

American Legion *Child Welfare Foundation*



Annual Report **2015**

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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 \$14 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 2014, the Board of Directors approved grants to 18 nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$566,961 for projects to be completed in calendar year 2015.

I am pleased to report during the 2014 – 2015 contribution year donations exceeded \$618,896 with over \$360,510 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.

2015 Grant Recipients

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.

Recent Grants

At its October 11, 2015, meeting, the Child Welfare Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$640,395 for 2016 to the twenty-four organizations listed here:

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of Washington, D.C., was awarded \$19,300 for their project, “Pediatric Outreach Training Program.” This grant will provide 500 health care professionals with information on the impact of early hearing intervention and how to assist families who choose a listening and spoken language outcome for their child.

All Children’s Hospital Foundation Johns Hopkins Medicine of St. Petersburg, Florida, was awarded \$25,200 for their project, “Pragmatic Acquisition of Language Skills (P.A.L.S.) – A Therapeutic Social Skills Group.” This grant will teach social skills using the unique approach of combining social skill instruction with social thinking skills and help children navigate through any given natural situation, rather than a specific event.

Alstrom Syndrome International of Mount Desert, Maine, was awarded \$16,828 for their project, “Alstrom Syndrome: Medical Management Guidelines.” This grant will provide information to families and physicians to assist in obtaining the best possible outcomes for their child and improve the outcome of treatment by facilitating the anticipation and prompt intervention of the developing pathologies typical in Alstrom Syndrome and create a more supportive environment for patients and families.

American Legion Post 133 of Fort Kent, Maine, was awarded \$1,630 for their project, “Children Sharing 'Fishing Stories' with Veterans.” This grant will provide a fun-filled, wholesome day for at risk kids, facilitate interactive sharing of experiences between children and veterans and reinforce classroom learning. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

American Printing House for the Blind of Louisville, Kentucky, was awarded \$31,000 for their project, “Braille Tales: Sharing the Joy of Reading.” This grant will help build an enthusiasm for reading and build sighted parents' confidence in the use of accessible reading for their child. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Autism Speaks, Inc. of New York, New York, was awarded \$32,070 for their project, “The Transition Tool Kit.” This grant will be a guide for families and children on the journey from adolescence to adulthood. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation of Avon, Connecticut, was awarded \$6,800 for their project, “Taking Care of Me: Self Care for Parents Caring for a Child with CdLS.” This grant will teach parents that their own needs must be a priority in order for them to take care of their children's needs.

Defending the Blue Line of Hastings, Minnesota, was awarded \$10,000 for their project entitled, “Military Kids Scholarship Project.” This grant will provide free equipment for military kids, attendance at summer camps, special events, and financial assistance for registration fees and other costs associated with athletics. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Father Flanagan’s Boys’ Home, aka Boys Town of Boys Town, Nebraska, was awarded \$34,448 for their project, “Boys Town National Hotline Teen & Parent Awareness Campaign.” This grant will fund the distribution of Hotline public service announcements to 1,100 TV stations nationwide, ensuring that more troubled teens and frustrated parents will call the hotline and speak to a trained counselor when they have nowhere else to turn.

Huntington's Disease Society of America of New York, New York, was awarded \$41,500 for their project, "Live Out Loud: A Guide to HD Advocacy." This grant will provide the Huntington's Disease (HD) community with a comprehensive guide to advocacy as well as a history of grassroots advocacy efforts, helping create an awareness for youth & young adult involvement in HD advocacy and the HD community.

Joe Foss Institute of Scottsdale, Arizona, was awarded \$20,000 for their project, "Veterans Inspiring Patriotism in Youth." This grant will assist children and youth by increasing their knowledge of American history, increase their understanding of civics and prepare them to become active, engaged citizens. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Los Angeles, California, was awarded \$39,500 for their project "The First 12 Months." This grant will educate newly diagnosed children and their families on what to expect in the first twelve months following diagnosis of juvenile diabetes.

