

Brotherhood Fund Guidelines

Member in Distress Guidelines

"Regarding USSVCF donations for members in distress, the established procedure is:

1. The member's base must first directly financially help their member.
2. If more help is needed, the member's Base Commander or his representative, should petition the manager of the Brotherhood fund for additional CF assistance, explaining the circumstances of need and what the base has done to date.
3. The CF Brotherhood Fund manager or the CF Board as a whole will make a determination as to whether CF support will be forthcoming, based on his need and his Base support already provided. The POC & manager for this fund within the CF is John Peters as of 11/1/2009.
4. If the CF decides to support the shipmate in need (and it is not automatic), they can provide matching funds to the Base efforts up to \$ 750.00. i.e. the base raises 250.00, the most the CF will provide (if agreed) is \$ 250.00. If the base raises \$ 1,500.00, the most the CF will provide (if agreed) is \$ 750.00.

We need to discuss and include on the CF Board meeting agenda a topic which will provide guidelines to determine if the shipmate is in financial need.

Through now we have provided contributions based on tragic events (fire loss, sudden death) and in one case a shipmate who was sick. But consider that many folk become needy due to sickness, addiction, job loss, divorce, laziness, incompetence, etc. Some of these people may have substantial assets and, while hurting, perhaps are not needy and maybe should not warrant a Foundation contribution. In other words, should financial condition be considered and should certain other events, i.e., divorce, preclude aid.

I am not aware that the IRS has guidelines, I believe they leave it to the charity.