

Transition Leaves Staff Sergeant in Crisis

War took its toll, but the VFW was there to help

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Robin Lore Lee from Huntsville, Ala., was a Staff Sergeant in the Marine Corps for 17 years. Five combat deployments took her to Afghanistan, Iraq, Egypt, United Arab Emirates and more.

“My grandfather, Robert E. Lee, was a drill instructor at Paris Island,” said Lee. “He



inspired me to serve my country.”

But war has taken its toll on Lee’s health.

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“I have cancer, severe PTSD, migraines, torn ligaments in my shoulder and lower back and a degenerative disc in my spine,” said Lee.

Lee was Temporarily Retired from the Corps and received a 100% rating from the VA, but her inability to hold a job and a delay in benefits sent her into a financial tailspin.

“The transition from full-time to veteran was very tough. I needed some help,” said Lee.

That’s when Lee heard about VFW Unmet Needs from her local VFW Post. She applied and was awarded over \$1,200 in financial assistance.

“The grant paid my utilities, car insurance and phone bill,” said Lee. “It’s been a huge relief.”

Lee is so grateful to the VFW and its supporters for the hand up.

“Thank you to everyone who helped me when I thought my world was coming to an end,” said Lee. “It’s nice to know there are people out there willing to help veterans.”

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