

American Legion
Child Welfare Foundation



Annual Report - 2012

*"People who give are rewarded, not monetarily,
but because their involvement represents an
expression beyond themselves."*

-- Henry A. Rosso

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has enjoyed an outstanding year – due directly to the combined efforts of our Legion family. Our final donation total set an all-time high! Without the unequalled support of the Sons of The American Legion this level of generosity would not have been reached.

In 1954, The American Legion allowed the separate incorporation of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Since then, the Foundation has granted over \$12.5 million dollars to nonprofit youth-oriented organizations, providing them a means to educate families and communities about the needs of special children across this nation. And most of these donations have come in five or ten dollars at a time from people just like you.

Through your donations, Foundation grants produced donor cards, CDs and media templates for organ and donor registration campaigns; distributed how-to manuals to hundreds of diabetes camps to ensure safe effective programs; and created educational kits and brochures to increase awareness of the dangers of shaking babies. Families dealing with Huntington's disease, Marfan syndrome and cancer all benefited from Foundation funding. Parents, professionals and the general public are now more aware of the challenges faced by children with autism, meningitis and birth defects.

In October of 2012, the Board of Directors approved grants to 20 nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$734,220 for projects to be completed in calendar year 2013.

I am pleased to report during the 2012-2013 contribution year donations exceeded **\$787,950** with over **\$506,264** of that amount coming to us from the Sons of The American Legion!

Members of The American Legion family are the primary contributors to the success and growth of our Foundation. Your support allows the Foundation to continue funding projects that improve the quality of life for our nation's children. *Remember that every dollar given to the Foundation is used for grants that assist our young people.* The American Legion generously takes care of our overhead costs. As a result, all of the money donated is entered into the trust fund to be used for grants. Few, if any, other foundations can make this claim.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, and all the children throughout this great country of ours...Thank You!

Dennis R. Boland, President

Mission

Though created by The American Legion in 1954, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. is a separate 501 (c) 3 corporation.

Our foremost philanthropic priority is to provide other nonprofit organizations with a means to educate the public about the needs of children across this nation.

Areas of Interest

The Foundation accepts proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects that:

- ◇ Contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth; and/or
- ◇ Contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

Brief History

In 1952, Department Commander Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr. of Arkansas, came to The American Legion with an offer to provide a valuable contribution if we could figure out some way his gift could be used solely for children. After much study and discussion, the idea of a foundation was adopted. Later that year, the National Executive Committee appointed a special committee to determine the feasibility of establishing such a proposed foundation.

Eventually, on October 15, 1953, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of the Foundation and entered into a trust agreement with Dr. Murphy. Legal work was completed, and on July 9, 1954, the Foundation was duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana. At that time, Dr. Murphy assigned to the Foundation deeds to fractional mineral rights on nearly 10,000 acres of land in the oil-rich Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota.

In 1955, the Foundation gave its first three grants totaling \$22,500 to three organizations. The Delinquency Control Institute, the National Association for Retarded Children, and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness were the first three beneficiaries.

To date, over \$12.5 million has been awarded to organizations to assist the children of this country from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

"Dedicated to the betterment of all children"

2012 Grant Recipients



Alstrom Syndrome International of Mount Desert, Maine was awarded \$13,125 for their project, "The Alstrom Syndrome Handbook." This grant will produce a soft cover binder with 12 topic dividers and approximately 40 pages of content, (photographs, figures, graphs, timelines, and supporting materials). The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.



American Humane Association of Englewood, Colorado was awarded \$35,250 for their project, "Family Group Decision Making Docutaining." This grant will fund production and distribution of 3,500 Docutaining workbooks, 100 Facilitator Guides and DVDs and marketing materials. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Angel Flight Soars, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia was awarded \$16,564 for their project, "Angel Flight Soars 'Broadcast Outreach Campaign'." This grant will fund production and dissemination of information for pilot recruitment and outreach to the general community through medical and other facilities.



