CORPORAL DIFFIE VETERANS FUND

-BRIDGING THE GAP-

We are bridging the *"Gap"* between a Veteran's need for immediate help during dire circumstances and the existing Veteran Resources inability to quickly respond with services and aid due to unavoidable lead-times.

"The Gap" has long been an acknowledged obstacle Veterans face in their time of crisis and need for help.

The Cpl. Diffie Veterans Fund was established in 2019 through a partnership developed between the Milwaukie Police Department's Veteran Resource Team and the Milwaukie American Legion Post 180.

The sole purpose of the Cpl. Diffie Veteran's Fund is to address "The Gap" by providing Veterans or their immediate family members with emergency assistance until Veteran resources can respond with services and long-term solutions.

-HELPING VETERANS IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF SAM-

Milwaukie resident – U.S. Marine Corps Combat Veteran Samuel Diffie, served two tours in Afghanistan as a rifleman and came from a family with a history of military service.

As a Combat Veteran, Samuel unfortunately experienced the troublesome *"GAP"* between the need for Veteran services and their inability to quickly respond with resources and solutions.

His situation, although not unique amongst veterans seeking assistance, exposed the desperate need for local emergency funds to help veterans in the community who are facing dire circumstances, and who are stuck in the *"GAP"* waiting for resources and services.

Sadly, Samuel unexpectedly passed in January of 2018 from natural causes connected to his medical concerns.

In memory of Corporal Samuel Diffie, the Milwaukie American Legion Post 180 partnered with the Milwaukie Police Dept.'s Veterans Resource Team in 2019 and established the "Cpl. Diffie Veterans Fund". 100% of all donations are used to help our local heroes during their time of need by bridging the Gap until Veteran resources are approved and made available.

Online Donations can be made at www.ALPOST180.org - Follow the link to the Cpl. Diffie Veterans Fund