

American Legion *Child Welfare Foundation*



Annual Report **2014**

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President's Message

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has enjoyed another great year as a direct result of the combined efforts and generosity of our Legion family. Without the unequalled support of the Sons of The American Legion this level of charity 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 \$13.7 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.

In October of 2013, the Board of Directors approved grants to 21 nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$644,005 for projects to be completed in calendar year 2014.

I am pleased to report during the 2013 – 2014 contribution year donations exceeded \$584,418 with over \$346,099 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. Since The American Legion generously takes care of our overhead costs, including staff salaries, rent, utilities and office supplies, money donated is entered into the trust fund to be used for grants. Very few foundations can tout this efficiency

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, Arkansas Department Commander Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr. approached The American Legion with an offer to provide a valuable contribution if they 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, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has awarded over \$13.2 million to organizations to improve the lives of the children of this country.

2014 Grant Recipients

Autism Speaks of New York, New York, was awarded \$32,350 for their project, “100 Day Kit for Newly Diagnosed Families.” This grant will provide information kits on Autism and will encourage early intervention and supportive services. The Sons of the American Legion sponsors this grant.

Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation of Baltimore, Maryland, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Healthy Choices, Healthy Children Booklets.” This grant will produce booklets to assist adult mentors and law enforcement personnel in teaching teamwork, leadership, communication and personal responsibility to the kids they serve. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Chadwick Center for Children and Families at Rady Children’s Hospital of San Diego, California, was awarded \$40,350 for their project, “Disseminating Best Practices for Preventing Child Abuse and Family Violence.” This grant would provide a webcast of a multidisciplinary conference on child abuse, as well as brochures and email blasts.

Children’s Hospital & Medical Center Foundation of Omaha, Nebraska, was awarded \$14,000 for their project, “Period of PURPLE Crying Injury Prevention Program.” This grant will underwrite the production of an infant injury prevention program that will include the distribution of DVDs and educational booklets. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation of Avon, Connecticut, was awarded \$18,287 for their project, “CdLS Education Toolkit for Parents and Professionals.” This grant will provide toolkits, with information about this syndrome, to parents and professionals.

Face the Future Foundation of Chicago, Illinois, was awarded \$6,575 for their project entitled, “Family and Public Support Program for Children with Craniofacial Birth Defects.” This grant will produce and distribute an informational video to assist parents with reducing their child’s challenging behaviors and increase social and self-control skills. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Father Flanagan’s Boy’s Home (aka Boys Town) of Boys Town, Nebraska, was awarded \$35,500 for their project, “Boys Town National Hotline Online Awareness Campaign.” This grant will fund an internet publicity campaign to promote awareness of the Boys Town National Hotline. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.

Joe Foss Institute of Scottsdale, Arizona, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, “Veterans Inspiring Patriotism Program.” This grant will provide students with copies of the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.

KS&A (Klinefelter Syndrome and Associates) of Pine, Colorado, was awarded \$20,000 for their project “Genetic Information Kits for Newly Diagnosed Children with X and Y Chromosome Variations.” This grant will provide informational booklets to parents of children with chromosome variation. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.

National Alliance of Child Abuse Prevention Funds of Seattle, Washington, was awarded \$25,260 for their project, “Bringing the Protective Factors to life in your Work – a Resource for Action.” This grant will produce toolkits for trainers to educate professionals and caregivers to help prevent child abuse and neglect. The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

National Autism Center of Randolph, Massachusetts, was awarded \$50,000 for their project, “Evidence-Based Educational Interventions in Public School Settings for Children with ASD.” This grant will produce and disseminate information to support an intervention program targeted towards schools and special education administrators. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

National Braille Press of Boston, Massachusetts, was awarded \$18,500 for their project, “Just Enough to Know Better: A Braille Primer.” This grant will produce a Braille primer for sighted parents to teach their blind children to read. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.

Organization for Autism Research of Arlington, Virginia, was awarded \$67,400 for their project, “Autism Tuned In.” This grant will develop an interactive, web-based program to enhance the lives of children with autism. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.

Partnership for Food Safety Education of Arlington, Virginia, was awarded \$20,600 for their project, “Phase II of the BAC! Fighter National Youth Campaign.” This grant will develop online resources to educate the public about foodborne illnesses and safe food handling. The Sons of The American Legion sponsors this grant.

Prevent Child Abuse America of Chicago, Illinois, was awarded \$14,383 for their project, “Helping Offenders Prevent Child Abuse and Assist in Healthy Development of Families.” This grant will underwrite the printing and distribution of a special baby journal aimed at preventing child abuse.

Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide, Inc. of Freehold, New Jersey, was awarded \$30,100 for their project, “Remote Delivery of Lifelines Suicide Prevention Program to Schools.” This grant will promote Lifeline Suicide Prevention Program in public schools through online training.