Autism Speaks, Inc. of New York, New York was awarded \$22,500 for their project, "100 Day Kit for Newly Diagnosed Families." The 100 Day Kit for Newly-Diagnosed Families puts critical information on autism directly in the hands of the people who need it most - parents. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



Be The Match Foundation of Minneapolis, Minnesota was awarded \$16,050 for their project, "Super Sam vs. the Marrow Monsters: A Guide to Bone Marrow Transplant for Children." This grant will produce 3,000 copies of the DVD "Super Sam." The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Birth Defect Research for Children of Orlando, Florida was awarded \$18,500 for their project, "Birth Defect Research for Children's Accessibility & Outreach Project." This grant will purchase software to allow website visitors to hear the website's content. Grant will also purchase three ads in the "Healthy Mom and Baby" magazine.

*Birth Defect Research
for Children, Inc.*

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EMOTIONAL HEALTH

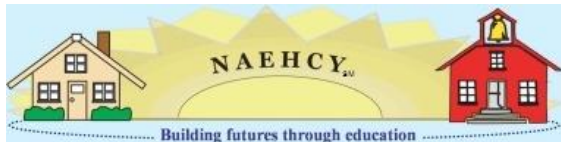
Children's Institute, Inc. of Rochester, New York was awarded \$9,500 for their project, "Building Strong Military Families Through Play." This grant will disseminate nationwide the DVD package (1,000) to National Guard and reserve centers, and other centers serving military children and families.

Mercy Medical Airlift

Dedicated To Helping Those In Need Of Air Medical Transportation

Program - Info Dissemination Upgrade." This grant will provide for five modernized and upgraded websites and a full social media presence providing information to the public and pediatric medical world regarding child patient long-distance medical transportation. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Mercy Medical Airlift of Virginia Beach, Virginia was awarded \$43,400 for their project, "Child Health



National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) of Minneapolis, Minnesota was awarded \$41,000 for their project, "Voices for Homeless Students." This grant will produce a redesigned website, "Advocate's Toolkit" and PSA. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children of Alexandria, Virginia was awarded \$25,500 for their project, "Child ID App." This grant will fund the development of an iPhone Child ID application. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



Organization for Autism Research of Arlington, Virginia was awarded \$49,355 for their project, "Understanding Autism: A Guide for Secondary Teachers." This grant will produce a video based learning module to provide educators with a working understanding of autism. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



Second Wind Fund, Inc. of Lakewood, Colorado was awarded \$23,724 for their project, "Teen Suicide IS Preventable: Campaign to educate school gatekeepers about suicide prevention and how Second Wind Fund, Inc. can help reduce the teen suicide rate in their communities." This grant will allow the Second Wind Fund to develop a short multi-media presentation to be used as a practical

guide for school mental health staff, showing the success of the SWEF model's success in lowering teen suicide rates. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.



THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE
FOR TRAUMA AND LOSS
IN CHILDREN



Starr Commonwealth- National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC) of Albion, Michigan was awarded \$20,000 for their project, "Trauma Informed and Resilience Focused Virtual Resource Center for Military Parents." This grant

will produce a web-based service entitled "Trauma Informed and Resilience Focused Virtual Resource Center for Military Parents." The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Texas National Guard Family Support Foundation (TXNGFSF) of Austin, Texas was awarded \$40,000 for their project, "My Parent Is Deploying To Combat." This grant will provide brochures for children in schools that will explain to teachers, counselors, and administrators what it means to have a parent deployed.



The American Legion Department of Arizona/ Detachment of Arizona of Phoenix, Arizona was awarded \$49,500 for their project, "Deployment Josh Development Program." This grant is for a portion of start-up costs for the "Deployment Josh" Program. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

The American Legion, Department of Kansas of Topeka, Kansas was awarded \$32,000 for their project, "Drug Free America - Ruler - Bookmark." This grant will produce a six-inch ruler/bookmark containing an anti drug message on one side and the Pledge of Allegiance on the other. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



ThinkFirst Foundation (ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation) of Naperville, Illinois was awarded \$25,715 for their project, "ThinkFirst Campaign to Prevent Childhood Injuries." This grant will fund ThinkFirst For Kids Curricula (grades 1-3, 4-5, and 6-8) 100 sets for each grade level. Additionally, it would fund posters and brochures. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.



Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc. (TAPS) of Washington, DC was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "TAPS Grieving Children's Care Kit - "Klinger: A Story of Hope"." This grant will fund a second printing of "Klinger" and purchase stuffed horses. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Recent Grants

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 58th year, has awarded \$734,220 to 20 non-profit organizations. These grants, determined during the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, held at the Sheraton Hotel City Centre in Indianapolis, Indiana on Sunday, October 14, 2012, have been awarded to support worthwhile projects through the dissemination of information to the general public and specific target groups. The following is a brief summary of the grants awarded for 2013:



American Academy of Pediatrics of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, was awarded \$12,180 for their project "Connected Kids." This grant will update and enhance the content of Connected Kids, taking into account new forms of violence (e. g. cyberbullying) and new research on issues related to exposure to violence and toxic stress. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Childhood Leukemia Foundation of Brick, New Jersey, was awarded \$60,000 for their project "Hope Binders." This grant will produce and distribute 2,000 Hope Binders to 200 hospitals across the nation. The binders assist families with the task of tracking and prioritizing medical information and costs associated with their child's treatment.



Children's Organ Transplant Association of Bloomington, Indiana, was awarded \$43,050 for their project "Bowling for Life." The grant will produce "Bowling for Life" fundraising materials such as templates for events with step-by-step instructions, media releases and social networking tips. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

CureSearch for Children's Cancer of Bethesda, Maryland, was awarded \$25,500 for their project "Childhood Cancer Care for the Whole Patient: CureSearch Webinar Series." This grant will provide funding for three webinar programs to help families manage the psychosocial aspects of having a child with cancer. The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



Darkness to Light of Charleston, South Carolina, was awarded \$45,486 for their project "Helping Military Families Prevent Child Abuse." The grant will produce and distribute 15,000 "sets" of child abuse prevention educational materials customized for military families to thirty-three Armed Forces YMCAs in the United States. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.





Diabetes Education & Camping Association of Huntsville, Alabama, was awarded \$40,000 for their project "D-Source: The New and Improved Website of U.S. Diabetes Camps." This grant will reconstruct the DECA website to improve member camps and the public's ability to access online information about diabetes camps for youth and families.

Huntington's Disease Society of America of New York, New York, was awarded \$30,000 for their project "Talking to Your Children about Huntington's Disease Handbook." This grant will fund a comprehensive

handbook to guide parents through the process of explaining Huntington's Disease to a child, their peers, and respective school. The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



Immune Deficiency Foundation of Towson, Maryland, was awarded \$48,500 for their project "The Little Zebra – A Children's Storybook." The grant will produce an illustrated

children's storybook that will help explain primary immunodeficiency disease (PID) to a child or their peers. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of New York, New York, was awarded \$39,500 for their project "Type One – The Teen Years." The grant will produce a DVD that will help teens understand the importance of maintaining a healthy balance of diet, exercise, and insulin intake.



Mercy Flight Southeast, Inc. of Leesburg, Florida, was awarded \$17,394 for their project "Project Outreach SE USA 2012." This grant will update and reprint the original Mercy Flight tri-fold information brochure, which includes contact information to request transportation, and an opportunity to donate to Mercy Flight and volunteer as a pilot or "earth angel." The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



National Autism Association of Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts, was awarded \$58,000 for their project "Big Red Safety Box Program." The grant will produce 3,000 safety kits to be given free to families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



National Center for Learning Disabilities of New York, New York, was awarded \$45,000 for their project "LD Navigator for Pediatric Healthcare Professionals." This grant will produce "Ask the Expert" videos, to be included in the toolkits to help pediatricians and pediatric nurse practitioners serve the learning disabled. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.



National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association of Seattle, Washington, was awarded \$40,000 for their project "Ready, Set, Raise! I am for the child tools and training for grassroots activation." This grant will produce the

"Ready, Set, Raise! Project" of an activation guide, with two toolkits, for grassroots activation in local CASA markets. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

National Exchange Club Foundation of Toledo, Ohio, was awarded \$24,530 for their project "Believe in the Blue 2013 – What do I do when my child...?" The grant will produce 44,000 "What to do when my child...?" booklets, 40,000 tip cards, 26,000 "message" magnets and 500 posters. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



