

Wounded Hero Assistance Charities

Emergency assistance - America's Fund

<http://americasfund.org/>

America's Fund is a program created to direct urgently needed resources and financial support to injured and critically ill members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. This is a program of the *Semper Fi Fund*.

As injured heroes from different branches of service are treated side by side at our nation's military hospitals, requests for assistance to all branches have continued to grow. We are excited to begin fulfilling those requests today!

Today, our first priority is providing family support grants. These enable families to spend time at loved ones' hospital bedsides, free from the financial pressures of travel, temporary lodging and lost wages.

With your support, we plan to quickly expand our range of services to include assistance for specialized and adaptive equipment, adaptive housing, adaptive transportation, education and career transition, therapeutic arts, and PTSD and TBI support. Additionally, we want to continue building programs that have proven beneficial to rehabilitation and recovery, such as team-based athletics and the Tim and Sandy Day Canine Companions Program.

Emergency assistance - Coalition to Support America's Heroes

www.saluteheroesproject.org

The *Coalition to Salute America's Heroes* provides emergency financial aid and other assistance to troops who have been severely wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The *Coalition* focuses on helping servicemen and women with the most debilitating injuries, such as those who have been severely burned, blinded, paralyzed or brain-damaged.

Because so many of our wounded heroes will need expensive, long-term care, we're also trying to educate the public - and our elected officials - about the importance of getting the government to fulfill its obligations to our wounded troops and their families.

Emergency assistance - Heartbeat for Warriors

www.heartbeatforwarriors.org

The Emergency Assistance Program we offer gives financial help for life's daily and unexpected needs. A wounded service member separated from family for medical reasons still has living expenses. Separation can last months — two households must survive on one salary, especially if the family lives in another state.

Delayed military pay, which happens at times, and reduced pay, can mean no electricity for the home. Sometimes it means no food for the baby. We also offer assistance with airfare to bring a family member to the wounded warrior. A service member might also need to travel for a family funeral.

Emergency assistance - Helping our Heroes Fund

www.hohf.org

The *Helping Our Heroes Foundation* provides a way for donated funds and services to directly reach our injured military and a way for concerned Americans to volunteer to actively support our armed forces.

The role of the foundation is to provide patient advocates, identify and fund educational opportunities for the soldier, coordinate specialty counseling (financial assistance, career, housing, etc.), and assist with emergency funding needs as deemed appropriate.

Emergency assistance - Hope for the Warriors

www.hopeforthewarriors.org

The mission of *Hope for the Warriors™* is to enhance quality of life for US Service Members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty. *Hope for the Warriors™* actively seeks to ensure that the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet, particularly with regard to the short and long-term care of the severely injured. To accomplish our mission, we have designed special programs that allow and encourage community involvement. We welcome you to read through our website to learn more about how we help and how you can too.

Immediate Needs Grants - *Hope For The Warriors™* is prepared to help provide financial assistance once a notice of very severe injury is made. Travel is expensive and sometimes financially prohibitive, especially overseas. Funds are available so that a spouse or parent will be able to be at their loved one's bedside.

Emergency assistance - Michigan National Guard Family Fund

The *Michigan National Guard Family Fund* was created to assist Air and Army National Guard families who experience financial difficulties with temporary emergency financial assistance, and to fund programs and training to maintain and improve the quality of life of our Michigan National Guard families. What constitutes a need? Emergency loss of income through activation for military duty, inability to maintain employment due to injury or sudden illness, or job loss; unexpected medical expenses; pay problems; or the accumulation of legitimate bills (e.g. rent, mortgage, electric, oil, gas, etc.). Inability to pay for basic needs: food, shelter, utilities, clothing, medical bills, and transportation due to unforeseen circumstances. Applications are required to be submitted with the necessary documentation.

Emergency assistance - Operation Homefront

Operation Homefront provides emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors.

Through generous, widespread public support and a collaborative team of exceptional staff and volunteers, we aspire to become the provider of choice for emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors. Where there is a need we do not provide, we will partner with others for the benefit of our military families

Operation Homefront provides direct services to alleviate a military family's or individual's actual/complete emergency financial burden, as well as counseling and/or recovery support. Emergency financial assistance is in the form of checks paid directly to mortgage lenders, auto mechanics, contractors, hospitals, doctors, dentists and other providers. Other emergency funding assistance, which an applicant receives within 24 to 72 hours, includes the following:

- Financial assistance
- Emergency food
- Emergency home repairs
- Critical baby items: formula, food and diapers
- Home and appliance repair
- Furniture and household items
- Local moving assistance
- Community events

- Wounded Warrior Transitional Family Housing

Emergency assistance - TAMCO Foundation (Florida)

www.tamcofoundation.org

TAMCO Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan charity which provides direct support to military veterans from Florida who have been severely wounded and disabled while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Emergency financial assistance helps resolve immediate, short-term financial needs for you and your family, usually during hospitalization or rehabilitation. Examples would include assistance with car payments, rent, utilities and child care.