Songs of Love Foundation of Forest Hills, New York, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Songs of Love Outreach Project.” This grant will produce and disseminate brochures and update the organization’s website to promote awareness of the services offered. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

The American Legion National Headquarters Americanism Division of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$69,000 for their project, “The American Legion National Oratorical Contest – A Constitutional Speech Contest.” This grant will provide scholarship money to participants in the national contest. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Gateway Chapter of St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded \$5,000 for their project, “Pediatric Patient Out Reach.” This grant will provide booklets and hospital visitation kits for families with children diagnosed with leukemia and lymphoma. The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors of Arlington, Virginia, was awarded \$26,500 for their project, “Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors Children’s Bereavement Guide.” This grant will produce and disseminate bereavement guidebooks. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.
Young Marines of Washington, District of Columbia, was awarded \$90,000 for their project, “Young Marines Drug Demand Reduction.” This grant will underwrite the purchase and dissemination of anti-drug literature and promotional items. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Recent Grants

At its October 12, 2014, meeting, the Child Welfare Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$566,591 for 2015 to the eighteen organizations listed here:

Angel Flight West of Santa Monica, California, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, “Promoting Fly-Anthropy – the charitable use of aviation to help children in need.” This grant will provide outreach and marketing efforts to reach families in need of medical transportation and to potential volunteer pilots.

Beads of Courage, Inc. of Tucson, Arizona, was awarded \$40,000 for their project, “Beads of Courage.” This grant will fund the purchase of beads to encourage ill children as part of the Beads of Courage program. The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Birth Defect Research for Children (dba Association of Birth Defect Children) of Orlando, Florida, was awarded \$22,650 for their project, “National Outreach for Birth Defect Prevention.” This grant will help redesign the organizational website and advertise available resources to families and medical professionals. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Children’s Cardiomyopathy Foundation of Tenafly, New Jersey, was awarded \$25,400 for their project, “7 minute video to answer genetic testing questions as it relates to Pediatric Cardiomyopathy.” This grant will fund the production of a video to be distributed via electronic newsletter and online to reach interested families and physicians. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Children’s Craniofacial Association of Dallas, Texas, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, ‘Wonder-Choose Kind.’ This grant will provide educators with resources to teach children anti-bullying and kind behavior towards those afflicted with craniofacial issues. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

Children’s Institute, Inc. of Rochester, New York, was awarded \$7,580 for their project, “Strengthening Military Family Relationships Through Play.” This grant will underwrite the production and dissemination of instructional DVDs to educate Boys and Girls Club staff on the needs of military children. The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Children’s Organ Transplant Association of Bloomington, Indiana, was awarded \$43,595 for their project, “The American Hometown Heroes for COTA Campaign.” This grant will fund an informational campaign that will connect Reserve and National Guard COTA families to Legion posts that support COTA. The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

CureSearch for Children’s Cancer of Bethesda, Maryland, was awarded \$31,500 for their project entitled, “Curesearch 2014 Educational Video Series.” This grant will produce and distribute videos on staying healthy while on chemotherapy, eating healthy and information on clinical procedures such as biopsy and ultrasound. The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Diabetes Education & Camping Association of Florence, Alabama, was awarded \$39,640 for their project, “Optimizing Outcomes at Diabetes Camp – Integrated HER System.” This grant will fund a mobile application and software for health data management. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

JAYC Foundation, Inc. of Santa Rosa, California, was awarded \$50,540 for their project, “Creating Protected Spaces.” This grant will provide comprehensive education between families, mental health professionals and law enforcement agencies through booklets and videos.

Marfan Foundation of Port Washington, New York, was awarded \$30,000 for their project “Parent’s Toolkit: Your Child and Marfan Syndrome.” This grant will provide informational toolkits for parents of children with Marfan Syndrome. The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Mercy Flight Southeast of Leesburg, Florida, was awarded \$21,761 for their project, “Project Outreach SE USA 2014.” This grant will fund a marketing campaign to advertise medical transportation services offered by the organization for public awareness and pilot recruitment.

Mercy Medical Angels of Virginia Beach, Virginia, was awarded \$44,000 for their project, “Child Health Program – Info Dissemination Upgrade.” This grant will update and disseminate information on the organization’s child health program. The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

National Autism Association of Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts, was awarded \$58,075 for their project, “Big Red Safety Box Program.” This grant will enable the continuation of the Big Red Safety Box program that addresses dangerous wandering incidents. The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Our Military Kids of McLean, Virginia, was awarded \$31,350 for their project, “Our Mission Continues: Moving into the Next Decade of Supporting Our Kids.” This grant will enhance outreach and marketing efforts of the organization. The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion sponsor this grant.

