Sentinels of Freedom/ Wounded Warriors TRACK

Sentinels of Freedom Mission Statement: Provide life-changing opportunities for men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who have severe service-related injuries as they transition to civilian life and can benefit from support of grateful communities to realize their dreams.

Objective and purpose of the program: Offer pro bono coaching to educate and mentor the Sentinel to become skilled at the basics of personal financial management. **Scope of planning work may include:**

- 1. Helping Sentinels work through and manage the <u>Accomplishing Your Financial</u> <u>Mission</u> learning program as needed. (Hardcopy or Fidelis APP)
- 2. Meeting and reviewing planned budget to actual and other topics on a regular basis for a period of time as needed.
- 3. Education on tools to track expenses, such as daily worksheets, envelope systems, excel spreadsheets, Quicken or other software programs the planner recommends.
- 4. Debt and Credit card education and management. Coordination with local debt counseling services as available.
- 5. Guidance on bill paying systems, check writing, and electronic bill pay etc.
- 6. Building a savings account to cover several months of expenses and act as a working capital fund for unexpected expenses and future needs.
- 7. Education on the fundamentals of investing once the Sentinel is in a position to begin saving for the longer term.
- 8. Sourcing income tax consulting and preparation help if needed.
- 9. Sourcing help generating basic estate planning documents, wills, directives etc.
- No written plan is required but is optional. You may encourage the SOF to develop a simple written plan outline that would include Objectives, Observations, Assumptions, Solutions, Recommendations and Next Steps.

Product compensation: Per Letter of Engagement no sales or solicitation should occur. Education on how the veteran can become a wise consumer would be appropriate guidance.

<u>Next Steps</u>

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