



What the American Legion Does



Processes more than 600 disability claims appeals per month for veterans trying to get their VA medical benefits.

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Gives emergency financial assistance to Legion families hit by hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and other disasters.

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Urges Congress to provide enough VA funding to take care of veterans' medical needs and provide it in advance.

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Awards college scholarships to children whose mothers or fathers have sacrificed their lives in the global war on terrorism.

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Volunteers about one million hours every year at about 160 VA medical facilities nationwide.

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Helps families of deployed troops through its Family Support Network and Operation Military Family Outreach.

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Through its Temporary Financial Assistance program, helps the children of veterans who are suffering hardships.

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Donates about 100,000 pints of blood annually to the American Red Cross.

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Lobbies Congress to upgrade and improve Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits (the Legion wrote the original 1944 GI Bill that educated 8 million veterans).

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Through its Heroes To Hometowns program, works with communities to welcome back their returning veterans and help them make the transition to civilian life.

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Sponsors more than 5,000 American Legion Baseball teams, which are made up by more than 100,000 ballplayers.

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Raises funds to improve the quality of life for active-duty troops, with the Wounded Warrior Recognition Program and Operation Comfort Warriors.

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Offers community programs that encourage the intellectual and social growth of America's children (Boys State, National Oratorical Competition, Boy Scouts).

In a Nutshell:

If you're a veteran, The American Legion will help you. It will help you with VA health care, GI Bill benefits, sudden emergencies and the needs of your children.

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And The American Legion does it all for free, because we have an army of volunteers – each one a wartime veteran.

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So we understand. That's why we're here now – veterans helping veterans, service members and their families.

To find out much more about what The American Legion does, please visit www.legion.org.