

# New Jersey State Elks

## National Veterans Service Commission

### Homeless Veteran Program





My name is Don Tonachio and I am the State Chairman of the New Jersey State Elks National Veteran's Service Commission.

For the past two years, the NJ State Elks NVSC has expanded our program helping veterans who were homeless who are now moving into their own apartments.

The first part of our program is providing a veteran with a Welcome Home Kit. These kits include dishes, bath towels, sheets and blankets, cleaning supplies and other household items that someone would need when moving into an apartment. Elk lodges throughout the state can use ENF grants from Grand Lodge to purchase Welcome Home kits. There are also Welcome Home Kits grants which allow Elk lodges to purchase a Welcome Home Kit and be reimbursed up to \$300 per Welcome Home kit. Please visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) and NVSC to find out more information about this program.

Included in this packet is a list of all the items that we include in a Welcome Home Kit. On the list is where the items are purchased, the SKU number and the approximate price of each item. This list can be used by your lodges to purchase the items in a Welcome Home Kit.

The second part of our program is collecting and delivering gently used furniture to the veterans. The furniture that we will accept:

- Couches and love seats if they match (no sofa beds or couches with recliners)
- Recliners
- End tables and coffee tables
- Small kitchen tables with chairs
- Dressers and night stands

If the veteran is in need of a bed and cannot acquire one from a different organization, we can provide a bed. These beds can also be purchased with grants. Lodges have also used grants to purchase brand new end tables, coffee tables, night stands and small kitchen tables with chairs.

The NJ State Elks NVSC has four locations where furniture and kits are stored:

- Two small storage units at a storage facility in Marlton
- A shipping container located at the Old Bridge Elks
- A garage located at the Orange Elks for the North Central District
- The NJ State Elks Veterans Annex located in Stirling

The NJ State Elks NVSC is contacted by HUD VASH at Lyons VA, Philadelphia VA, Delaware VA and other veteran service organizations when a veteran is in need of a Welcome Home Kit and/or furniture. A referral must be sent in by the Case Manager along with a copy of the veteran's DD214. The veteran must have an honorable discharge in order for us to help them.

There is always an opportunity for all Elks to help deliver furniture and a Welcome Home Kit to the veterans.

If you would like to help deliver furniture and/or a Welcome Home Kit or if you have a question about using grants that your lodge is eligible to receive to purchase Welcome Home kits or you have information about furniture donations, please see the contact information below.

We look forward to getting all the lodges in New Jersey involved with helping our veterans. Two words that should not be together are Homeless and Veterans. Always remember "So as long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them".

Thank you,

Don Tonachio




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Contact information for Welcome Home Kits/Furniture Donations






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908-672-2079 – Kelly Mazzocchi

| Picture                                                                             | Brand    | Product                                     | Store   | Approx. Price  | Product #                                                                      | Size     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|    | MainStay | Bed in a Bag Complete Bedding               | Walmart | \$29.96        | 554754199 - Indigo<br>564002993 - Navy<br>569813017 - Black<br>564003001 - Red | Full     |
|    | MainStay | Pillow                                      | Walmart | \$3.97         | 2291543                                                                        | Standard |
|    | MainStay | towel Set                                   | Walmart | \$14.99        | 557650633<br>Colors: Acorn, White, Soft<br>Silver Navy                         | 6 piece  |
|    | MainStay | Strawberry Street Simply White dishware set | Walmart | \$20.00        | 1414665                                                                        | 16 piece |
|  | MainStay | flatware set                                | Walmart | \$10.88        |                                                                                | 20 piece |
|  | Luminarc | Drinking glasses                            | Walmart | \$10 and under |                                                                                | 16 piece |






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|    | MainStay | Coffee Maker        | Walmart | \$8.88 | 555739184 | 5 cup     |
|    | MainStay | Toaster             | Walmart | \$8.88 | 567904430 | 2 slice   |
|    | MainStay | Electric Can Opener | Walmart | \$8.88 | 555732294 | N/A       |
|  | MainStay | Serving Utensils    | Walmart | \$9.97 | 1494334   | 21 pieces |

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|    | Rubbermaid            | Food storage containers | Walmart | \$10.00 | 565290051 | 40 pieces |
|    | MainStay              | Knife Set               | Walmart | \$15.00 | 552470219 | 12 pieces |
|    | Better Homes & Garden | Lamps                   | Walmart | \$49.95 | 556328921 | 4 lamps   |
|  | Bissel                | Vacuum                  | Walmart | \$20.00 | 563003912 | N/A       |

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|    | Libman      | Mop          | Walmart | \$11.58 | 555287359                               | N/A       |
|    | O-Cedar     | Broom        | Walmart | \$9.98  | 570116641                               | N/A       |
|    | Great Value | Light Bulbs  | Walmart |         | 56377494 - 75w                          | 4 bulbs   |
|   | Tramontina  | Pots & Pans  | Walmart | \$24.95 | 556319386 - Polished<br>556319377 - Red | 9 pieces  |
|  | MainStay    | Bathroom set | Walmart | \$15.96 | 556132342 - Brown<br>556132344 - Blue   | 15 pieces |

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|    | MainStay    | Bathroom accessories | Walmart | \$4.95  | Tan<br>White<br>Gray                                                         | 4 pieces |
|    | MainStay    | Dish towel set       | Walmart | \$4.95  | 556501140 - Black<br>556501139 - Tan<br>556501136 - Gray<br>556501132 - Navy | 5 pieces |
|    | Sterilite   | laundry basket       | Walmart | \$9.00  | 552537898 - white                                                            | N/A      |
|   | Hefty       | Garbage can          | Walmart | \$15.95 | 7410024 - Black                                                              | N/A      |
|  | Great Value | garbage bags         | Walmart | \$4.75  | 564001944                                                                    | 80 bags  |



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|    | Sparkle        | paper towels | Walmart | \$8.97  | 566979220 | 8 rolls   |
|    | Angel Soft     | toilet paper | Walmart |         | 565434272 | 12 rolls  |
|    | Hamilton Beach | microwave    | Walmart | \$60.00 | 556693384 | N/A       |
|  | Pyrex          | glass dishes | Walmart | \$19.00 | 570997967 | 14 pieces |
|  | Crock Pot      | crook pot    | Walmart | \$9.96  | 563735497 | 2 quart   |