Kids in Danger of Chicago, Illinois, was awarded \$15,000 for their project, "Safe From the Start- Safety Booklet." This grant will fund a booklet that addresses various safety topics including safe sleep tips, choking hazards, product registration, child proofing and how to check products for recalls. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

National Braille Press of Boston, Massachusetts, was awarded \$24,018 for their project, "ReadBooks! Because Braille Matters." This grant will fund free resource bags to help parents with visually impaired children to introduce their children to Braille as an effective method of reading and writing, and encourage parents to learn braille in order to help their child.

National Children's Alliance of Washington, D.C., was awarded \$60,360 for their project, "Preventing Youth-on-Youth Sexual Abuse: Recognizing & Addressing Children with SBPs." This grant will provide Children's Advocacy Centers and caregivers with knowledge and tools to recognize and address Children with Sexual Behavior Problems (CSBPs) and provide children's organizations with the resources to advocate and implement CSBP-focused prevention initiatives in their own communities. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

National Hemophilia Foundation of New York, New York, was awarded \$17,000 for their project, "Playing It Safe For Kids." This grant will fund a booklet that targets teens and parents of younger children, educating them on the importance of physical activity, weight maintenance and how to be active in a safe way when living with a bleeding disorder. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

Organization of Autism Research of Arlington, Virginia, was awarded \$19,920 for their project, "Kit for Kids Outreach 2016." This grant will provide a set of peer education materials that teach elementary and middle school students to relate to peers with autism.

Songs of Love Foundation of Forest Hills, New York, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "Songs of Love Outreach Project." This grant will relieve suffering and bring joy to children who are coping with a chronic disability or life-threatening illness through music. The Eight and Forty supports this grant.

Spina Bifida Association of Greater New England of Milford, Massachusetts, was awarded \$2,000 for their project, "SBAGNE Outreach." This grant will develop collateral relationships with ten other organizations who serve children with disabilities.

Talk About Curing Autism of Irvine, California, was awarded \$27,721 for their project, “Autism Journey Guides.” This grant provide parents with information, research, peer input on where to start, what works for other families, and important next steps on treating autism with the intent of recovery. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$75,000 for their project, “Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) Program.” This grant sustains, for the child of a veteran, a safe and healthy environment, providing funds for food or clothing when assistance is essential and contributes to pre-planned health care expenses for those children.

The National Children’s Cancer Society of St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Sun Day-Fun Day.” This grant will promote sun safety and give children the opportunity to fundraise for kids their own age with cancer. The key messages of the program include: limit time in the sun, play in the shade, use sunscreen, and wear protective clothing. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

ThinkFirst Foundation of Naperville, Illinois, was awarded \$21,100 for their project, “Injury Prevention Reinforcement Materials.” This grant will produce injury prevention materials that reinforce ThinkFirst injury prevention presentation messaging for children and teens. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

Young Marines of Washington, D.C., was awarded \$50,000 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 and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

The Lifblood 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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Post 109 – Pennsylvania
Post 11 – Alabama
Post 119 – Florida
Post 14 – Wyoming
Post 173 – Florida
Post 1776 – Mississippi
Post 186 – Florida
Post 24 – Mississippi
Post 255 – Alabama
Post 271- Florida
Post 274 – Florida
Post 275 – Florida
Post 284 – Florida
Post 323 – Florida
Post 347 – Florida
Post 27 – Arizona Legion Riders

American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 1– Florida
Unit 103 – Florida
Unit 120 – Florida
Unit 135 – Florida
Unit 25 – Florida
Unit 274 – Florida
Unit 275 – Florida
Unit 283 - Florida
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Sons of The American Legion

District 4 - Indiana
Squadron 103 - Colorado
Squadron 104 – Oregon
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Squadron 109 – Arizona
Squadron 115 – Colorado
Squadron 119 – Florida
Squadron 122 – Oregon
Squadron 122 – Washington
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Squadron 15 – Colorado
Squadron 155 – California
Squadron 161 – Colorado