Emergency assistance - The Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation's Emergency Financial Assistance

www.pentagonfoundation.org

The *Foundation* receives referrals from the command, groups working with soldiers and their families, military relief societies and associations regarding wounded service members who are experiencing financial crises. The *Foundation* reviews these requests to insure they are truly "unmet needs" which cannot be supported by government agencies. Then we take action.

Emergency assistance - The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes

www.saluteheroes.org

Disabled American Veterans of the War on Terror must struggle every day to overcome life-changing sacrifices such as the loss of a limb, significant burns, and the reality of being in a wheel chair.

The *Coalition to Salute America's Heroes* was created to provide a way for individuals, corporations and others to support our troops by helping severely wounded and disabled Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans and their families rebuild their lives.

The mission of The *Coalition to Salute America's Heroes* is to help the people who have given so much on our behalf overcome these obstacles and resume a productive and fulfilling life through programs targeted to their specific needs.

We are helping these brave men and women and their families rebuild their lives in many ways. For some, it's paying bills because the financial strains of the adjustment are so overwhelming. For others, it's a computer so they can continue their education. And for some it's as simple as getting out and going to a concert to break to monotony of rehabilitation. There are five key programs targeted to the specific needs of returning heroes:

One of their programs: Emergency Financial Aid - Direct financial aid to disabled American veterans and their families in crisis.

Financial - American Military Family

www.americanmilitaryfamily.org

Provides financial aid and assistance to our wounded warriors, as well as facilitates Remodels, Bar-b-Ques/Holiday Parties/Social Events.

Financial - American Soldier Foundation

www.soldierfoundation.org

The *American Soldier Foundation* was created to assist soldiers on extended active duty and their dependents, and the dependents of those lost in the line of duty. Military life often places a difficult burden on families, both financially and emotionally. We believe that the lives of the men and women

keeping our country safe should not be any harder than they have to be. It is in that spirit that we offer our support. They fight for us - let's fight for them.

The foundation can provide grants or interest-free loans for: food, rent or utilities, funeral expenses, family/marriage counseling, medical expenses, financial planning, personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen, education planning and scholarships, fines or legal expenses, business planning, liquidate or consolidate debt, home purchase or improvements, purchase, rent or lease vehicle, debt or credit card bills, etc.

Financial - Arizona Heroes to Hometowns

www.azheroestohometowns.org

AZ Heroes to Hometowns is designed to welcome home Service Members who, because of injuries sustained, can no longer serve in the military. *Arizona's Heroes to Hometowns* is not a single organization but a coalition of community resources.

The *Arizona Heroes to Hometowns Project* has a fine history in assisting those who need us. Support has included:

- help with paying the bills
- finding suitable homes and adapting as needed
- transportation to medical appointments
- finding jobs and providing educational assistance
- child care support
- arranging welcome home celebrations
- help working through bureaucracy and obtaining government benefits and entitlements
- sports and recreation opportunities
- holiday dinners
- community support coalitions

Financial - Armor 4 Troops

www.armor4troops.org

One of our missions is to help provide financial assistance to families of our critically wounded troops that have been admitted to Walter Reed Hospital or Bethesda Naval Hospital in Washington, D.C. for severe trauma treatment. We will also provide a variety of "after-care" services to our critically wounded troops that have sustained the loss of limb or eyesight.

Financial - Army Homefront Fund

www.armyhomefrontfund.org

Army Homefront Fund provides emergency financial and other support to the families of soldiers, with a focus on wounded warrior care and transition assistance.

Through generous, widespread public support and a collaborative team of exceptional staff and volunteers, we aspire to become the provider of choice for emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors. Where there is a need we do not provide, we will partner with others for the benefit of our military families.

Financial - Brave Aid

www.braveaid.org

Brave-Aid, Inc. is a wounded veterans assistance fund that was created as a non-conventional vehicle whose goal is to give financial, emotional, and when requested, spiritual assistance to the veterans who sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Brave-Aid, Inc. also extends its support to the families of those veterans who gave their lives for our country.

Our mission is not only to provide assistance for our heroes, but also provide an ethical, honorable and honest employment opportunity by procuring assistance for our veterans.

Financial - Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund

www.childrenoffallensoldiersrelieffund.org

The CFSRF was founded in order to provide support to surviving US military children and spouses that have lost a loved one in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars or whose service member has sustained a serious disability. Our objectives are to help US military children and spouses with college grants as well as provide financial assistance to those families in need of help with housing, utilities, food and clothing. Often, when a loss occurs in these families, what was a two person income becomes one. The financial hardships placed on these families are very difficult to deal with. Their lives are devastated and forever changed. We are determined to help make the last wishes of those lost to the casualty of war possible by assisting their families with their needs.

Financial - Evan Ashcraft Foundation

www.evanashcraft.org

The mission of the *Evan Ashcraft Foundation* is to help soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan adjust to civilian life. There is often a gap between the services that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is able to offer and the needs of the veterans and their families. These needs include treatment for post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries. The foundation seeks out non-government organizations that treat combat-related injuries and supports them financially with grants resulting from fundraisers and private donations.

