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Dear Arielle Kubu-Jones,

Celebration of life for Eric Padgett:

Eric Padgett was a Volunteer firefighter for Sonoma Valley Fire, Firefighter for Eldridge Fire Department at SDC and a Dispatcher for CHP. He lost his two-year battle with pancreatic cancer on November 3. He was 38 years old, leaving behind a wife and 4 children. AMVETS Post 55 is humbly, asking First District Supervisor Gorin and Sonoma County for the Fee Waiver. This would show appreciation for Eric and his community service by securing a fee waiver to help with the fees that are incurred for his Celebration of Life at the Sonoma Veterans Building. The family is devastated with a heavy financial burden losing the major income earner. It would be a huge financial relief to the family if you could assist with this situation. Eric's father Gary Padgett, a Vietnam Navy Veteran, was able to use his veteran's status to obtain a fee relief to utilize the Sonoma Veterans building (Reservation #12956 Event name Eric Padgett Celebration of Life) for Eric; however there are still fees due. It would be a considerable gesture of respect shown to our first responder community if Sonoma County or you would help to shoulder the financial burden to the Padgett family.

Respectfully,

*Terrence Leen*

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Commander

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