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California Veteran Reintegration Program Fact Sheet Financial Assistance

California Military Family Relief Fund

The California Military Family Relief Fund (CMFRF) was established to provide short term, financial assistance in the form of grants to California National Guard members and/or families impacted by mobilization and deployment who meet criteria listed below:

- Current member of the California National Guard in good standing.
- Current California resident.
- Deployment to active duty for at least 60 consecutive days in Title 10 USC status.
- Member's salary has decreased by 10 percent or household income of member's family has decreased by at least 10 percent from income prior to deployment.
- The member, within six months of returning from active duty, has experienced a 10 percent loss, or greater, in income, compared to pre-deployment income, as a direct result of deployment.
- The member was injured while serving on active duty and has been discharged from federal active duty and is actively seeking assistance through the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs with regard to disability compensation benefits or treatment, or both. Application for a cash grant under this section shall be submitted within 18 months of being released from federal military active duty, along with written substantiation demonstrating that the member's current financial hardship is a direct result of a military deployment and an injury sustained during the deployment.

For further information on how to apply for this program, please visit their website at www.calguard.ca.gov/J1/Pages/California-Military-Family-Relief-Fund.aspx

VFW National Military Services (NMS)

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that relies on public donations. The VFW mission is to support programs that increase awareness of the sacrifices America's veterans make through their military service. Through community involvement, communication tools, and financial support, VFW provides aid to qualified military service members, including medical, rehabilitative, educational, and employment services. With the help of corporate sponsors, VFW has established three separate programs under the VFW National Military Services (NMS) department. These programs are the Operation Uplink™, Military Assistance Program and Unmet Needs.

- VFW Operation Uplink, the premiere calling program designates two days each month in which free phone time is provided to active-duty military personnel and hospitalized

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veterans from their Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) center to the U.S., and Germany and Italy land lines.

- The VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) is a grant application program which sponsors events supporting service members and their families. Family Readiness Group leaders are encouraged to apply.
- The Unmet Needs program helps service members and their families who run into unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other hardships directly related to military service. Unmet Needs helps with financial demands such as: mortgage and rent, home and auto repairs, insurance, utilities, food and clothing.

For further information regarding these programs, please visit <https://www.vfw.org/TroopSupport/>.

ReserveAid

ReserveAid is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization committed to providing financial support to the families of Reserve or National Guard service members from all services, who have been called to active duty and are experiencing financial difficulty. The goal is to alleviate the emotional and financial burdens placed on the men and women called to serve our country by supporting their families at home. For further information regarding these programs go to <http://reserveaid.org/>.

***Note:** In order to qualify for ReserveAid assistance, Reserve or National Guard service members must have been mobilized for service in Iraq or Afghanistan between 1 January 2007 and the present time.*

California Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

For financial assistance for veterans seeking a job, contact the Workforce Investment Board
777 12th Street, Suite 200
Sacramento CA 95814
T: 916-324-3425
www.cwib.ca.gov/

The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes

Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom disabled veterans and wounded troops have special needs as they return from active service. The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (CSAH) is a network of individuals, corporations, and organizations dedicated to providing the necessary resources these heroes need to rebuild and transition to productive living in their communities. For further information, please visit www.saluteheroes.org

Military.com

Military.com provides an overview of State educational benefits available for veterans and their dependents. For further information, please visit www.military.com/education/money-for-school/state-veteran-benefits.html.

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program

ThanksUSA is a not-for-profit tax exempt charitable organization. Their mission is to provide college, technical and vocational school need-based scholarships for the children and spouses

of active-duty US military personnel. Members of the reserves who have been activated to full-time duty and federalized members of the National Guard are eligible. Dependent children (including adopted and stepchildren) must be age 24 and under as of the day of the deadline.

ThanksUSA offers two interconnected programs: The national treasure hunt and the military family scholarship program. The treasure hunt raises awareness, excitement and funds for the scholarship program in an educational, family-friendly way. And the scholarships are an invaluable way to "thank" our troops with the gift of education. For further information on the scholarship program, please visit <http://www.thanksusa.org/scholarship-program.html>.

Recipients are selected based on financial need, academic performance, leadership and community service. A preference is given to students who have studied a foreign language. For more information, call (877) THX-USAS ((877) 849-8727), write to ThanksUSA Scholarship Program, Scholarship America, One Scholarship Way, PO Box 297, Saint Peter, MN 56082.

VeteransPlus

VeteransPlus is a membership-based organization devoted to improving the quality of life of its members, their families and their communities by providing unparalleled solutions that focus on financial security, wellness and caring for others. Our mission is to be the resource that Veterans and their families seek first when pursuing their economic goals. More than creating financial solutions, we add the unique capability of enabling not-for-profit partners to demonstrate their commitment and concern for America's Veterans. For further information regarding programs, please visit www.veteransplus.org/

Counseling Center:

14104 58th Street North
Clearwater, Florida 33760
(866) 991-9579

Headquarters:

14102 58th Street North
Clearwater, Florida 33760
(888) 488-8767

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. MOAA offers several health, finance, educational assistance, and professional assistance programs. Educational programs may include interest-free loans, grants and the American Patriot Scholarship. For further information on MOAA and their services, please visit www.moaa.org/.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program

The SSVF Program focuses on securing and maintaining housing for Veterans who are currently homeless or would be homeless without this assistance. It provides temporary financial assistance and services to help persons gain housing stability. The goal is for Veterans in the SSVF program to remain stably housed after this temporary assistance ends.

Eligibility for SSVF Program

- Veterans may be single or part of a family in which the head of the household, or spouse, is a Veteran.
- Discharge status must be under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Very Low-Income making less than 50% of the area median income (AMI).

- Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing

- Currently residing in permanent housing and at risk of losing housing and becoming literally homeless but for SSVF assistance or
- Currently homeless, scheduled to become a resident of permanent housing within 90 days pending the location of permanent housing or
- Has exited permanent housing within the previous 90 days in order to seek housing that better fits with needs.

For more information or if you are a Veteran in need of help, call 1-877-424-3838 (4AIDVET) or go to <http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp> for a list of all SSVF providers.