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Cumberland County Veterans Affairs Office Receives Grant for Outreach Program

Carlisle, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, through its Veterans Trust Fund (VTF), has awarded the Cumberland County Veterans Affairs Office a \$20,000 grant for an outreach program benefiting veterans in the county.

The program, Veteran Nine-Line: Help on the Homefront, will be established in mid-summer and will provide services to county veterans in need, through the veteran support group.

“This is a win for our 22,000 veterans. It will provide them with an opportunity to not only receive assistance, but to help other veterans in our community,” said Amber Endrusick, Cumberland County Veterans Affairs Director.

When the Veteran Nine-Line program is established, county veterans will be able to apply to Cumberland County Veterans Affairs office to get temporary help with errands, groceries, product needs, basic lawn care, companionship, and additional temporary needs or financial assistance based on a sudden hardship such as a surgery, injury, or other life disrupting events.

This new outreach effort is aimed at aiding veterans of the more recent conflicts of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Activities will be organized that will provide Cumberland County veterans an opportunity to meet and share the common goal of wanting to belong to something greater than self by providing services for fellow veterans in need.

Throughout the nation veterans groups are forming to try and address these issues from a new direction, to provide opportunities for OIF/OEF veterans to support each other. Veteran Nine-Line: Help on the Homefront will utilize the grant to fund the program in its entirety until fundraising events can be implemented to supplement the cost.

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