Financial - Families of the Wounded Fund

<http://familiesofthewoundedfund.org/>

Our mission is to provide financial resources in support of family members/caregivers of military service men and women who have either been wounded in combat operations or injured as the result of line-of-duty activities in support of combat operations. This assistance is available while these patients are receiving prescribed medical treatment.

Our support may be used for lodging, meals, transportation, healthcare, child care, long-distance phone calls, and a variety of miscellaneous needs experienced by these family members/caregivers while they are attending to their loved ones.

Financial - Family and Friends for Freedom Fund

www.injuredmarinesfund.org

Our mission is to raise funds for Injured Marines and their families. Our severely wounded Marines continue to fight battles here at home with their struggle to adjust to their injuries. Our mission is to provide financial support to injured Marines while they continue their long road to recovery. As stated in our Bi-laws, Family & Friends For Freedom Fund, Inc is organized exclusively for charitable purposes to provide financial aid to injured marines and their families, as well as post traumatic stress disorder cases from war, and all branches of the U.S Military as the need arises.

Financial - Freedom is not Free

www.freedomisnotfree.com

Aiding wounded Troops, their families and the families of the fatally wounded - Since its establishment in 2005, *Freedom is not Free* has raised funds to serve, support, and increase awareness with the aim of easing our heroes' and their families' burdens.

We have assisted with travel expenses for families of fallen heroes; purchased "burn-beds" for road side bomb victims; helped to refurbish the Wounded Warrior Barracks at Camp Pendleton, CA; arranged the

venue and accommodations for a surviving spouse conference; allocated funds for the purchase of equipment to convert conventional clothing into burn victim "tear-aways"; provided logistical assistance and funding for the renovation of a brain trauma center on Camp Pendleton; and provided funds for living expenses for recovering warriors and their families facing extreme financial hardship.

Financial - Hard Hats for Heroes

www.hardhatsforheroes.org

We are dedicated to supplying whatever tangible items and assistance our injured service men and women need. We are committed to all those who have so gallantly and selflessly made our freedom possible.

Hard Hats for Heroes is a nationwide organization of construction workers dedicated to providing essential services to our injured service personnel. Other men and women and children from all walks of life become "Honorary Hard Hats" by joining our cause. Companies, individuals and groups such as commercial airline pilots and children holding fund raising events are all joined together to benefit our wounded Armed Forces personnel. Your "Share the Power of a Quarter" contributions go towards discovering what our injured Heroes require and then supplying it. If they need a ramp for wheelchair access to a home, a new prosthesis, assistance with medical, prescription, rent or mortgage payments, funds for groceries or help to simply cope with it all, *Hard Hats for Heroes* will be there for them. They have fought so that we can be free and our debt to them is unending. Wherever, whenever and however they need us, we must be there for them and their families. With your generous support *Hard Hats for Heroes* will be able to provide the kind of urgent assistance they need.

Financial - Healing Heroes Network

www.healingheroes.org

HHN's mission is to heal America's Heroes by assisting with financial assistance for quality medical care to the courageous men and women of the armed forces injured in the line of duty since 9/11/01.

Through a nationwide network of medical professionals willing to provide services, *Healing Heroes Network* aids these brave warriors for services not covered, not approved or delayed under the *U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs* benefits system.

Financial - Heroes to Hometowns (The American Legion)

www.legion.org/heroes

Heroes to Hometowns is a transition program for severely injured service members returning home from OEF/OIF. *Heroes to Hometowns* establishes a support network and coordinates resources for those servicemembers. Last year The American Legion's *Heroes to Hometowns* Program assisted over 1,100 veterans.

If you are a servicemember, veteran, or family member of a servicemember or veteran who has been severely injured, please fill out the *Heroes to Hometowns* assistance request form.

Heroes to Hometowns can provide:

- A Welcome-home celebration
- Temporary financial assistance
- Pro-bono financial planning
- Housing assistance
- Home and vehicle adaptation
- Government claims assistance
- Entertainment options
- Family support

(If you are not severely injured and are in need of general transition assistance or support, you may also fill out the request form or contact your American Legion department service officer (DSO) or your local American Legion post).

Financial - Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund

www.semperfifund.org

The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund provides financial assistance and quality of life solutions to:

- OEF/OIF Marines and Sailors injured in combat, training, or with life threatening illnesses; and their families
- Other OEF/OIF service members injured while in direct support of Marine units and their families

Our assistance helps with immediate financial needs and perpetuating needs, such as modified transportation, home modifications, and specialized equipment.

Financial - Lead the Way Fund

www.leadthewayfund.org

Lead the Way Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to raise funds in support of disabled U.S. Army Rangers and the families of Rangers who have died, have been injured or are currently serving in harm's way around the world. *Lead the Way Fund, Inc.* will provide spouses and children of deceased, disabled or active duty Rangers with assistance for health and wellness programs and other services determined to be vital to the family's well-being.

