

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



**Annual Report**  
**2017**

**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 could 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. Moreover, most of these donations have come in five or ten dollars at a time from people just like you.

In October of 2017, the Board of Directors approved grants to 28 nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$636,467 for projects to be completed in calendar year 2018.

I am pleased to report during the 2016 – 2017 contribution year (June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017) donations exceeded \$886,537 with over \$594,414 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 put 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. The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's foremost philanthropic priority is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth by aiding progress in the field of child welfare through dissemination of knowledge about research, studies, surveys, projects, or by supporting programs and activities benefiting the welfare of children and youth.

## **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 \$15.2 million to organizations to improve the lives of the children of this country.

## 2017 Grant Recipients

**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 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.

## Recent Grants

At its October 8, 2017, meeting, the Child Welfare Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$636,467 for 2018 to the twenty-eight organizations listed here:

**Adoption Exchange Association** of Linthicum, Maryland, was awarded \$9,192 for their project, “Every Child Deserves a Family”. This grant will provide a website to share useful information with other agencies to facilitate adoptions.

**Angel Flight Soar, Inc.** of Atlanta, Georgia, was awarded \$45,000 for their project, “Angel Flight Soars Website Revitalization and Native Pilot App” This grant will help redesign their website into a more patiently friendly website. A mobile app for the pilots will also be designed so that pilots may manage their flights better.

**Art with Heart** of Seattle, Washington, was awarded \$30,000 for their project, “Art with Heart as Partners in Possibility”. This project will provide therapeutic intervention to children that have suffered the loss of a parent, drug use or economic challenges. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

**Arthritis Foundation, Inc.** of Atlanta, Georgia, was awarded \$37,464 for their project, “JA Child Wellness Book”. This book will help children that have recently been diagnosed with Juvenile Arthritis to better understand their disease.

**Association of Birth Defects Children** of Orlando, Florida, was awarded \$15,140 for their project, “Community Resource Center” This project will create a section on their website that will be the contact point for other communities to learn how to investigate concerns and collect data about children with birth defects.

**Autism Speaks** of New York, New York, was awarded \$31,000 for their project, “Interactive Guide to Individual Education Programs for Children on the Autism Spectrum”. This project will revamp the current Autism Speaks Guide and to include a video series highlighting experts on autism as well as adding interactive tools.

**Camp Taylor, Inc.** of Modesto, California, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, “2017 Youth and Teen Camp Program”. This is free, three to five day, medically supervised camp for children with congenital heart defects. The camp uses 3D technologies to help kids better understand their heart condition.

**Children’s Craniofacial Association** of Dallas, Texas, was awarded \$32,000 for their project, “Wonder/Choose Kind”. This project will publish and print 5,000 of their “Wonder” books. The book help teach children value, empathy, and tolerance for people who are different from themselves.

**CJ First Candle** of New Canaan, Connecticut, was awarded \$16,440 for their project, “Safe Infant Sleep in Childcare Settings” This project will update current brochure to include new recommendations on AAP safe sleep recommendations. The Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

**Gratitude Initiative** of Bryan, Texas, was awarded \$21,000 for their project, “Gratitude Initiative Promotional Video”. This project will provide resources to high school students that are military dependents, about how to apply for college. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

**Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association** of Arlington, Virginia, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Helping Families Cope Successfully with Brain Injury”. This project will create a Facebook ad campaign to provide comprehensive information and resources for those parents and or children who have suffered a traumatic brain injury.

**Hope Flight Foundation-** of Castro Valley, California, was awarded \$8,000 for their project, “Free Medical Flights for children with cancer and other life threatening illnesses...” This project will transport children with

serious illnesses, and their families, from remote areas and fly them to the inner city hospitals for treatments. The Sons of the American Legion, Eight and Forty and the American Legion Auxiliary support this grant.

**Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund** of Oceanside, California, was awarded \$20,000 for their project, “2017 Semper Fi Fund Kids Camp” This project will send military kids to camp whose parent/s suffer from PTSD. The camp will have fun activities along with the emotional support for the children. The Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary support this grant.

**Kansas Braille Transcription Institute** of Wichita, Kansas, was awarded \$11,919 for their project, “Red Sight and Blue, I can SEE her too.” This project will provide 2,550 blind students the opportunity to learn about the American flag and the patriotic ideas behind our great nation. The Sons of the American Legion support this grant.

