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Still Serving America's Veterans... Around the World



FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER



The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund helps ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents lost their lives while on duty since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The fund continues to build toward its goal of \$20,000,000.00 while at the same time issuing scholarships to young people who have lost parents in the war. While the fund does receive individual donations, the major fundraising event of the year is The American Legion Legacy Run, a motorcycle trek that crosses numerous states between Indianapolis, Indiana and city hosting the National Convention. Preparations are underway for the 2013 American Legion Legacy Run. Registration is expected to begin in mid-February and continue until August 1.

Key Dates:

- Aug. 17: Assembly for The American Legion Legacy Run at Post 64, Indianapolis.
- Aug. 18–22: The American Legion Legacy Run.
- Aug. 22–24: Events to be planned by The American Legion Riders of Texas.
- Aug. 25: The 95th Annual National Convention Parade.
- Aug. 22–29: The National Conventions of The Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion.

OPERATION COMFORT WARRIOR



Operation Comfort Warriors is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel by providing them with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. During the month of January, Operation Comfort Warriors distributed \$30,000 worth of donations to warrior transition units in Kentucky and Georgia. Additionally, Operation Comfort Warriors shipped cases of donated DVDs from the Department of Michigan to Afghanistan and to the WTBs at Forts Knox and Campbell.

At the National Convention in Indianapolis IN, National Commander Jimmie Koutz pledged to collect \$500,000.00 for the program. As of January 31, 2013, the total collected was \$23,547.00. Remember 100 percent of your generous donation will go directly to purchase of these comfort items for the troops.

MEMBERSHIP



FODPAL Department membership continues to grow—only two departments missed the 80% cutoff. The next cutoff will be the 85% mark on February 13th. Keep up the great work!

The current 2013 traditional membership total is 1,721,306, which is 86.3% of the 2013 goal. Fifty-one departments met the 80% target date. The 2013 membership year began on July 1, 2012. The next DMS mailing is scheduled for January 31, 2013.

- DMS acquires: Prospects 81,768; Expires 49,067; TOTAL: 130,835
- Goal: 210,000; percentage of goal: 62.3%
- Current renewal rate for 2012 DMS members: 42.5% (80,500 of 189,685 new 2012 members)
- 2013 membership year on-Line renewals (since July 1, 2012): 153,775

Donation to the Fisher House Landstuhl Medical Center Germany: Pictured below is Department Vice Commander Stephen Ward, presenting a check in the amount of \$600.00 dollars to the Landstuhl Fisher House from The Department of France. Thanks to IPC Joe Brown for coordinating, the donations from The Department of France, Post's Rhein Neckar Post GR03, Dwight D. Eisenhower Post GR13, and 40&8 Grande du Germany. Vice Commander Ward received a certificate of thanks from the Fisher House



IMPORTANT DATES: Please send me future important dates such as Department DEC dates, Post Meeting dates, and Special Event dates—this information will be featured both on the FODPAL website and the FODPAL Facebook page.

FODPAL WEBSITE: Thank you to the Departments and Posts that have shared news with us. IF you have an upcoming event or community outreach activity, please share—we would love to hear from all FODPAL Departments and Posts. The Website address is Legion.org/FODPAL login, please take a moment to check in and see what's happening around the world.

Note: The National Commander just left the Department of Puerto Rico, we would love any notes or photos you might have to share!

SOCIAL MEDIA: The FODPAL Facebook page continues to be updated with at least two stories a day and has received great feedback from our members worldwide. Please continue to share your news and updates—social media is an excellent way to spread our message to future Legion members.

The American Legion Membership Application

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(Name) _____ (Phone) _____

(Mailing Address) _____ (Date) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #) _____

(Dues) _____


Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below

<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 2, 1990-cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Govt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982-July 31, 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961-May 7, 1975	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946	
<input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918	
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41-8/15/45 (only eligibility)	




I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signature of applicant _____ Name of recruiter _____



Receipt of Dues

(Please Print)



From _____

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Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

Mail to:

American Legion Post # _____

Or Call: _____