Financial - Military Assistance Mission (Arizona)

<http://www.azmam.org/index.html>

Providing financial and morale aid to our current Arizona active duty military, their families and wounded warriors regardless of overseas deployment status.

Financial - Military Heroes Foundation (American Heroes Golf Classic)

www.militaryheroesfoundation.org

The *Bryan McDonough Military Heroes Foundation* is a nonprofit organization supporting Minnesota servicemen and women returning from deployments around the world. The *Bryan McDonough Military Heroes Foundation* was established to support soldiers adjusting to life with the physical and psychological wounds of war.

Financial - On Behalf

<http://onbehalf.org/>

Our organization is dedicated to direct action. We raise funds for those wounded veterans and military families experiencing a financial crisis, but we also go further by offering a way to connect businesses and professionals from around the United States, looking to provide a personal service or fun activity, with wounded veterans and the families of the fallen.

Financial - Operation Family Fund

www.operationfamilyfund.org

Our mission is to assist the injured and families of the those who have been injured or killed as a part of the Global War on Terrorism, whether domestic or abroad, military or civilian, with financial grants for transitioning to their new circumstances and achieving financial self-sufficiency.

Financial - Operation First Response

www.operationfirstresponse.org

The mission of *Operation First Response, Inc (OFR)* is to support our nation's wounded Heroes and their families with personal and financial needs.

Financial - Operation Forever Free

www.operationforeverfree.org

The Directors of *Operation Forever Free* are involved in land development and the home-building industry. It has been a long time desire of the Directors to give back to the community. Collectively, a decision was made to form an organization that would express gratitude by financially assisting service men and women who have been wounded. After all, the sacrifices of these hometown heroes protect the very freedoms we enjoy every day.

Operation Forever Free will review the needs of injured service men and women, as they are brought to the attention of the organization. Operation Forever Free will then evaluate and assess the organization's ability to meet such needs.

More often, these men and women have endured life-changing injuries; which require modifications and adaptations in their living environments. The goal is to improve the quality of life through various means. These include assistance with transportation needs, modifying/re-modeling homes, and in some cases, providing a new home at no cost to these families. The organization's efforts include these items, but are not limited to these items. Each situation will be reviewed individually, on a case by case basis.

Financial - Operation Once in a Lifetime

www.operationonceinalifetime.com

Operation Once in a Lifetime's mission is to make the dreams of soldiers and their families come true by providing free financial and moral support.

Operation Once in a Lifetime was created by a soldier to help other soldiers; a soldier knows what a soldier needs and a soldier knows what a soldier does not need. A soldier does not need to worry about providing beds for his kids, worrying if his electricity will still be on when he goes home or if his house will be foreclosed on when serving his/her country. A soldier needs a program that will provide free financial assistance regardless of his rank, race, branch of service, physical condition or his deployment status. A soldier needs a program that can help make a life altering contribution when he is in his/her greatest need; *Operation Once in a Lifetime* is that program.

Financial - Operation One Voice

<http://operationonevoice.org/>

Operation One Voice is a program designed by police officers, firefighters and community leaders to raise funds to help support the immediate needs of children and families of wounded and fallen Special Operations Forces. Special Operation Forces consist of US Army Special Operations Command (USASOC); Naval Special Warfare Command (NSWC); Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSCOC); Marine Force Special Operations Command (MARSOC); and Joint Special Operation Command (JSOC).

Financial - Operation Second Chance

www.operationsecondchance.org

Operation Second Chance is a non-profit organization that provides financial support and morale building opportunities for wounded, injured, and ill military members and their families. We are based out of MD near *Walter Reed National Military Medical Center* but we serve a national population as well.

We are patriotic citizens committed to serving our wounded, injured and ill combat veterans. We support veterans and their families while they recover in military hospitals, by building relationships and identifying and supporting immediate needs and interests. We are dedicated to promoting public awareness of the many sacrifices made by our Armed Forces.

Financial - Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors

<http://www.pawoundedwarriors.org/>

Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc. offers Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, their families, or Pennsylvania veterans with medical emergencies in their families financial assistance.

We do not pay credit card bills, car payments, or direct payments to wounded warriors except in the most unusual circumstances. We do help wounded warriors with home repairs, utility payments, short term rent or mortgage payments, medical bills and medical equipment not covered under current government programs and educational programs to prepare for college under the GI Bill.

While our primary focus is on *Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors*, we also visit military hospitals and outpatient facilities to thank all wounded warriors for their service.

Financial - Rebuild Hope

www.rebuildhope.org

Tens of thousands of U.S. veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are now struggling with life-altering, service-connected injuries and mental health problems. And their adjustment to civilian life is made even more difficult when they must wait six months or more to receive merited disability income and GI Bill benefits from the U.S. government.

