## A LEGACY OF SERVICE

In 1925, World War I had been over for six years, but for veterans and their widows and children, the years had been a continuing struggle to adjust to the war's aftermath. The members of The American Legion, aware of the grave responsibility entrusted to them by those who had served, knew the time had come to take action.

More than 900,000 Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary members, and other American citizens joined the campaign, raising nearly $5 million and establishing The American Legion Endowment Fund.

Since those early days, over $30 million have been distributed to disabled veterans and children of those who served our great nation and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Your gifts and donations go into a trust that is administered by The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation. The corporation, whose members are selected by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, takes great care to ensure that these gifts are wisely invested.

Income from fund investments is then passed on to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and Children & Youth programs of The American Legion National Organization to support national, state, and local programs for veterans and children.

Help us continue this proud tradition of service to veterans and their children with a contribution to The American Legion Endowment Fund. As a 501 (c) (3) organization, your contributions are tax-deductible.

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## CHILDREN OF VETERANS

**The Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)** program of the National Commission on Children & Youth distributes hundreds of thousands of dollars every year to assist children across the country as a direct result of money from The American Legion Endowment Fund.

Created in 1925 as a form of direct aid to veterans' minor children, the TFA program exists to help these children maintain basic needs including shelter, utilities, clothing, food, and medical care when the parents or guardians of the minor child or children are unable to do so. The TFA program remains a unique program in the field of social work today and would not be able to continue without the support of The American Legion Endowment Fund.

For more information on the Temporary Financial Assistance Program contact:

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The American Legion Endowment Fund also distributes funds to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Division to benefit and fund the following programs:

**Department Service Officer (DSO) Schools.**
Every year, the VA&R Division holds two training schools to teach DSOs the latest changes in Department of Veteran Affairs and the United States Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims regulations, procedures and laws to ensure they provide the best service to the veterans they assist.

**The American Legion and National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) Internship Program.**
This program provides training for American Legion staff assigned to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) and to Department Service Officers on temporary assignment to the BVA.

**Memorandum of Agreement with the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP).**
This agreement provides for training of American Legion Services Officers and for legal representation before Federal Courts on veterans and claimants appeals considered to be of a precedent-setting nature. Also finances the NVLSP's consultation and advisory opinions to The American Legion on pending legislation before Congress involving programs and benefits administered through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

For more information on VA&R programs contact:

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