

# **American Legion** **Child Welfare Foundation**



## **Annual Report** **2016**

**American Legion Child Welfare Foundation**  
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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 \$15 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 2015, the Board of Directors approved grants to 24 nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$640,395 for projects to be completed in calendar year 2016.

I am pleased to report during the 2015 – 2016 contribution year donations exceeded \$653,969 with over \$360,299 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.

## 2016 Grant Recipients

**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.

## Recent Grants

At its October 9, 2016, meeting, the Child Welfare Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$618,606 for 2017 to the twenty organizations listed here:

**Angels & Doves** of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$19,900 for their project, “Reduce School Bullying and Youth Violence.” This grant will provide an anti-bullying program for high-risk school districts. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

**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. The Sons of The American Legion and the Eight & Forty support this grant.

**Bethany Christian Services** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Post Adoption Support for Military Families Awareness Campaign.” This project will contribute to the mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children adopted by military families. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

**Books Aloud** of San Jose, California, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, “Books Aloud Youth Program.” This project will serve children that can't read conventionally due blindness, visual impairment and/or a physical or learning disability. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

**Building Better Days** of Edgewater, Maryland, was awarded \$11,230 for their project, “Benefits of Building.” This project will assist pediatric patients by providing each child with a building toy to take their mind off of the treatments and procedures that they are going through. The Sons of The American Legion and the Eight & Forty support this grant.

**Child Find of America, Inc.** of New Paltz, New York, was awarded \$40,500 for their project, “In Safe Hands Information Kits.” This project will educate and inform parents and professionals about the negative impact of family conflict on a child's learning and emotional health, as well as to prevent conflict leading to parental child abduction. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

**Childhood Domestic Violence Association** of New York, New York, was awarded \$20,750 for their project, “Childhood Domestic Violence Toolkit Distribution Campaign.” Through greater distribution of this toolkit, CDV hopes to build an overall awareness of children growing up with domestic violence.

**Childhood Leukemia Foundation** of Brick, New Jersey, was awarded \$60,000 for their project, “Hope Binder.” This project will offer 12 sections of templates and resources to help families begin to feel a degree of control over their circumstances. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

**Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation** of New York, New York, was awarded \$20,000 for their project, “Finding Your Way- A Guide for Childhood Brain Tumor Families from Diagnosis & Beyond.” This project will help families understand that the emotions they are feeling are not uncommon and assist in alleviating the isolation often felt by families. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

**Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters, Inc.** of Norfolk, Virginia, was awarded \$31,000 for their project, “Educational Materials for Children with Craniosynostosis and Cleft Lip/Palate

Deformities.” This project will educate parents about cleft lip and palate, craniofacial conditions and ease their concerns about treatment and correction.

**CureSearch for Children’s Cancer** of Bethesda, Maryland, was awarded \$22,250 for their project, “Childhood Cancer Educational Video and Companion Ebook.” This project will create a video about immunotherapy that features personal stories and educational content. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA)** of Chicago, Illinois, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Online Child Mood Disorder Screeners and Marketing Campaign.” This project will assist families with children living with a mood disorder by aiding in early intervention and detection of symptoms, linking families to resources and education and connecting parents to a support network.

**KEYS** of Sherrill, New York, was awarded \$5,362 for their project, “KEYS Music Toolkits: Delivering Music, Hope and Smiles to Kids Battling Cancer.” This project will provide research and information on the benefits of music and music therapy in the treatment of pediatric cancer patients. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

**Mercy Medical Angels** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, was awarded \$45,000 for their project, “Angel Flights for Children.” This project will increase the number of volunteer pilots available to transport children requiring specialized medical care to health care facilities that provide the treatment necessary for the child. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

**Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome** of Saint Paul, Minnesota, was awarded \$54,735 for their project, “National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Educational Equity Project.” This project will provide information to raise awareness, educate and build an interest in gaining competency about FASD and implications for schools, families and students.

**National Autism Association** of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, was awarded \$59,375 for their project, “Big Red Safety Box.” This project will educate, raise awareness and provide tangible tools that may assist in preventing and responding to dangerous wandering-related incidents in the autism community.

