

What Can Your Lodge Do?

When a loved one is deployed, the entire community of family members, friends and neighbors is affected. Uncertainty and separation can create high levels of stress and anxiety. Today many of our service men and women are married and have children. When a service member is deployed it places hardships upon the family. A local lodge could help in a number of ways depending on the need and situation. Your lodge could help with home maintenance or fund emergency repairs. Your lodge could host, sponsor, and fund parties or showers and donate gifts. Your lodge could also host, help fund, and provide labor at welcome home events.

Scenarios of assistance might include, yard work, installing storm windows, lawn care or snow removal. Assistance may include providing funds to repair a vehicle, a stove, refrigerator, or heating, electrical or plumbing systems. It could involve providing materials and labor to repair damage to the primary residence as a result of fire or natural disaster. Other scenarios may involve hosting and/or funding birthday parties for children and baby showers for spouse, transportation assistance for medical or grocery and other needs as the situation occurs.

Help for Heroes

A Program to serve those who serve their country.

In the decade of conflict that followed September 11, 2001, 63 percent of the National Guardsmen deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan have deployed once, while 37 percent have deployed multiple times, according to National Guard Bureau data. According to the Wisconsin Department for Military Affairs More than 14,000 members of the National Guard and Reserve have been called to active duty from Wisconsin communities since 9-11.

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WISCONSIN MASONS

HELPING OUR HEROES





Help For Heroes

Is a program teaming up Masons and their lodges with Active duty service members, deployed Reservists and Guard members, spouses, widows or widowers, and dependent children of eligible veterans who died in the line of duty.

When a unit is deployed an ombudsman or liaison is appointed to help families during the deployment. These ombudsmen are told of a need and then will contact the Masonic Military Liaison for assistance. The Masonic Military Liaison will coordinate efforts between the Lodge and military family representative or ombudsman.

How Can We Help

Help for Heroes is designed to provide assistance at the local or regional level. Each project unique to that specific need and the abilities of your lodge and the individual brothers. Matching funds are available so your donation goes twice as far.

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation will provide a Lodge up to \$1000 a year in matching funds to support Help for Heroes activities.



No Greater Love...

When deployed the #1 concern of a service man or woman is their family. Here is a chance to help those who serve us. As Masons we are called upon to help those in need.

In April of 2015 a Kids Carnival was held in Northern Wisconsin for the sons and daughters of the members of the 950th Engineering unit currently deployed for the third time since 9-11. This group of men and women specialize in keeping traffic routes clear of IEDs (Improvised exploding devices). Local Masonic Lodges raised funds, which were match by the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. These funds were used to pay for a bounce house rental, prizes and food. Shrine clowns helped provide entertainment.

What ideas do you have?