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Northport Police Department Press Release

For Immediate Release

Incident: Homeless Veteran Monthly Food and Care Package Events
Location: Beacon House, Northport Veterans Affairs Hospital, Northport, NY
Date/Time: October 27, 2017

On Friday, October 27th from 4:00-6:30pm the Moonjumpers Charitable Foundation, Inc. along with its Corporate Sponsors; National Grid, PSEG-LI, The Shamrock Restaurant & Bar of Halesite and The Townwide Fund of Huntington again partnered with General Needs to provide the homeless veterans that are staying at the Beacon House facility at the Northport Veterans Affairs Hospital with a home cooked meal.

In addition to the meal, each homeless veteran was presented with a Necessities Care Package which contains personal items and clothing from General Needs, a Long Island based homeless advocacy group.

The homeless veterans that stay at this facility are only allowed to stay for 90 days yearly. The Beacon House is a safety net for homeless vets as they get back on their feet. Moonjumpers and their partners host these Monthly Food & Care Package Events on the 4th Friday of every month at the Beacon House.

Northport Police Chief Bill Ricca and his wife Dawn were among the volunteers on October 27th who set up for the event, cooked and served the food and assisted in the cleanup. Most importantly, the volunteers sat down and spent quality time with these heroes who have fallen on hard times. Chief Ricca said, "Dawn and I have a son in the Army and we know the sacrifices these men and women have made for us through their service. Providing them a home cooked meal and a friendly ear for a few hours is the least we can do."

At this event Robert Benson, one of the founders of Moonjumpers Charitable Foundation, Inc. presented General Needs with a grant to help continue to provide care packages to the veterans that are staying at the Beacon House in Northport for the next five months. Mr. Benson said that in addition they distribute similar packages to "Over 300 veterans staying at multiple shelters throughout the Northeast region."

If you would like to sponsor a monthly event at Beacon House please visit the Moonjumpers website at www.moonjumpers.org and look to become a Food and Care Package Sponsor.

If anyone is interested in providing assistance or a donation to General Needs please contact Lonnie Sherman at (516)672-9595.

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