National Marfan Association of Port Washington, New York, was awarded \$25,000 for their project "KidZone Online Community Space." This grant will create and maintain Marfan KidZone, an online space that will make it possible for children with Marfan syndrome and their families to access age appropriate information and activities

to help them understand their condition. The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



Our Military Kids of McLean, Virginia, was awarded \$60,000 for their project "Strengthening the Our Military Kids Brand." The grant will produce and distribute a public service announcement and conduct a public relations campaign. The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Spina Bifida Association of Washington, DC, was awarded \$45,000 for their project "Educating Children with Spina Bifida on Health Issues They are Facing." The grant will produce and distribute copies of the books "Detour Ahead" and "Another Way to Go" to support the needs of children with Spina Bifida and their parents.



SuperSibs! of Palatine, Illinois, was awarded \$16,210 for their project "SuperSibs! SibSPEAK Website." This grant will fund the creation of a website for teens called SibSPEAK. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



The National Children's Cancer Society of St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded \$15,870 for their project "Moving Mountains." This grant will provide an activity book for children ages 6-12 with cancer and a pamphlet for college- age students. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

US Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation of Columbus, Ohio, was awarded \$43,000 for their project "Trailblazer Adventure Program – Blazing an Outdoor Trail." The grant will produce informational handouts and newsletters, and an enriched website. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.



The Lifeblood Of Our Organization: Our Donors

The primary source of Foundation funds is contributions from our individual members. In addition, funds come to us from Posts, Units, Salons, Squadrons, Departments and National contributions from The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion, and the Eight & Forty.

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Department of New York
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Detachment of Wisconsin
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(\$1,000 - \$2,499)

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American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Alabama
Department of Arizona
Department of Connecticut
Department of Kentucky
Department of Louisiana
Department of Missouri
Department of North Dakota
Department of Texas
Department of Virginia
Department of Washington

Eight and Forty

Departemental de Arizona
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Departemental de Michigan
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Departemental de Texas

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Guardian

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The American Legion

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Post 145 - Florida
Post 2007 - Illinois
Post 24 - Mississippi
Post 271 - Florida
Post 28 - Florida
Post 283 - California
Post 284 - Florida
Post 311 - Florida
Post 368 - North Carolina
Post 403 - Pennsylvania
Post 560 - Minnesota
District 4 - Florida

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 162 - Florida
Unit 165 - Connecticut
Unit 25 - Florida
Unit 274 - Florida
Unit 275 - Florida
Unit 316 - Florida
Unit 323 - Florida
Unit 69 - Florida

Eight and Forty

Salon 1 - California
Salon 11 - Indiana
Salon 2 - Michigan
Salon 31 - Arizona
Salon 32 - Texas
Salon 9 - Nebraska

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 1 - Arizona
Squadron 10 - Virginia
Squadron 107 - Alabama
Squadron 107 - Arizona
Squadron 1097 - Virginia
Squadron 1111 - Colorado
Squadron 117 - Arizona
Squadron 119 - Florida
Squadron 120 - Florida
Squadron 122 - Oregon
Squadron 129 - Arizona
Squadron 129 - New Jersey
Squadron 14 - Arizona
Squadron 143 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 15 - Colorado
Squadron 155 - California
Squadron 161 - Colorado
Squadron 17 - Colorado
Squadron 178 - Colorado
Squadron 178 - South Carolina
Squadron 1832 - New York
Squadron 186 - South Carolina
Squadron 194 - Ohio
Squadron 2 - Colorado
Squadron 2007 - Illinois
Squadron 21 - Colorado
Squadron 216 - Michigan