Spina Bifida Association of Arlington, Virginia, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Educating Children with Spina Bifida on Staying Healthy.” This grant will underwrite the printing of “Another Way to Go,” a publication that teaches children about catheter care. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

The American Legion of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$55,500 for their project, “2015 American Legion National Youth Programs Scholarships.” This grant will provide academic scholarships to the top youth participants of the organization’s national youth programs. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors this grant.

United States Association of Blind Athletes of Colorado Springs, Colorado, was awarded \$20,000 for their project, “USABA Mobile Coach.” This grant will expand the number of sports offered on Mobile Coach to assist blind youth athletes compete. 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.

HERITAGE CIRCLE GIFT CLUB

Benefactor
(\$5,000 +)

The American Legion

Department of Florida
Department of Kansas
Department of Ohio

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Florida
Department of New York
Department of Wisconsin

Sons of The American Legion

Department of Arizona
Detachment of California
Detachment of Florida
Detachment of Illinois
Detachment of Indiana
Detachment of Michigan
Detachment of Minnesota
Detachment of Mississippi
Detachment of New York
Detachment of New Jersey
Detachment of Ohio
Detachment of Oregon
Detachment of Pennsylvania
Detachment of Vermont
Detachment of Virginia
Detachment of Washington

Patron

(\$2,500 - \$4,999)

The American Legion

Department of Alabama
Department of California
Department of Nevada
Department of New Hampshire
Department of Pennsylvania
Department of Wyoming

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Illinois
Department of Indiana
Department of Minnesota
Department of Ohio

Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Georgia
Detachment of Iowa
Detachment of Kansas
Detachment of Louisiana
Detachment of Massachusetts

Detachment of New Hampshire
Detachment of North Carolina
Detachment of Wyoming

Sponsor

(\$1,000 - \$2,499)

The American Legion

Department of Delaware
Department of Idaho
Department of Indiana
Department of Louisiana
Department of Maryland
Department of New Jersey
Department of New Mexico
Department of North Dakota

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Arizona
Department of Connecticut
Department of Michigan
Department of Missouri
Department of Nebraska
Department of New Jersey
Department of Oregon
Department of South Carolina
Department of South Dakota
Department of Texas
Department of Virginia
Department of Washington

Eight and Forty

Departemental de Idaho

Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Connecticut
Detachment of Delaware
Detachment of Maryland
Detachment of Montana
Detachment of New Mexico
Detachment of South Carolina
Detachment of West Virginia

CHILDREN FIRST GIFT CLUB

Guardian

(\$1,000 +)

The American Legion

District 4 - Florida
District 21 - Alabama
Post 103 - Florida
Post 105 - California
Post 118 - Ohio
Post 119 - Florida
Post 135 - Alabama

Post 145- Florida
Post 1776 - Mississippi
Post 24 - Mississippi
Post 271 - Florida
Post 274 - Florida
Post 284 - Virginia
Post 312 - Alabama
Post 340 - Florida
Post 347 - Florida
Post 103 - Florida Legion Riders

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 1- Florida
Unit 135 - Florida
Unit 162 - Florida
Unit 25 - Florida
Unit 274 - Florida
Unit 275 - Florida
Unit 323 - Florida
Unit 538 - California
Unit 80 - Florida

Eight and Forty

Salon 2 - Michigan
Salon 28 - Idaho

Sons of The American Legion

District 4 - Indiana
District 5 - Ohio
Squadron 1 - Arizona
Squadron 1 - Oregon
Squadron 10 - Virginia
Squadron 104 - Oregon
Squadron 107 - Arizona
Squadron 1097 - Virginia
Squadron 1111 - Colorado
Squadron 117 - Arizona
Squadron 119 - Florida
Squadron 12 - Ohio
Squadron 120 - Florida
Squadron 122 - Oregon
Squadron 15 - Colorado
Squadron 159 - Virginia
Squadron 161 - Colorado
Squadron 17 - Colorado
Squadron 1776 - Minnesota
Squadron 178 - Colorado
Squadron 178 - South Carolina
Squadron 180 - Oregon
Squadron 180 - Virginia
Squadron 21 - Colorado
Squadron 216 - Michigan
Squadron 232 - Georgia
Squadron 237 - Alabama
Squadron 24 - Arizona
Squadron 25 - Virginia

Squadron 253 – Missouri
Squadron 27 – Arizona
Squadron 283 – Florida
Squadron 283 – Ohio
Squadron 284 – Virginia
Squadron 286 – Florida
Squadron 29 – Arizona
Squadron 291 – California
Squadron 294 – Massachusetts
Squadron 3 – West Virginia
Squadron 32 – Colorado
Squadron 327 – Virginia
Squadron 338 – New Jersey
Squadron 347 – Florida
Squadron 36 – Arizona
Squadron 378 – Florida
Squadron 42 – Wyoming
Squadron 44 – Arizona
Squadron 46 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 500 – Indiana
Squadron 510 – Michigan
Squadron 521 – Texas
Squadron 557 – Michigan
Squadron 77 – North Carolina
Squadron 91 – Arizona

