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American Legion Programs and Products To Support Troops and Inspire Communities

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Our Service Men and Women Depend on Us

Family Support Network
“Thank you for helping with my wife. You just don’t know how appreciative we are. This will help her out very much. She is going through a rough time right now and needs all the help she can get. There is not much I can do for her while I am over here, except reassure her that I am OK.”

Brian Harpold, deployed with the U.S. Air Force in the Marianas, and receiving Family Support Network help through Midwest City, Okla., Post 170

The Family Support Network connects local volunteers with families that need help at home after a loved one has been called into active duty. To learn more or to help a family:
(800) 504-4099 OR WWW.LEGION.ORG

E-mail the Troops
Through the Department of Defense, you can send an e-mail to servicemembers, thanking them for the job they’re doing. WWW.DEFENDAMERICA.MIL/NINAM.HYML

Blood Drives
“Not knowing the full extent of the injuries, we immediately asked for blood. Within hours, Legionnaires were lined up at Red Cross collection centers across the country.”
Past National Commander Richard J. “Ric” Santos

Legionnaires donated more than 93,000 pints of blood in the months that followed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. As war continues, so does the need for blood.
(800) 448-3543 OR WWW.REDCROSS.ORG

Support Our Troops’ Lawn Signs
“The Department of Indiana helped raise $12,000 in less than five hours during a troop-support rally in Indianapolis where American Flags and Support Our Troops’ lawn signs were distributed. Funds were used to support the Legion’s September 11 Memorial Scholarship Fund.”

Double-sided “Support Our Troops” lawn signs are available from The American Legion’s Emblem Sales division.
(888) 453-4446 OR WWW.EMBLEM.LEGION.ORG

Temporary Financial Assistance
“Kevin makes a good living but took a pay cut when his Alabama National Guard unit was called to active duty. Due to high gas prices, Kevin’s wife and children faced having their heat turned off. With children at home, the family qualified for Temporary Financial Assistance. A grant application was processed and approved through the Department of Alabama, and the gas bill was paid. Disconnection was averted.”

Applications for the TFA grant program, which has been helping military and veteran families since 1962, are available at all American Legion Department Headquarters.

Blue Star Banners
“My biggest concern is about Americans forgetting about our troops. I don’t want that to happen, and I told the people in my church we’re not going to let that happen.”

Jack Wallace, pastor of the Van Alstyne, Texas, United Methodist Church, who is working with James Oakes Post 312 to provide Blue Star Banners for families in his congregation and a Blue star corporate banner to hang in front of the church.

The American Legion reintroduced the Blue Star Banner program to windows throughout the nation in 2001, to recognize service members’ homes and businesses that support our troops. Household banners, corporate banners and Gold Star Banners are available from the Legion’s Emblem Sales division.
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Adopt a National Guard or Reserve Unit
“The American Legion has had a tremendous effect on our morale. Their support is second to none. They have been there almost every day.”

Capt. Terry Rutledge, executive officer of the South Carolina National Guard’s 114th Signal Company, whose battalion was deployed during Aug. 2001, attacks. As war continues, so does the need for blood.
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Community Troop Support Initiatives
“The White Ribbon Campaign has been around for a number of years and has been used as a way of showing support for our troops whose names are in harm’s way.”

The campaign was used during wartimes for operations in Europe and elsewhere and is still going strong. The campaign has been used during wartimes for operations in Europe and elsewhere and is still going strong.

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Help the children
Anytime a child loses a parent to death, it’s a tragedy. But if that parent dies while serving as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, it’s more than that. It’s a responsibility. All Americans, veteran and otherwise, share an obligation to help the children of our war dead overcome the burdens and uncertainties of life. A college education can go a long way toward fulfilling such a duty.

In the weeks following the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, The American Legion launched the September 11 Memorial Scholarship program. The program was dedicated to U.S. service members killed in the cowardly terrorist attacks that day, but it extends beyond that. The program is designed to make college scholarships available to the children of all those who have lost their lives in the war on terrorism, including Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and future engagements in our nation’s ongoing quest for world peace.

The American Legion asks that you join our “coalition of the caring” with a tax-deductible financial contribution to the September 11 Memorial Scholarship program. Not one dime of the donated money is used for administrative purposes. It all goes toward rebuilding the lives of young people, lives that go on, in a world made free by those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Send your tax-deductible contributions to:
The American Legion
September 11 Memorial Scholarship Fund
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

For more information, contact Robert Caudell:
(317) 630-1212 OR RCAUDELL@LEGION.ORG
“The people who serve in the military are giving their best to this country, and we have the responsibility to give them our full support.”

— President George W. Bush

Learn more about troop-support efforts of The American Legion

WWW.LEGION.ORG

U.S. Flags, Blue Star Banners, Gold Star Banners, “Support the Troops” lawn signs and hundreds of patriotic products

(888) 453-4466
www.emblem.legion.org

Family Support Network

(800) 504-4098

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Community Troop-Support Rallies, Yellow-Ribbon Campaigns
Adopt a National Guard or Reserve Unit

(317) 630-1321

Blood Drives
www.redcross.org
(800) 448-3543

E-mail the Troops
www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html

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