CHILDREN FIRST

Squadron 23 - Ohio
Squadron 237 - Alabama
Squadron 24 - Arizona
Squadron 24 - Colorado
Squadron 241 - Indiana
Squadron 25 - Virginia
Squadron 253 - Missouri
Squadron 26 - Arizona
Squadron 27 - Arizona
Squadron 273 - Florida
Squadron 275 - Florida
Squadron 28 - Delaware
Squadron 283 - Florida
Squadron 284 - Virginia
Squadron 287 - Illinois
Squadron 29 - Arizona
Squadron 291 - California
Squadron 316 - Florida
Squadron 327 - Virginia
Squadron 331 - Nebraska
Squadron 338 - New Jersey
Squadron 34 - South Carolina
Squadron 347 - Florida
Squadron 36 - Arizona
Squadron 389 - Ohio
Squadron 400 - Kansas
Squadron 42 - Wyoming
Squadron 44 - Arizona
Squadron 447 - Texas
Squadron 470 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 500 - Indiana
Squadron 525 - Michigan
Squadron 532 - Ohio
Squadron 557 - Michigan
Squadron 559 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 56 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 58 - Arizona
Squadron 62 - Ohio
Squadron 730 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 76 - Washington
Squadron 77 - North Carolina
Squadron 799 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 84 - Texas
Squadron 95 - Tennessee
Squadron 97 - Ohio
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District 3 - Indiana
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District 29 - Pennsylvania
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Advocate

(\$750 - \$999)

The American Legion

Post 44 - New Mexico

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 135 - Florida

Eight and Forty

Salon 23 - Ohio
Salon 7 - Florida

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 142 - Ohio
Squadron 337 - Illinois
Squadron 45 - Oregon
Squadron 594 - Pennsylvania

Squadron 8 - Florida
District 5 - Minnesota

Caretaker

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The American Legion

Post 103 - Florida
Post 111 - Oklahoma
Post 137 - Florida
Post 14 - Wyoming
Post 160 - Mississippi
Post 193 - California
Post 278 - New Jersey
Post 331 - Florida
Post 334 - Florida
Post 337 - New York
Post 66 - Georgia
Post 69 - Mississippi
Post 7 - New Mexico
Post 72 - Indiana
Post 73 - New Jersey
District 13 - Florida
Voiture 1593 - Mississippi

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 131 - Arizona
Unit 136 - Florida
Unit 152 - Florida
Unit 176 - Illinois
Unit 219 - Florida
Unit 245 - Texas
Unit 252 - Florida
Unit 267 - Florida
Unit 309 - Florida
Unit 36 - Wyoming
Unit 432 - Pennsylvania
Unit 86 - Washington

Eight and Forty

Salon 24 - Minnesota
Salon 41 - Washington
Salon 48 - Kentucky

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 1 - Colorado
Squadron 10 - Oregon
Squadron 102 - New Jersey
Squadron 103 - Ohio
Squadron 104 - Florida
Squadron 104 - Oregon
Squadron 11 - Indiana
Squadron 11 - Ohio
Squadron 111 - Colorado
Squadron 111 - Wisconsin
Squadron 112 - Mississippi
Squadron 119 - Colorado
Squadron 137 - Florida
Squadron 15 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 162 - Virginia
Squadron 180 - Oregon
Squadron 182 - Indiana
Squadron 184 - Oregon
Squadron 189 - Wisconsin
Squadron 19 - Vermont
Squadron 194 - New Jersey
Squadron 20 - Indiana
Squadron 230 - Indiana
Squadron 238 - Florida
Squadron 24 - Florida
Squadron 24 - Illinois
Squadron 251 - Georgia
Squadron 28 - Indiana
Squadron 29 - Georgia

Squadron 292 - Ohio
Squadron 3 - Vermont
Squadron 31 - Indiana
Squadron 312 - Florida
Squadron 312 - Missouri
Squadron 36 - Wyoming
Squadron 365 - Illinois
Squadron 379 - Texas
Squadron 39 - Arizona
Squadron 4 - Colorado
Squadron 423 - Indiana
Squadron 425 - Iowa
Squadron 481 - Wisconsin
Squadron 502 - Indiana
Squadron 512 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 54 - Washington
Squadron 55 - Florida
Squadron 550 - Michigan
Squadron 56 - Oregon
Squadron 584 - Ohio
Squadron 598 - Texas
Squadron 6 - Michigan
Squadron 60 - West Virginia
Squadron 615 - Illinois
Squadron 64 - Indiana
Squadron 66 - Arizona
Squadron 7 - Delaware
Squadron 7 - Vermont
Squadron 73 - Mississippi
Squadron 733 - Ohio
Squadron 75 - Oregon
Squadron 751 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 773 - Pennsylvania
Squadron 8 - Virginia
Squadron 81 - Kentucky
Squadron 84 - New Jersey
Squadron 88 - Illinois
Squadron 91 - Arizona
Squadron 96 - Ohio
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All contributions are tax deductible. Every gift received is acknowledged by official receipt. Accurate records are kept according to state, organization and donor. All cash contributions are acknowledged regardless of the amount.