Through *Rebuild Hope* individual Americans help these veterans and their families overcome short term financial problems and build healthier and more stable lives. *Rebuild Hope* provides monthly grants, helps veterans develop realistic budgets, and offers complementary counseling and referral services. Donors can view veteran profiles on the *Rebuild Hope* website and easily make donor-advised gifts, knowing that 100% will be distributed to deserving families.

Financial - Red Circle Foundation

<http://redcirclefoundation.org/>

Red Circle Foundation donations provide gap funding in support of Special Operations wounded warriors, children and families of the fallen.

Financial - Salute, Inc. (Direct Assistance)

www.saluteinc.org

Salute, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness and support of issues facing active military personnel, veterans and their families and to provide financial support through advocacy and fundraising.

The *Direct Assistance* Program offers financial support to or on behalf of military members and their families experiencing financial difficulties brought on by deployment, extended active duty or injury.

Financial - Salute Inc. (Nightingale Program)

www.saluteinc.org

Salute, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness and support of issues facing active military personnel, veterans and their families and to provide financial support through advocacy and fundraising.

The *Nightingale Program* is a collaborative effort with numerous private hospitals and rehabilitation centers around the country providing financial assistance along with practical and emotional support to family members of severely injured hospitalized military members receiving specialized long-term treatment.

Financial - Special Ops Warrior Foundation

www.specialops.org

The *Special Operations Warrior Foundation* provides immediate financial assistance to special operations personnel severely wounded in combat. The Foundation provides \$2,000 immediately to the families so they can be bedside at the hospital with their loved one. To date, the foundation has provided more than \$800,000 to the families of wounded SOF troops.

Financial - Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL)

www.wtc.army.mil

Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL) was authorized by the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act. This special monthly compensation is for servicemembers who incur a permanent catastrophic injury or illness. *SCAADL* helps offset the loss of income by a primary caregiver who provides non-medical care, support, and assistance for the servicemember. Read more in the [WTC SCAADL fact sheet](#).

Financial - The American Soldier Foundation

www.soldierfoundation.org

The *American Soldier Foundation* helps Soldiers retired from active duty because of longevity or physical disability, or retired upon reaching age 60 and their dependents with grants or interest-free loans.

Financial - The Last Mission Project (Operation First Response)

www.operationfirstresponse.org

In addition to the devastation faced when the news of a wounded loved one travels home, are the burdens of financial obligation. There is a significant rise in the suicide rate of our returning veterans, in many cases the veterans' inability to care for his/her family in turn causing financial ruin is the final straw.

This is not only a problem that affects the veterans and their families but also ultimately affects the communities the veterans are returning to. Without the means of staying financially stable during their VA process they will not be able to become productive members of their communities.

This program's main purpose is to alleviate the financial difficulties facing these families. We serve all branches of our nation's Wounded Warriors and their families with personal and financial needs. Services are provided from the onset of injury or illness, throughout their recovery period and along their journey from military life to the civilian world.

Financial aid varies as each case is based on individual needs ranging from: rent, utilities, vehicle payments, groceries, clothing, travel expenses to and from major medical facilities.

Financial - The Patriot Fund

www.patriotfund.us

It is our intent to offer financial assistance to military families in need. Especially those where traumatic, life changing injury is involved. As funds permit we will do all we can to alleviate the sometimes enormous costs families face.

Financial - USA Cares

www.usacares.org

The Quality of Life Program ensures that the basic needs of the family are met until they are able to provide for themselves. *USA Cares* assists with critical needs such as the overdue utility bills, auto payments, insurance, auto repairs and food. The continued ability to meet the needs of military families during temporary financial strains is fundamental to our mission.

Housing Assistance Program - *USA Cares* has saved hundreds of privately owned military family homes from foreclosure. The program offers budgetary counseling and negotiations with the mortgage holder to bring the account current. Additionally, *USA Cares* offers similar assistance to those military families facing eviction from rental properties. Together, these efforts have spared thousands of children from the potential trauma of being forced to leave their home.

The Combat Injured Program recognizes the depth of financial strain caused from being visibly or "invisibly" wounded (such as Traumatic Brain Injury, TBI or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD). Often times these service members and their families face additional hardships while recovering from wounds received in combat.

Financial - USA Together

<https://app01.usatogether.org/>

At *USA Together*, our mission is to use the power of the internet to help the men and women of the US military who have suffered life-altering injuries in service to their country.

By publishing specific needs for goods, financial assistance and services, we hope to connect injured service members and their families with those who are willing and able to assist them.

Financial - Walking Wounded Program (AdoptaPlatoon)

www.adoptaplatoon.org

Please extend a helping hand to AAP's Walking Wounded Program. AdoptaPlatoon assists our U.S. Troops who have been

injured or wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan. Our Nation's injured and wounded Troops need extra help for themselves and/or their families financially paying utility bills, rent, car repair costs, or providing groceries for a month or two or helping with school clothes and school supplies for their children or just sending them to a baseball/football game to lift their spirits.