Squadron 17 – Colorado
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Squadron 178 – Colorado
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Squadron 180 – Virginia
Squadron 2 – Colorado
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Squadron 21 – Colorado
Squadron 216 – Michigan
Squadron 237 – Alabama
Squadron 24 – Arizona
Squadron 25 – Virginia
Squadron 253 – Missouri
Squadron 255 – Maryland
Squadron 27 – Arizona
Squadron 274 – Florida
Squadron 275 – Florida
Squadron 28 – Delaware
Squadron 28 – Oregon
Squadron 283 – Florida
Squadron 29 – Arizona
Squadron 309 – Florida
Squadron 327 – Virginia
Squadron 338 – New Jersey
Squadron 347 – Florida
Squadron 36 – Arizona
Squadron 44 – Arizona
Squadron 500 – Indiana
Squadron 524 – New Jersey
Squadron 527 – New York
Squadron 54 – Colorado
Squadron 557 – Michigan
Squadron 62 – Arizona
Squadron 64 – Arkansas
Squadron 67 – Virginia
Squadron 69 – Mississippi
Squadron 7 – New Hampshire
Squadron 7 - Texas
Squadron 76 – Washington
Squadron 77 – North Carolina
Squadron 799 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 85 – Virginia
Squadron 872 – California
Squadron 91 - Arizona
Squadron 95 – Tennessee

Advocate
(\$750 - \$999)

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Post 117 – Florida
Post 122 – Washington
Post 200 – South Carolina
Post 76 - Alabama

American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 347 - Florida

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Squadron 253 – Indiana
Squadron 273 – Florida
Squadron 28 – Michigan
Squadron 34 – Arizona
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The American Legion
District 3 – Nebraska
Post 107 – Alabama
Post 135 – Florida
Post 15 – Pennsylvania
Post 313 – Nebraska
Post 346 – Florida
Post 42 – Arizona
Post 49 – Mississippi
Post 503 – Indiana
Post 73 – New Jersey
Post 79 – Virginia
Post 69 – Florida Legion Riders

American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 152 – Florida
Unit 245 – Texas
Unit 248 – Florida
Unit 252 – Florida
Unit 33 – Texas
Unit 361 – Indiana
Unit 54 – Florida
Unit 57 – Florida
Unit 594 - Texas
Unit 99 - Florida

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Squadron 10 – Virginia
Squadron 104 – Florida
Squadron 105 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 106 – Massachusetts
Squadron 107 – Alabama
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Squadron 112 – Mississippi
Squadron 116 – North Carolina
Squadron 116 – Oregon
Squadron 119 – Colorado
Squadron 129 – New Jersey
Squadron 130 – Maryland
Squadron 136 – Florida
Squadron 152 – Florida
Squadron 16 – Florida
Squadron 16 – Nevada
Squadron 17 – Delaware
Squadron 185 – Pennsylvania
Squadron 186 – South Carolina
Squadron 189 – Michigan
Squadron 189 – Wisconsin
Squadron 198 – Michigan
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Squadron 211 – Colorado
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Squadron 550 – Michigan
Squadron 598 – Texas
Squadron 6 – Michigan
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Squadron 773 – Pennsylvania
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Squadron 89 – Virginia
Squadron 96 – Texas

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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.

2014 – 2015 Annual Foundation Award Winners

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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 Florida	\$31,883.00
Auxiliary	Department of Florida	\$31,393.08
SAL	Detachment of Ohio	\$50,039.99
8 & 40	Departemental de Ohio	\$ 1,511.48

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	Hawaii	Arizona
District of Columbia	Florida	Mississippi	Maine
Wyoming	Alabama	Colorado	Alabama
Alabama	New Mexico	Nevada	Ohio
Mississippi	Maine	Oregon	South Dakota
Kansas	South Carolina	Wyoming	Texas
Florida	Arizona	Arkansas	Kentucky
Ohio	Washington	Arizona	California
Kentucky	Massachusetts	New Hampshire	Nebraska
New Mexico	Wisconsin	Virginia	Missouri

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 Wyoming	Detachment of Hawaii	Departemental de Arizona

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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