**National Meningitis Association, Inc.** of Fort Myers, Florida, was awarded \$29,000 for their project, "Get Vaccinated." This project will raise awareness and aid in the distribution of informational CD packages throughout the country. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

**Our Military Kids** of McLean, Virginia, was awarded \$56,055 for their project, " In Their Own Voice: Military Children Tell Their Stories." This grant will enhance outreach and marketing efforts of the organization. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

**Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome Foundation** of Avon, New York, was awarded \$4,449 for their project, "I Have SDS." This grant will produce books on SDS and educate hospitals, clinics, physicians and families on this rare bone marrow failure disease.

**The American Legion National Headquarters** of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$69,000 for their project, "American Legion National Oratorical Contest 2017." This grant will provide half of the funds necessary for awarding academic scholarships to fifty-four youth competing as national finalists in The American Legion National Oratorical Contest.



## 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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Detachment of Michigan  
Detachment of Minnesota  
Detachment of Mississippi  
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Detachment of New York  
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Department of Illinois  
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Department of Montana  
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Department of South Carolina  
Department of Virginia  
Department of Washington  
Department of Wisconsin  
Department of Wyoming

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Department of New Hampshire  
Department of New Jersey  
Department of New Mexico  
Department of South Carolina  
Department of Tennessee  
Department of West Virginia  
Department of Wyoming

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Post 209 – Colorado  
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Post 255 – Alabama  
Post 275 – Florida  
Post 284 – Florida  
Post 29 – Maryland  
Post 323 – Florida  
Post 347 – Florida  
Post 435 – Minnesota  
Post 5 – Florida  
Post 832 – Illinois

#### American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 1 – Florida  
Unit 103 – Florida  
Unit 135 – Florida  
Unit 24 – Florida  
Unit 274 – Florida  
Unit 275 – Florida  
Unit 323 – Florida  
Unit 33 – Texas  
Unit 69 – Florida  
Unit 80 – Florida  
Unit 99 – Florida

#### Sons of The American Legion

District 4 – Indiana  
District 8 – Indiana  
Squadron 1 – Arizona  
Squadron 103 – Indiana  
Squadron 104 – Oregon  
Squadron 112 – Mississippi  
Squadron 115 – Colorado  
Squadron 119 – Florida  
Squadron 120 – Florida

Squadron 122 – Oregon  
Squadron 15 – Colorado  
Squadron 155 – California  
Squadron 161 – Colorado  
Squadron 17 – Colorado  
Squadron 178 – Colorado  
Squadron 180 – Oregon  
Squadron 180 – Virginia  
Squadron 2 – Colorado  
Squadron 21 – Colorado  
Squadron 237 – Alabama  
Squadron 241 – Indiana  
Squadron 253 – Missouri  
Squadron 26 – Arizona  
Squadron 27 – Arizona  
Squadron 274 – Florida  
Squadron 28 – Oregon  
Squadron 283 – Florida  
Squadron 29 – Arizona  
Squadron 291 – California  
Squadron 294 – Massachusetts  
Squadron 327 – Virginia  
Squadron 338 – New Jersey  
Squadron 347 – Florida  
Squadron 36 – Arizona  
Squadron 44 – Arizona  
Squadron 447 – Texas  
Squadron 499 – Indiana  
Squadron 500 – Indiana  
Squadron 502 – Indiana  
Squadron 54 – Colorado  
Squadron 61 – Arizona  
Squadron 62 – Arizona  
Squadron 64 – Indiana  
Squadron 7 – Florida  
Squadron 77 – North Carolina  
Squadron 8 – Nevada  
Squadron 91 – Arizona  
Squadron 94 – Indiana  
Squadron 95 – Tennessee

**Advocate**  
(\$750 - \$999)

**The American Legion**  
Post 157 – Kentucky

**American Legion Auxiliary**  
Unit 187 – Illinois  
Unit 283 – Florida

**Sons of The American Legion**  
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District 6 – Indiana  
District 7 – Indiana  
Squadron 148 – Florida  
Squadron 24 – Florida  
Squadron 252 – Nebraska  
Squadron 253 – Indiana  
Squadron 309 – Nevada  
Squadron 323 – Florida  
Squadron 330 – Virginia  
Squadron 40 – Nevada  
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Post 15 – Pennsylvania  
Post 152 – Florida  
Post 16 – Louisiana  
Post 24 – Illinois  
Post 247 – Massachusetts  
Post 271 – Florida  
Post 28 – Florida  
Post 284 – Virginia  
Post 290 – Ohio  
Post 309 – Florida  
Post 40 – Florida  
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Post 79 – Virginia  
Post 88 – Alabama  
Post 99 – Alabama  
Riders Chapter 55 – North Carolina