Some of these Troops have endured many medical procedures, surgeries, and physical therapy and by extending an AAP helping hand, we are letting our active duty wounded warriors and our wounded veterans (Afghanistan and Iraq wars) know that America will never forget them and they are our HEROES. Project created by the AdoptaPlatoon™.

Financial - Wounded Warrior Pay

www.dfas.mil/militarypay/woundedwarriorpay

The mission of the *Wounded Warrior Pay Support Team* is to provide accurate, real-time financial support to service members who are medically evacuated as a result of wounds, disease, or injury incurred while serving in a combat zone. Additionally, provide the critical human dimension of world class customer service to Wounded Warriors.

Depending on a service member's personal situation, several entitlements may be starting, changing, or stopped during transition between the deployment and medical treatment. This Web page is to be used as a helpful resource to better understand these changing entitlements, for your convenience, we have provided a WW Publication link which contains all Wounded Warrior publications. These publications were produced by the *Wounded Warrior Pay Support Team* at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Indianapolis Center for the Wounded Warriors and their families.

Financial scholarships

- [Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund](http://freedomalliance.org/) - <http://freedomalliance.org/>
- [Folds of Honor](https://www.foldsofhonor.org/) - <https://www.foldsofhonor.org/>
- [Heroes' Legacy Scholarships](http://www.militaryscholar.org/legacy/) - <http://www.militaryscholar.org/legacy/>
- [Hope for the Warriors](http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/) - <http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/>
- [Sentinels of Freedom](http://www.sentinelsoffreedom.org/) - <http://www.sentinelsoffreedom.org/>

Grants, financial assistance for children for activities - Our Military Kids' Wounded Warrior Program

<http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/how-we-help-families/wounded-warrior-program/>

Children of Wounded Warriors face similar financial difficulties along with the challenges of learning to adapt to the physical, mental, and emotional changes in a loved one.

Our Military Kids provides grants to children of ALL Wounded Warriors (Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty) for sports, fine arts, camps, and academic tutoring programs. Such activities help nurture and sustain the children during a parent's lengthy recovery and/or rehabilitation.

Grants, financial assistance for children for activities - The General's Kids

www.thegeneralskids.org

Currently *The General's Kids* is raising funds to be able to support things that will help bring some of the normal childhood experiences to wounded warrior kids. If your family moved to a new area and your child would like to participate in local activities like sports, music and dance lessons, etc...we would want to help cover the costs. This will always depend on funds available.

Charities Helping Veterans Facing Homelessness

National Center on Family Homelessness

<http://www.familyhomelessness.org/veterans.php?p=sm>

The *National Center on Family Homelessness* is a leader on Veterans issues, with an emphasis on women Veterans and Veteran family homelessness. We apply knowledge of military cultural competency, behavioral health issues, trauma-informed care, interpersonal violence to address Veterans' housing instability, food insecurity, and employment. We develop and provide innovative online resources, training, technical assistance, project management and research.

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

www.nchv.org

If you are a homeless veteran or a veteran at risk of becoming homeless, these pages provide information that you can use to seek help. They include addresses, phone numbers and websites to find out about services, programs and other help that is available.

New Directions

www.newdirectionsinc.org

New Directions provides a wide variety of services for homeless veterans, including job training and placement, parenting and money management classes, legal and financial assistance, counseling, remedial education and resources for alumni. Such a transformation takes hard work, motivation and accountability, but the results are life-altering - and for many veterans, life-saving. *New Directions* is a licensed, long-term drug and alcohol treatment program founded by three formerly homeless veterans. It has provided food, shelter, and rehabilitation since 1992 and provides services to more than 800 homeless veterans a year through four locations.

Non-Profit Supporting Veterans & Families

Air Force Aid Society

www.afas.org

The *Air Force Aid Society* is the official charity of the United States Air Force, incorporated in 1942 as a private, non-profit organization. For over 68 years, the *Air Force Aid Society* has supported the Air Force mission by providing worldwide emergency assistance, sponsoring education assistance programs and offering an array of base community enhancement programs that improve quality of life for Airmen and their families.

American Military Family

www.amf100.org

American Military Family provides financial support and services to members of the United States military and their families, in appreciation to all those who serve to protect the citizenry of this great country.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The *American Red Cross* works under partnership agreements with the Air Force Aid Society, Army Emergency Relief, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society to provide quality, reliable financial assistance to eligible applicants 24/7/365. Types of assistance include financial assistance for emergency travel, burial of a loved one, assistance to avoid privation, etc.

Army Emergency Relief

www.aerhq.org

Army Emergency Relief is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. *AER's* sole mission is to help soldiers and their dependents.

AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own". *AER* provides commanders a valuable asset in accomplishing their basic command responsibility for the morale and welfare of soldiers.

AER funds are made available to commanders having *AER* Sections to provide emergency financial assistance to soldiers - active & retired - and their dependents when there is a valid need. *AER* funds made available to commanders are not limited and are constrained only by the requirement of valid need. For these reasons, the *AER* assistance program is conducted within the Army structure by major commanders and their installation/organization commanders through *AER* sections and other related organizations.

