

2023 VETERAN'S HOME PROJECT



DATE: September 26, 2023

TO: Parish Women's Leadership Committee Chairs, State Women's Leadership Committee

Members, State Women's Leadership Committee Alternates, Parish Offices, State Board

of Directors

FROM: Mrs. Michele Simoneaux, State WLC Chair

RE: Veteran's Home Project

Our ongoing commitment to supporting our veterans is a testament to the values we hold dear as a Women's Leadership Committee. I am writing to provide a comprehensive update on our 2023 Veteran's Home Project, including donation requests, event schedule, and instructions for contributing to this noble cause.

Donation Requests:

Our success in improving the lives of veterans at the federal veteran's homes greatly relies on your generous contributions. We are seeking donations in various forms:

- 1. **Monetary Donations**: Financial contributions are instrumental in covering essential supplies and recreational activities for the veterans. Monetary donations must be sent into the state office with "2023 LFBF WLC Veteran's Home Project" to receive points in the awards book.
- 2. **Material Donations**: Donation of physical goods such as aftershave, diabetic socks, pajamas, snacks, and toiletries are also highly appreciated. Of special note, these items will only receive points in the awards book if your parish is present for the in person visit and or submits appropriate documentation (description and photo) in the awards book regarding your donation outside of the scheduled visits.
- 3. **Volunteer Time**: We welcome volunteers to dedicate their time and expertise in engaging with the veterans, organizing the visits, and assisting with various tasks.

Instructions for Donating:

1. Monetary Donations:

• Please send all checks to the State Office at the below address with "2023 LFBF WLC Veteran's Home Project" in the memo by November 30 (less points will be awarded to parishes turning funds in after this deadline):

Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation

Attention: Megan Gravois

P.O. Box 95004

Baton Rouge, LA 70895

2. Material Donations:

 Please drop off physical donations at designated locations. For specific locations and timings, contact your WLC listed in the chart.

3. Volunteer Time:

• To volunteer, reach out to your WLC contact listed in the chart to coordinate your participation.

Event Schedule – Dates and Locations

Your active participation is encouraged to make these events successful and enjoyable. Here is the schedule:

| Date | Event | Location |
|--|--|---|
| Nov 4, 2023 10:00 am Contact: <i>Tena Dodson</i> (318) 423-4910 | Bingo and Door decorating | Northwest Louisiana Veteran's Home 3130 Arthur Ray Teague Pkwy Bossier City, LA 71112 |
| Nov 6, 2023 2:00 pm Contact: Cindy Perret (225) 202-8829 | Bingo Coffee Donation | Southeast Louisiana Veteran's Home 4080 W Airline Hwy Reserve, LA 70084 |
| Nov 13, 2023 2:00 pm Contact: Amy Hale (318) 282-6849 | Bingo & Snacks Pajamas, toiletry donation | Northeast Louisiana War Veteran's Home 6700 US-165 Monroe, LA 71203 |
| Nov 16, 2023 (no visit offered) Contact: Danielle Yerby (318) 664-1048 | Supply Drop Off Only | Alexandria VA Medical Center 2495 Shreveport Hwy Pineville, LA 71360 |
| Nov 27, 2023 10:00 am <i>Contact: Joy Womack</i> (225) 933-8323 | Coffee Donation | Louisiana War Veteran's Home 4739 LA-10 Jackson, LA 70748 |
| Dec 4, 2023 2:00 pm Contact: Cindy Doise (337) 224-2214 | Bingo & Snacks Aftershave, diabetic sock donation | Southwest Louisiana Veteran's Home 1610 Evangeline Rd Jennings, LA 70546 |

Points and Recognition:

To recognize your generous donations and volunteer efforts, we will be rewarding parishes for their donation made or volunteer contributions. These points will be recognized and acknowledged during our annual convention in June 2024.

Your support is vital to the success of this project, and every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our esteemed veterans.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to this important cause.

Sincerely,
Michele Simoneaux
Chair, Women's Leadership Committee