with what you know, then contact the District 13 Service Officer (SO): Charlotte Bear @ 2003 Rosswood Drive, San Jose, CA 95124; email: bearcoastalgirl@aol.com; cell phone 408-341-5438. The District SO will be able to coach you on how to provide an appropriate response to the veteran you are trying to assist. You help the American Legion by documenting your response below and promptly sending a copy of this form to the District SO.

Completed By (Name/Post/Date) _____

- Referred Veteran to the Santa Clara County Office of Veterans' Services for VA benefits help @ 68 North Winchester Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95050-6701; phone 408-553-6000.
- Referred Veteran to the San Jose VA Clinic @ 80 Great Oaks Blvd, San Jose, CA 95119
Patient Services and enrollment @ 408-363-3000 x 73557
Mental Health assistance @ 408-363-3000 x 73063
Crisis/Suicide Prevention @ 408-363-3000 x 63736
Palo Alto VA Outreach @ 650-444-9010 (general help, homeless vets, women vets)
VA Patient Advocate @ 650-493-5000 x 65544
- Referred Veteran to the San Jose Vet Center for counseling/benefits orientation/general help @ 278 North 2nd Street, San Jose, CA 95112-4017; phone 408-993-0729.
- Referred Veteran to the Good Will Homeless Veterans' Program for emergency help @ 1080 North 7th Street, San Jose, CA 95112; phone 408-869-9204; after hours 408-242-3604.
- Assisted Veteran with initial form completion and referred them to either a VA facility or the AMERICAN LEGION DSO, 1301 CLAY ST RM 1135N, OAKLAND, CA 94612 , Ph: 510-834-0310 FAX: 510-834-0507, (current email: [<>john.kelley@va.gov](mailto:john.kelley@va.gov))
- Referred Veteran to community-based veterans' services (name, location, contact):
- Veteran qualifies for an American Legion assistance program (explain):
- None of the above apply—requesting action be considered by District 13 posts (explain):

(Confidential When Filled Out)