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TO: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants
FROM: Dr. Carl Forkner, Department Adjutant
SUBJ: ANNOUNCEMENT OF FY2026 CHAPTER GRANTS
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Chapter Commanders and Adjutants,

This memorandum announces the chapter grant awards from the fund approved by the Department Executive Committee (DEC) at Mid-term Conference in January.

Five chapters indicated intent to apply for grant awards. Of those five, four chapters actually submitted grant requests.

Two grant requests were submitted for building improvements that did not directly benefit Veterans, their families, or their survivors. As such, they were not approved.

Two grant applications were approved:

Chapter 20 submitted a grant proposal to remove and replace the dividers in the men's and women's restrooms because they had corroded, were unstable and unable to be reinforced, and presented a safety hazard to users, including those from the community. *Award: \$10,000.*

Chapter 8 submitted a grant proposal that included three components: (1) four heavy, outdoor benches for Veterans to sit on when they get to the Chapter House early on walk-in days (\$400); (2) striping the side area of the building for officers, CSOs, and volunteers to park safely, leaving the main parking lot areas open for Veterans (\$600); (3) funding a Veteran Dental Care Assistance Plan (DCAP), in conjunction with two Veteran dentists in the East Valley, to assist Veterans ineligible for VA dental services to get necessary dental care (\$9,000). *Award: \$10,000.*

Sincerely,

Carl B. Forkner

cc: Department Officers