Army Homefront Fund

www.armyhomefrontfund.org

Army Homefront Fund provides emergency financial and other support to the families of soldiers, with a focus on wounded warrior care and transition assistance.

Through generous, widespread public support and a collaborative team of exceptional staff and volunteers, we aspire to become the provider of choice for emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors. Where there is a need we do not provide, we will partner with others for the benefit of our military families.

Catholic Charities (Archdiocese of San Antonio)

www.ccaosa.org

Financial assistance, food and clothing assistance, and counseling services for active duty, reserve, National Guard or veteran service members, as well as their dependents and spouses, in need of social services.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance

www.cgmahq.org

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) is the official relief society of the U.S. Coast Guard. CGMA is a non-profit charitable organization established to provide financial aid to the entire Coast Guard family. While *CGMA* works closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, it is an independent corporation. Its mission is to promote the financial stability and general well being of Coast Guard people through interest-free loans, grants, and financial counseling.

CGMA provides essential financial aid to the entire Coast Guard family, primarily through interest-free loans, grants, and financial counseling. Established and operated by Coast Guard people for Coast Guard people, *CGMA* provides a way to extend compassion to one another in times of need. It serves as a vital financial safety net, promoting financial stability and general well being, fostering high morale and encouraging a sense of loyalty to the Coast Guard.

Final Salute Inc. (Female veterans - DC, Maryland, or Virginia (DC Metro area))

www.finalsaluteinc.org

The mission of *Final Salute Inc.* is to provide homeless female Veterans with safe and suitable housing.

The *H.O.M.E Program* provides transitional housing and housing subsidy assistance to homeless female Veterans and their children. The *H.O.M.E Program* focuses on integrating Veterans back into their local communities and providing vast, safe residential areas to choose from. Our *H.O.M.E Program* is a collaboration with our resource partners that includes targeted supportive services to assist female Veterans in reaching their goals.

The purpose of *S.A.F.E* is to prevent homelessness by easing financial hardships.

S.A.F.E will provide rent, deposit and utility assistance to all female Veterans and U.S. military reserve component service members via an interest free loan.

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care

<https://heroescare.org/>

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care is an affiliation of program partners working together to provide support to military families in the communities where they live. *H.E.R.O.E.S. Care* combines the power of national organizations dedicated to providing emergency financial aid, employment opportunities, and mental health care services through a network of specially trained care givers before, during, and after deployment.

Heroes in Action (Toledo, OH)

<http://worknotes.com/OH/Toledo/HeroesInAction/apt1.aspx>

Heroes in Action is a military outreach organization based out of Toledo, Ohio. We are committed to supporting our service members, veterans and their families. We are also support for the families with personal needs, housing and auto repairs, food baskets, newborn baskets, blankets for the wounded and whatever else we are able to do. We work with many other organizations to help educate, prepare and equip families with benefit information and emotional issues that may occur with service members.

Illinois Military Family Relief Fund

<http://www.il.ngb.army.mil/programs/imrf.aspx>

The *Illinois Military Family Relief Fund (IMFRF)* provides monetary grants to families of Illinois National Guard members and Illinois residents serving in the U.S. Armed Forces Reserve components who were called to active duty as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

IMFRF grants are intended to help service members and their families defray the costs of food, housing, utilities, medical services, and other expenses that become difficult to afford when a wage-earner has temporarily left civilian employment to be placed on active military duty

Keep the Faith Foundation

<http://keepthefaithfoundation.org/welcome.html>

The Mooney Family is excited to announce the creation of a charitable foundation, the *Keep the Faith Foundation*. While the primary purpose of the foundation is to support military personnel in need of assistance, it has a secondary vision to provide support for students who require educational assistance.

Keep the Faith has been an affirmation and a part of the Mooney support system since we have been a family. This affirmation signifies the desire to provide a sense of abundance, solace, hope, and peace to military personnel who are in time of sacrifice and to students who need educational support to further their goals.

KidsDonations.org

www.kidsdonations.org

In 2006, *K.I.D.S.* joined with *Operation Homefront* to meet the needs of the families fighting for our freedom. Together we provide children of military families with the most basic essentials in life – clothing, shoes and baby products – as well as support their emotional and developmental needs by donating books, educational materials and toys. We also provide baby products for monthly showers, furnish nurseries for new mothers, and provide mothers with new apparel and toys to give away to their children during the holiday seasons.

In 2010, *K.I.D.S.* provided approximately \$3.6 million worth of clothing, shoes, baby products, books, educational materials and toys to children and families on military bases through our partnership with *Operation Homefront*. These donations reached over 10,000 military families.

Lead the Way Fund

www.leadthewayfund.org

Lead the Way Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to raise funds in support of disabled U.S. Army Rangers and the families of Rangers who have died, have been injured or are currently serving in harm's way around the world. *Lead the Way Fund, Inc.* will provide spouses and children of deceased, disabled or active duty Rangers with assistance for health and wellness programs and other services determined to be vital to the family's well-being.