**American Legion Auxiliary**  
Unit 107 – Arizona  
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Unit 152 – Florida  
Unit 178 – South Carolina  
Unit 219 – Florida  
Unit 252 – Florida  
Unit 335 – Florida  
Unit 347 – Florida  
Unit 5 – Florida

**Sons of The American Legion**  
District 29 – Pennsylvania  
District 3 – Indiana  
District 3 – Minnesota  
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Squadron 10 – Virginia  
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Squadron 106 – Massachusetts  
Squadron 107 – Alabama  
Squadron 111 – Colorado  
Squadron 112 – Georgia  
Squadron 116 – North Carolina  
Squadron 136 – Florida  
Squadron 154 – Florida  
Squadron 162 – Virginia  
Squadron 173 – Florida  
Squadron 178 – South Carolina  
Squadron 182 – Indiana  
Squadron 186 – South Carolina  
Squadron 189 – Wisconsin  
Squadron 19 – Vermont  
Squadron 20 – Indiana  
Squadron 22 – Maryland  
Squadron 230 – Indiana

Squadron 24 – Mississippi  
Squadron 25 – Virginia  
Squadron 275 – Florida  
Squadron 284 – Virginia  
Squadron 286 – Florida  
Squadron 316 – Florida  
Squadron 318 – Florida  
Squadron 32 – Colorado  
Squadron 331 – Nebraska  
Squadron 34 – South Carolina  
Squadron 37 – Vermont  
Squadron 397 – Missouri  
Squadron 4 – Vermont  
Squadron 4 – Colorado  
Squadron 4 – Arizona  
Squadron 40 – Massachusetts  
Squadron 516 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 521 – Texas  
Squadron 527 – Arizona  
Squadron 550 – Michigan  
Squadron 56 – Oregon  
Squadron 58 – Arizona  
Squadron 6 – Michigan  
Squadron 60 – West Virginia  
Squadron 66 – Arizona  
Squadron 662 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 67 – Vermont  
Squadron 7 – Vermont  
Squadron 75 – New Mexico  
Squadron 81 – Kentucky  
Squadron 82 – Massachusetts  
Squadron 83 – Oregon  
Squadron 872 – Utah  
Squadron 96 – Texas  
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**Eight and Forty**  
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## 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.

# 2015 – 2016 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.

<b>Legion</b>	<b>Department of Florida</b>	<b>\$30,189.00</b>
<b>Auxiliary</b>	<b>Department of Florida</b>	<b>\$29,853.25</b>
<b>SAL</b>	<b>Detachment of Ohio</b>	<b>\$50,966.30</b>
<b>8 &amp; 40</b>	<b>Departemental de Texas</b>	<b>\$ 2,393.00</b>

## **EXCELLENCE AWARD**

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

<b>The American Legion</b>	<b>American Legion Auxiliary</b>	<b>Sons of The American Legion</b>	<b>Eight &amp; Forty</b>
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Nevada</b>	<b>Texas</b>
Alabama	Rhode Island	Colorado	Arizona
Wyoming	Texas	Mississippi	Alabama
Iowa	South Carolina	Oregon	Michigan
Mississippi	Tennessee	Wyoming	Florida
Florida	Wyoming	Arizona	California
Missouri	New Mexico	Missouri	Louisiana
Maryland	South Dakota	Alabama	Kansas
Pennsylvania	Arizona	Virginia	Indiana
Delaware	New Jersey	Montana	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.

<b>The American Legion</b>	<b>American Legion Auxiliary</b>	<b>Sons of The American Legion</b>	<b>Eight &amp; Forty</b>
<b>Department of Iowa</b>	<b>Department of South Dakota</b>	<b>Detachment of Nevada</b>	<b>Departemental de Texas</b>

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