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TO: Regional Council Presidents and Chapter Presidents

FROM: Honorable Shirley A. Jones, Esq.  
National President

SUBJECT: Military Veterans Emphasis Program (MVEP) - "BIG Give Back to Veterans Campaign"

The National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), through our Military Veterans Emphasis Program (MVEP), MVEP Chair, Mr. Marcus Brooks, is collecting items to support its "BIG Give Back To Veterans Campaign." The goal is to collect essential items (see attachment) for men and women veterans. We need your help with this important campaign!

All donations, to include gift certificates/cards, and cash/check donations, received will be utilized to benefit veterans. The items will be donated to the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center Voluntary Services, at BIG's 43rd Annual National Training Institute (NTI) during the week of August 15-18, 2022.

Please mail or deliver your items by **July 1, 2022** to: Blacks In Government National Office, ATTN: MVEP Campaign, Mr. Marcus Brooks, 3005 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20001. We thank you in advance for your support of this great endeavor!

Also, remember that your donation is tax- deductible!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding MVEP, please feel free to contact Mr. Brooks at (910) 580-5307 and/or via email: [marcus.brooks@bignet.org](mailto:marcus.brooks@bignet.org) or Ms. Sheila Stevens at (757) 472-3834, [sheilastevens2005@yahoo.com](mailto:sheilastevens2005@yahoo.com).

Attachment

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## ATTACHMENT

The National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG)

Military Veterans Emphasis Program (MVEP)

Give Back To Veterans Campaign Donation Request

The BIG Give Back To Veterans Campaign will distribute all collected hygiene products to male and female veterans via the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Voluntary Services.

Suggested Donation Items Needed:

(All clothing items must be newly purchased) Winter Jackets (all sizes), Sweat shirts/pants (all sizes-no drawstrings), scarves/gloves/hats T-shirts (all-sizes), Underwear (all sizes), Tennis shoes Sizes 9-13; Personal Care Items includes Nail Grooming Kits, Disposable Safety Razors, Toothpaste, Tooth Brush, Alcohol-free Lotion, Shaving Cream or Gel, Deodorant (men/women), Feminine Hygiene Products, Flashlights/First Aid Kits, Combs/Brushes, Reading Glasses; Housewares such as Blankets (lap, bed & plastic covering), Laundry Detergent/Fabric Sheets, Branch of Service Duffel Bags, Back Packs & Sleeping Bags; Entertainment & Comfort Items such as Small Non-Toxic Crayon Package (3-4 crayons per box), Adult Activity & Coloring Books (regular and large print), Interactive Electronic Games, Arts and Crafts Supplies, Ink Pens & Small/Large Size Notepads, Postage Stamps & Blank Note Cards, RTA bus passes (All-day and Paratransit), Gift Cards – Gas, VA Canteen Books, Restaurants, Grocery/retail stores and VISA/Mastercard; Checks should be made out to Blacks In Government (MVEP) and (all funds will be tallied and presented as one check from BIG).

We encourage donation drive organizers/volunteers to personalize items by adding note cards containing inspirational quotes; however, we ask that you refrain from including personal contact information.

THANK YOU FOR THINKING BIG!