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Fisher House Program

Mission Statement

Post 1123 has supported the Fisher House since (waiting to verify the date). The current Committee members are: Dayton Smith, Charles Speir and Hank Howard. The Committee supports the Fisher House by providing meals (once a month), give monetary support, provide additional supplies (ie: batteries, toilet paper tooth paste and other essential supplies as requested) and support any fundraising projects for the Fisher House.

Background

The Fisher House is located at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield. It provides free housing, meals and necessities to those relatives of veterans getting care in the Base Hospital. The Fisher House is publicly and privately financed. Post 1123 started providing meals once a month (every 3rd Tuesday) in 2016 with Post volunteers purchasing (Post reimburses) and delivering meals to the Fisher House. The Post currently budgets \$2,400 (max \$200/ month) to provide these meals. At a date not yet confirmed the Post gives (by Post check) to the Fisher House any budgeted funds that were not spent during the fiscal year. During Covid it became necessary to provide only frozen dinners. Volunteer can contact the Fisher House Manger to see if specific meals would be wanted.

The Fisher House is always in need of other necessities such as: batteries, toilet paper, paper towels, tooth paste and tooth brushes. The Committee is now making an effort to reach out to the Post members and get them more involved in this program. Volunteers are always needed but these necessities are becoming more of a need. Committee Chairman, Dayton Smith has put a plan together in the hopes of getting Post members more involved as outlined below:

On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, the chairman (or another member of the Committee) will contact the Manager of the Fisher House to determine what items are currently needed. A list of these items will be e-mailed to Post members. Those members wanting to participate can purchase any of these items (tax deductible) and drop them off on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Veterans Memorial Building on Admiral Callahan Lane between the hours of 9am and noon;

Additional ways to promote the Fisher House and get Post members to participate:

- 1 Information about the Fisher House Program will be put in the quarterly newsletter, the Eagle;
- 2 All members at Post meetings will be updated on the progress of the program and any additional information about the Fisher House;
- 3 This written program will be given to all new members and those members transferring into this Post;

- 4 Continue to seek monthly volunteers to purchase and deliver meals;
- 5 Continue to seek committee members to participate in the Fisher House Program;
- 6 Welcome feedback from Post members on how to improve the Program;
- 7 Provide transportation to any interested member wanting to visit the Fisher House;
- 8 Fisher House is always looking for cash donations from any individual interested in making cash donations (tax deductible);
- 9 Attach this program on the Posts web site.

This program can always be update and modified from time to time by the Committee as needed; any updates will be distributed to Post members by: advising members at business meetings (which will then be included in the Post minutes), including in the Eagle and adding to Post 1123's web site.

Approved by Post 3/4/24

