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# YOU REALLY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## In 2011, with the help and generosity of friends like you, The American Legion:

- Helped veterans process more than 7,200 disability claims in order to receive the VA medical benefits they have earned.
- Awarded \$600,000 in grants to programs that benefit the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well-being of children.
- Answered thousands of calls for assistance from GIs and their families through the Legion's Family Support Network.
- Put in more than one million volunteer hours at VA medical facilities across the country.
- Helped expand VA disability for up to 200,000 Vietnam Veterans exposed to Agent Orange and who are suffering from B-cell leukemia, Parkinson's disease and ischemic heart disease.
- Awarded more than \$4.4 million in college scholarships to students through the National High School Oratorical Competition, American Legion Baseball, Scouting, Junior Shooting and the Legacy Scholarship Fund.
- Assisted thousands of returning troops through our Heroes to Hometowns program.
- Provided over \$250,000 in comfort items and aid to wounded warriors recovering in military hospitals through our Operation Comfort Warriors program.
- Provided tens of thousands of dollars in emergency financial assistance to Legion families hit by the drought in the Midwest, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and other natural disasters.
- Sponsored more than 5,000 American Legion Baseball teams, which are made up by more than 100,000 ballplayers.

## We're Leading the Way!

- The American Legion is the world's largest veterans' service organization, with more than 2.4 million members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.
- The first "Flag Code" was drafted during a Legion conference in Washington. Congress adopted the code in 1942. Today, the Legion is at the forefront of efforts to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.
- In 1943, former Legion National Commander Harry W. Colmery began to write, in longhand, on Mayflower Hotel stationery in Washington, the first draft of what will later become the "GI Bill of Rights."
- The American Legion awarded grants that gave life to fledgling organizations such as The American Heart Association and the National Association for Mental Health.
- The American Legion was the single largest contributor to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for construction of "the Wall" in Washington D.C.

*With an uncertain economy, an increasing number of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and an aging population of veterans from earlier eras, we need your help now more than ever.*

## Planning for the Future?

- Please send me information on supporting our veterans with a bequest to The American Legion in my will.
- I have already left The American Legion in my will.

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