**Kids in Danger** of Chicago, Illinois, was awarded \$5,000 for their project, “New Material to Reach New Audiences”. This project will provide funding to update their KID Brochure, Sleep Safe Checklist and Step to Safety Magnet.

**National Braille Press** of Boston, Massachusetts, was awarded \$10,370 for their project, “Free Materials to Blind Children”. This project will expose blind children to the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

**PAB’s Packs** of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was awarded \$15,000 for their project, "Packs of Comfort for Chronically Ill Teens.” This project will provide custom designed backpacks, filled with special comfort items, to chronically ill teens in the hospital. The Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Eight and Forty support this grant.

**Partnership for Food Safety Education** of Arlington, VA, was awarded \$10,000 for their project, “Keeping Children Safe from Foodborne Illness”. This grant will provide webinars that will bring attention to food borne illnesses, while also providing helpful resources to reduce the rate of foodborne illness among children.

**Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps** of Boston, Massachusetts, was awarded \$6,250 for their project, "Raising Awareness of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.” This grant will raise awareness of sexually exploited children and provide children with tools for prevention and intervention.

**Saint Francis Community Services, Inc.** of Salina, Kansas, was awarded \$20,000 for their project,” Awareness of Child Sexual Human Trafficking in the Heartland”. This grant will create a video on human trafficking that will show individual stories of children and how they are coerced in to that lifestyle. The Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion both support this grant.

**Songs of Love Foundation** of Forest Hills, New York, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, “Songs of Love Outreach Project”. This grant will provide personalized songs to seriously ill children up to the age of 21 at no charge to them. The Eight and Forty support this grant.

**Talking about Curing Autism** of Irvine, California, was awarded \$22,070 for their project “Autism Journey Guides and Educational Materials”. This grant will offer educational support to families that have children with Autism. The education materials will give insight on life changing therapies, current research and statistics, and references for support networks to improve the long-term outcome.

**The American Legion National Headquarters** of Indianapolis, Indiana, was awarded \$55,500 for their project “2018 American Legion National Youth Programs Scholarships”. This grant will provide academic scholarships to the following youth programs: Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Baseball and Eagle Scout of the Year. The Sons of the American Legion support this grant.

**The American Legion National Headquarters** of Indianapolis, Indiana was awarded \$75,000 for their project “The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program-2018”. This grant will provide temporary financial assistance to children of veteran’s in need of shelter, food, utilities and clothing. The Sons of the American Legion support this grant.

**The JAYC Foundation** of Los Angeles, California, was awarded \$50,000 for their project “Communication and Mental Health Disorders in Children involved with Law Enforcement.” This grant will help bridge the gap between law enforcement and children with mental disabilities. The educational materials will teach law enforcement officers what signs to look for in mentally ill children and provide them with information on how to interact with those children.

**The National Children’s Cancer Society** of St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded \$6,715 for their project “Beyond the Cure: Preparing for life after Cancer.” This grant will help children who have survived cancer and provide them with insight as to what happens next. It will also help prepare families for the long-term effects and survivorship and cancer.

**The Progeria Research Foundation** of Peabody, Massachusetts, was awarded \$18,331 for their project “Progeria Treatment Guidelines Handbook -2<sup>nd</sup> Edition”. This grant will update the book from the 2010 version. The book will contain the most recent research and findings along with the latest recommendations of children with progeria.

**The Sage Hawk Foundation** of Coffeyville, Kansas was awarded \$5,076 for their project “Sage Hawk Computer Literacy Program”. This grant will provide a junior scholarship to a student with the highest GPA and a laptop computer to the student with the second highest GPA.



## 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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Post 209 – Colorado  
Post 24 – Mississippi  
Post 241- Indiana  
Post 252- Florida  
Post 255 – Alabama  
Post 275 – Florida  
Post 283- California  
Post 347 – Florida  
Post 503 – Indiana  
Post 555- Indiana  
Post 76- Alabama  
Post 90- Florida  
Post 97- Indiana

### **American Legion Auxiliary**

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Unit 274 – Florida  
Unit 275 – Florida  
Unit 323 – Florida  
Unit 69 – Florida  
Unit 80 – Florida

