
DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' AFFAIRS



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Cascade Engineering Donation Helps Kent County Veterans

GRAND RAPIDS - Earlier this summer, Carrie Roy, Manager of Veterans' Affairs, received an unexpected, but very welcome phone call. "Cascade Engineering employees and associates from six plants on their campus were searching for a project that reached out to veterans in the community, offering help and assistance where they need it most," Carrie recalled. Carrie sent information about the Soldier's and Sailor's Relief Fund, and shared stories about the increased needs of veterans in Kent County. The Cascade Engineering team decided to assist our veterans.

Tim Thomas, Senior Purchasing Manager for Cascade Engineering, reached out to the company's significant supplier community, and requested donations for veterans. Tim, his team, their suppliers and associates raised nearly \$17,000 for the Soldier's and Sailor's Relief Fund. The team didn't stop there. They helped a veteran and her two children, who were recently homeless, furnish their newly-acquired apartment and get much-needed items for the family. They also helped the widow of a Vietnam veteran make much-needed roof and window repairs to her home.

"We are fortunate to have such generous, caring people living and working in Kent County," said Wayman Britt, Assistant County Administrator. "Our veterans sacrificed for us, so when they are in need, we need to help them." The funding raised by this project will also assist honorably discharged war-era veterans facing evictions and/or utility shut offs.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs will formally accept a check for nearly \$17,000 from Cascade Engineering on Friday, August 17, 2012, at 12:30 p.m. at the County Veterans' Affairs Office, located at 82 Ionia NW, Suite 380, in Grand Rapids. Carrie Roy, members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Veterans' Affairs Department team will present a certificate of appreciation to Cascade Engineering.

The media is welcome to attend this presentation and interviews will be available.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Kent County Veterans' Affairs Department is to provide financial aid and other assistance to honorably discharged, wartime veterans or their widow/widower who are residents of Kent County.