

EMPLOYMENT, HOMELESS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis M. Duddie, Chairman

This year, the Employment, Homeless & Education (EHE) Committee hosted two northern New Jersey stand downs, one which was centrally located and one in Atlantic City. Together, we helped numerous homeless and at-risk veterans with clothing, food, veterans benefits and medical necessity. With the help of the *Bringing Veterans Home Initiative*, The American Legion has assisted homeless and at-risk veterans with emergency stays in hotels and subsequently obtaining vouchers for permanent residency.

I am happy to say that with the help of our committee members we have paved the way for an even brighter 2026-2027 year. During the 2025 national convention the Small Employers Award was given. This year we submitted all of our paperwork for the Michael Guty Award as well as the Small Employer Award for the 2026 National Convention. The committee is growing and will continue to grow as our homeless veteran situation is growing and we need to combat it.

I'd like to personally thank this committee for always striving to be the best and to help every day by removing a veteran from the streets and into proper housing and get the help they need. This committee looks forward to helping any veteran in need.
Thank you, God Bless our veterans, God bless our troops, and God bless the United States of America.