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Salon 849-Arizona

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District-2 Minnesota  
District 4 – Indiana  
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District 10 – Indiana  
District 17 –Pennsylvania  
Squadron 1 – Arizona  
Squadron 103 – Colorado  
Squadron 103 – Indiana  
Squadron 104 – Oregon  
Squadron 106 – Indiana  
Squadron 107 – Arizona  
Squadron 109 – Arizona  
Squadron 1111 – Colorado  
Squadron 119 – Florida  
Squadron 12 – Ohio  
Squadron 121 – Indiana  
Squadron 122 – Oregon  
Squadron 136 – Florida  
Squadron 137 – Florida  
Squadron 139 –Indiana  
Squadron 14 – Arizona  
Squadron 15 – Colorado  
Squadron 152 – Florida  
Squadron 155 – California  
Squadron 161 – Colorado  
Squadron 17 – Colorado  
Squadron 178 – Colorado  
Squadron 178 - South Carolina  
Squadron 18 – Indiana  
Squadron 180 – Virginia  
Squadron 182 – Indiana  
Squadron 186 - South Carolina  
Squadron 1985 – Colorado  
Squadron 2 – Colorado  
Squadron 2 – Indiana  
Squadron 208 – Texas  
Squadron 21 – Colorado  
Squadron 211 – Colorado  
Squadron 215 – Indiana  
Squadron 216 – Michigan  
Squadron 222 – Louisiana  
Squadron 230 – Indiana  
Squadron 237 – Alabama  
Squadron 239 – Indiana  
Squadron 24 - Arizona  
Squadron 241 – Indiana  
Squadron 25 – Virginia  
Squadron 26 – Arizona  
Squadron 27 – Arizona  
Squadron 273 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 274 – Florida  
Squadron 275 – Florida  
Squadron 28 – Delaware  
Squadron 28 – Indiana  
Squadron 28 – Oregon

Squadron 283 – Florida  
Squadron 29 – Arizona  
Squadron 291 – California  
Squadron 294 – Massachusetts  
Squadron 295 – Indiana  
Squadron 3 – Vermont  
Squadron 323 – Florida  
Squadron 327 – Virginia  
Squadron 330 – Virginia  
Squadron 331 – Indiana  
Squadron 338 – New Jersey  
Squadron 347 – Florida  
Squadron 36 – Arizona  
Squadron 37 – Texas  
Squadron 398 – Indiana  
Squadron 4 – Arizona  
Squadron 406 – Indiana  
Squadron 409 – Indiana  
Squadron 42 – Indiana  
Squadron 42 – Wyoming  
Squadron 423 – Indiana  
Squadron 43 – Texas  
Squadron 44 – Arizona  
Squadron 44 – Oregon  
Squadron 447 – Texas  
Squadron 45 – Oregon  
Squadron 46 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 463 – Indiana  
Squadron 47 – Indiana  
Squadron 500 – Indiana  
Squadron 502 – Indiana  
Squadron 52 – Arizona  
Squadron 524 – New Jersey  
Squadron 54 – Colorado  
Squadron 573 – Texas  
Squadron 58 – Arizona  
Squadron 61 – Arizona  
Squadron 61 – Indiana  
Squadron 62 – Arizona  
Squadron 64 – Indiana  
Squadron 655 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 66 – Arizona  
Squadron 703 – Illinois  
Squadron 730 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 75 – Wisconsin  
Squadron 77 – North Carolina  
Squadron 799 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 9 – Indiana  
Squadron 91 – Arizona  
Squadron 97 – Indiana

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Post 30 – Alabama

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Squadron 117 – Arizona  
Squadron 19 – Arizona  
Squadron 24 – Florida

Squadron 253 – Indiana  
Squadron 340 – Pennsylvania  
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Post 24 – Illinois  
Post 28 – Delaware  
Post 284 – Virginia  
Post 31 – Indiana  
Post 357 – Pennsylvania  
Post 40 – Florida  
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Post 46 – Illinois  
Post 5 – Florida  
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Unit 31 – Indiana  
Unit 33 – Texas  
Unit 335 – Florida  
Unit 347 – Florida  
Unit 57 – Florida

**Sons of The American Legion**

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Squadron 104 – Florida  
Squadron 105 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 107 – Alabama  
Squadron 108 – North Carolina  
Squadron 113 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 12 – Georgia  
Squadron 120 – Florida  
Squadron 148 – Florida  
Squadron 15 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 154 – Florida  
Squadron 159 – Virginia  
Squadron 16 – Florida  
Squadron 177 – Pennsylvania