Advocate

(\$750 - \$999)

The American Legion

Post 206 – Maryland
Post 209 – Colorado
Post 273 - Florida

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 283 – Florida
Unit 36 – Wyoming
Unit 99 - Florida

Eight and Forty

Salon 31 - Arizona

Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 112 – Mississippi
Squadron 14 - Arizona
Squadron 28 – Oregon
Squadron 34 –South Carolina
Squadron 40 – Massachusetts
Squadron 425 – Iowa
Squadron 447 – Texas
Squadron 524 – New Jersey
Squadron 76 – Washington
Squadron 95 - Tennessee

Caretaker

(\$500 - \$749)

The American Legion

Post 122 - Wyoming
Post 193 – California
Post 259 – Maryland
Post 28 – Florida
Post 414 – Illinois
Post 572 – Ohio

Post 73 – New Jersey
Post 89 – Virginia
Post 69 – Florida Legion Riders

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 103 – Florida
Unit 104 – Florida
Unit 120 – Florida
Unit 152 – Florida
Unit 161 – Colorado
Unit 165 – Connecticut
Unit 187 – Illinois
Unit 219 – Florida
Unit 252 – Florida
Unit 267 – Florida
Unit 400 – Missouri
Unit 57 – Florida
District 7 – Iowa

Eight and Forty

Salon 32 – Texas
Salon 7 – Florida

Sons of The American Legion

District 7 - Georgia
District 3 - Minnesota
District 4 – Texas
District 8 – Florida
Squadron 1 – Colorado
Squadron 105 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 111 – Colorado
Squadron 116 – Oregon
Squadron 129 – New Jersey
Squadron 136 – Florida
Squadron 139 – New Jersey
Squadron 15 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 152 – Florida
Squadron 159 - Florida
Squadron 16 – Florida
Squadron 186 – South Carolina
Squadron 189 – Wisconsin
Squadron 19 – Vermont
Squadron 198 – Michigan
Squadron 199 – Virginia
Squadron 208 – Texas
Squadron 230 – Indiana
Squadron 24 – Florida
Squadron 251 – Georgia
Squadron 270 – Florida
Squadron 279 – New Jersey
Squadron 28 – Michigan
Squadron 29 – Georgia
Squadron 309 – Florida
Squadron 316 – Florida
Squadron 328 – California
Squadron 352 – New Jersey
Squadron 379 – Texas
Squadron 387 – Louisiana
Squadron 388 – Louisiana
Squadron 4 – Colorado
Squadron 4 – Arizona
Squadron 43 – California
Squadron 45 – Oregon
Squadron 491 – Michigan

Squadron 516 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 517 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 54 – Washington
Squadron 550 – Michigan
Squadron 6 – Michigan
Squadron 60 – Michigan
Squadron 62 – Arizona
Squadron 66 – Arizona
Squadron 67 – Virginia
Squadron 7 – Washington
Squadron 7 – Vermont
Squadron 75 – New Mexico
Squadron 87 – Utah
Squadron 96 – Washington
Squadron 97 – Indiana
Squadron 998 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 615 – Illinois

CORNERSTONE GIFT CLUB

Foundation Ambassadors

(\$1,000 +)

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Dennis Boland
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John Burroughs
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Sugar Mejia
Carl Stratton
Dianne & Richard Thibodeau
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(\$500 - \$999)

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Nancy Michalski
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Phillip Shipley

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(\$250 - \$499)

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(\$100 - \$249)

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THANK- YOU!

The Board of Directors wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to all Foundation donors for your kind support. Your charitable gifts continue to make a difference in the lives of children across America.

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.

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.

Wills

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.

2013 – 2014 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 Florida

GARLAND D. MURPHY JR. AWARD

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

Legion	Department of Ohio	\$27,099.05
Auxiliary	Department of Florida	\$21,068.00
SAL	Detachment of Ohio	\$37,272.78
8 & 40	Departemental de Idaho	\$ 8,579.71

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
District of Columbia	Wyoming	Mississippi	Idaho
Wyoming	Florida	Colorado	Nevada
Ohio	Alabama	Oregon	Texas
Kansas	Connecticut	Arizona	Michigan
Florida	Oregon	France	Florida
Delaware	South Carolina	Nevada	Alabama
New Mexico	Wisconsin	Wyoming	Virginia
New Hampshire	Arkansas	Virginia	California
Alabama	Tennessee	South Carolina	Washington
Connecticut	New Jersey	Washington	South Dakota

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 District of Columbia	Department of Connecticut	Detachment of France	Departemental de Idaho

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.

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