Memorials

"We are born for a higher destiny than that of earth; there is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread before us like islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beings that pass before us like shadows will stay in our presence forever."

- - Edward Bulwer-Lytton

A gift of remembrance to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is a wonderful way to recognize someone who has made a difference in your life. It is a thoughtful memorial, or a way to honor someone on special occasions, such as birthday, retirement, anniversary or holiday.

These gifts are a gratifying way for individuals, organizations, businesses and groups to honor someone while supporting the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's mission to provide other nonprofit organizations with a means to educate the public about the needs of children across this nation.

Planned Gifts

Everyone has been blessed with special gifts and talents. It is up to us to make the most of them while we are alive – and to leave others a legacy of love after we pass into our Lord's hands. By remembering the Foundation in your charitable planned gifts, you can ensure that your generosity lives on in perpetuity, both for your family, and on behalf of our nation's young people.

- ❑ **Your Will** After providing for the needs of your loved ones, you may choose one of several ways to benefit the Foundation. You can use your Will to make a gift of a dollar amount, a specific property or a percentage of your estate; you may also donate the unspecified remaining value after you have cared for your loved ones.
- ❑ **Life Insurance** One of the simplest ways to make a significant gift in the future is to name the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation as beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the proceeds of a policy no longer needed for its original purpose. Another way to make a gift of life insurance is to purchase a new policy naming the Foundation as beneficiary. Should you designate the Foundation, as the irrevocable owner and beneficiary, there are important tax savings to which you could be entitled.

Your personal financial situation is unique. You should discuss your estate plans with your family and your financial and legal advisers before making any charitable gift.

2012-2013 Annual Foundation Award Winners

U.S. "UDIE" GRANT LEGACY AWARD

Presented to the Top Department nationally
(based upon combined totals of all Legion Family)

Department of Ohio

GARLAND D. MURPHY JR. AWARD

Presented to the most active Department (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Eight & Forty) in the nation.

Legion	Department of Ohio	\$40,852.72
Auxiliary	Department of Florida	\$22,572.90
SAL	Detachment of Arizona	\$77,000.22
8 & 40	Departemental de California	\$ 3,242.74

EXCELLENCE AWARD

A national award presented to the top ten Departments within each organization
with the highest per capita (per member) contribution average.

The American Legion	American Legion Auxiliary	Sons of The American Legion	Eight & Forty
Nevada	Wyoming	Arizona	Minnesota
Ohio	Florida	Colorado	Massachusetts
Hawaii	Connecticut	Mississippi	Alaska
Wyoming	Alabama	France	Texas
Florida	Hawaii	Nevada	California
Idaho	Washington	South Carolina	Maine
New Mexico	Idaho	Oregon	Kentucky
Kansas	Kansas	Alabama	Nebraska
Alaska	Kentucky	Wyoming	Arizona
Mississippi	Virginia	Kansas	Florida

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A national award presented to the top Department within each organization (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Eight & Forty)
experiencing the highest increase in per capita giving.

The American Legion	American Legion Auxiliary	Sons of The American Legion	Eight & Forty
Department of Nevada	Department of Connecticut	Detachment of Mississippi	Departemental de Alaska

Board of Directors & Staff

Our Foundation, though created by The American Legion, is actually a separate nonprofit corporation. It is composed of nine members appointed by The American Legion's National Executive Committee upon nomination by the National Commander.

Serving with the Board of Directors is a Liaison Committee: three appointed by the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary; three appointed by the National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion; and three appointed by Le Chapeau Nationale of the Eight and Forty.

Board of Directors 2012 – 2013

President	Dennis R. Boland	<i>Florida</i>
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Member	Scott Williams	<i>Virginia</i>
Member		

Eight and Forty Liaison Committee

Le Chapeau	Maria Crothers	<i>Michigan</i>
Le Demi Chapeau C & Y Chairman	Ruth Gott	<i>Michigan</i>

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Annual Audit

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