Squadron 185 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 189 – Wisconsin  
Squadron 192 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 196 – Indiana  
Squadron 198 – Michigan  
Squadron 20 – Michigan  
Squadron 208 – North Carolina  
Squadron 223 – Texas  
Squadron 235 – Indiana  
Squadron 246 – Indiana  
Squadron 252 – Nebraska  
Squadron 27 – Florida  
Squadron 283 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 284 – Virginia  
Squadron 3 – West Virginia  
Squadron 303 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 32 – Colorado  
Squadron 325 – Michigan  
Squadron 331 – Nebraska  
Squadron 336 – Florida  
Squadron 34 – Indiana  
Squadron 34 – South Carolina  
Squadron 351 – Indiana  
Squadron 355 – Iowa  
Squadron 365 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 37 – Vermont  
Squadron 39 – Arizona  
Squadron 397 – Missouri  
Squadron 4 – Colorado  
Squadron 4 – Florida  
Squadron 40 – Massachusetts  
Squadron 40 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 407 – Kansas  
Squadron 42 – Arizona  
Squadron 42 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 49 – Michigan  
Squadron 524 – Texas  
Squadron 564 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 593 – Texas  
Squadron 594 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 6 – Michigan  
Squadron 64 – Arkansas  
Squadron 662 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 773 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 751 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 76 – Kansas  
Squadron 787 – New York  
Squadron 791 – Illinois  
Squadron 82 – Massachusetts  
Squadron 83 – Oregon  
Squadron 926 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 95 – Tennessee  
Squadron 96 – Texas  
Squadron 968 – Pennsylvania  
Squadron 979 – Illinois  
Squadron 99 – Oregon  
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Larry Jarman  
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Joseph Keiser  
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Jerry Land  
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James Martin  
Ray McCall  
Francis McCurdy  
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David Mennel  
Marianne Middleton  
William Miller  
Michael & Jane Montaney  
Dave Mummert  
David Myers  
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John Post  
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Reno W. Reiley  
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Robert Schmidt, Jr.  
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Jeffrey Sheibels  
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Pam Shook  
Lois Shurig  
Peter Sierminski  
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Linda Smiley  
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J.P. Spadaro  
Lilia Spreckels  
Michael Stadnick  
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Cliff Stephens  
James Stewart  
Donald and Marge Suchy  
Steve Tansel  
Gary & Belle Temple  
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Byron Trantham

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Nancy Vallis  
Pete Van Woerden  
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John Widman  
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Willy & Virginia Williams  
Wesley Wills  
Kevin Winkelman  
Diane Wise  
Tracy Wood  
David Young

## 2016 – 2017 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 Arizona**

### *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 Arizona</b>	<b>\$ 33,651.00</b>
<b>Auxiliary</b>	<b>Department of Florida</b>	<b>\$ 17,009.00</b>
<b>SAL</b>	<b>Detachment of Arizona/Indiana</b>	<b>\$110,000.00</b>
<b>8 &amp; 40</b>	<b>Departemental de Arizona</b>	<b>\$ 2,608.00</b>

### *EXCELLENCE AWARD*

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

The American Legion	American Legion Auxiliary	Sons of The American Legion	Eight & Forty
<b>Arizona</b>	<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>Nevada</b>	<b>Arizona</b>
Alabama	Kentucky	Arizona	Kentucky
Mississippi	Florida	Idaho	Idaho
Florida	Indiana	Colorado	Alabama
Washington	Alabama	Hawaii	Florida
Alaska	South Carolina	Wyoming	Nevada
Delaware	Connecticut	Oregon	South Dakota
South Carolina	Montana	Vermont	Michigan
North Dakota	Arizona	Mississippi	California
Ohio	New York	Virginia	Texas

### *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
<b>Department of Arizona</b>	<b>Department of Wisconsin</b>	<b>Detachment of Arizona</b>	<b>Departemental de Kentucky</b>

## **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 (1803-1873), English poet, novelist and politician

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 contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth.

## **Planned Giving**

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 giving, you can ensure that your generosity lives 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.

## **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.

### **Board of Directors 2016 – 2017**

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<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	George A. Buskirk, Jr	Indiana
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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.