



**OPERATION CHILLOUT** is New Jersey's oldest (and only) all-volunteer mobile outreach for homeless veterans, men and women, on mission since December 21, 2000 "*no borders-no boundaries*". Our mission is to respond to the crisis of homelessness with direct compassionate actions.

## **PARTNERING WITH THE NJSFWC**

**1. Seasonal Winter & Summer Campaigns** We welcome your participation in organizing your clubs to support our winter and summer outreach **on-line gift registry campaigns**.

- Our annual summer homeless outreach collection and delivery campaign (Memorial Day – Labor Day) your clubs can mobilize their members to purchase cases of bottled water and new summer apparel – tees shirts, caps; and accessories – sun block, insect repellent, sunglasses, hygiene-toiletry kits, specialized survival gear.
- Our annual winter outreach collection and delivery campaign starts each November; your clubs can purchase a complete backpack or a selection of the gift registry clothing items – socks, thermal underwear, zipped hooded sweatshirt, knit cap, gloves; or specialized survival gear – sleeping bags, backpacking tents; or gift cards.

**2. Vet's Tiny Home Power Backup** We propose fundraising for two critical projects aimed at ensuring viability of our first veterans' tiny home unit in adverse weather conditions and loss of power.

- Design and install a custom roof-top solar power unit with battery backup.
- Design and install an automatic propane-fueled emergency backup power generator.

**3. OUR DREAM VISION -The creation of homeless veterans farm-based tiny home communities.** In our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, building on our previous successes of rescuing and serving the needs of thousands of homeless veterans, men and women, we are committed to projecting our vision forward to enhance our capacity to serve the neediest at a significant level through the creation of a unique alternative housing solution.

- Enlist the participation of The NJSFWC in this ambitious, innovative development project.
- Establish a comprehensive assessment and master plan.
- Create a joint OCO-NJSFWC leadership team and statewide stakeholders group committed to the project.
- Locate farm properties interested in participating.
- Partner with donors to fund a demonstration veteran farmer tiny home community.