Major General Boyd Cook Foundation

www.mgbc-md.org

The Foundation is a central communication point for assistance requests. If you or your family have a challenge or are in need of resources, you can directly contact us through our website or our phone number 1-877-99-4VETS (8387). Through a vast network of non-profit and state veterans organizations, we will immediately put you in touch with a volunteer veteran who will exclusively work with you on your problem.

Currently expanding our program Maryland-wide of supporting the needs of Active Duty and Reserve Component Veterans and their families at the community level with a goal of expanding nationwide.

Michigan National Guard Family Program

[website](#)

Your first step to financial assistance, the *Michigan National Guard Family Fund, Inc.*, provides for up to a \$500 grant to soldiers and airmen and their family members who encounter financial hardships as a result of deployments, military injuries, or just hard times.

The *Michigan National Guard Family Fund* was created to assist Air and Army National Guard families who experience financial difficulties with temporary emergency financial assistance, and to fund programs and training to maintain and improve the quality of life of our Michigan National Guard families.

What constitutes a need? Emergency loss of income through activation for military duty, inability to maintain employment due to injury or sudden illness, or job loss; unexpected medical expenses; pay problems; or the accumulation of legitimate bills (e.g. rent, mortgage, electric, oil, gas, etc.). Inability to pay for basic needs: food, shelter, utilities, clothing, medical bills, and transportation due to unforeseen circumstances. Applications are required to be submitted with the necessary documentation.

Military Assistance Mission (Arizona)

<http://www.azmam.org/index.html>

Providing financial and morale aid to our current Arizona active duty military, their families and wounded warriors regardless of overseas deployment status.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

www.nmcrs.org

The *Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society* can provide interest-free loans or grants to help with emergency needs such as:

- Emergency Transportation
- Funeral Expenses
- Medical/dental Bills (patient's share)
- Food, Rent, and Utilities
- Disaster Relief Assistance
- Child Care Expenses
- Essential Vehicle Repairs
- Unforeseen Family Emergencies

New Beginnings

<http://www.adusa.com/MFamilies.htm>

The purpose of this site is to match family sponsors with those military families that need a helping hand. We encourage military families that need help contact us with their needs and a picture of their military partner. We will post that individuals picture on a page of honor and match your families needs with a willing sponsor that will handle one of your bills.

Our Heroes Journey (Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, CA)

www.ourheroesjourney.com

Our Heroes Journey's assistance program "Adopt a Hero" focuses on our military families and servicemembers who may need help with groceries, gas cards, diapers and other daily necessities. Currently, *Our Heroes Journey* has adopted nearly 500 Marines and 1200 children from Camp Pendleton Marines Corps base in Oceanside, CA as part of this dynamic program.

Operation Once in a Lifetime

www.operationonceinalifetime.com

Operation Once in a Lifetime's mission is to make the dreams of soldiers and their families come true by providing free financial and moral support.

Operation Once in a Lifetime was created by a soldier to help other soldiers; a soldier knows what a soldier needs and a soldier knows what a soldier does not need. A soldier does not need to worry about providing beds for his kids, worrying if his electricity will still be on when he goes home or if his house will be foreclosed on when serving his/her country. A soldier needs a program that will provide free financial assistance regardless of his rank, race, branch of service, physical condition or his deployment status. A soldier needs a program that can help make a life altering contribution when he is in his/her greatest need; *Operation Once in a Lifetime* is that program.

Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors

<http://www.pawoundedwarriors.org/>

Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc. offers Pennsylvania wounded warriors, their families, or Pennsylvania veterans with medical emergencies in their families financial assistance.

We do not pay credit card bills, car payments, or direct payments to wounded warriors except in the most unusual circumstances. We do help wounded warriors with home repairs, utility payments, short term rent or mortgage payments, medical bills and medical equipment not covered under current government programs and educational programs to prepare for college under the GI Bill.

While our primary focus is on Pennsylvania wounded warriors, we also visit military hospitals and outpatient facilities to thank all wounded warriors for their service.

Reserve Aid

www.reserveaid.org

ReserveAid is a nonprofit organization committed to providing financial support to the families of Reserve Service Members from all services, who have been called to active duty and are experiencing financial difficulty. Our goal is to alleviate the emotional and financial burdens placed on the men and women called to serve our country by supporting their families at home.

Salute, Inc. (Direct Assistance)

www.saluteinc.org

Salute, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness and support of issues facing active military personnel, veterans and their families and to provide financial support through advocacy and fundraising.

The *Direct Assistance* Program offers financial support to or on behalf of military members and their families experiencing financial difficulties brought on by deployment, extended active duty or injury.

The American Legion's Family Support Network

<http://www.legion.org/familysupport>

The American Legion's Family Support Network is ready to provide immediate assistance to service personnel and families whose lives have been directly affected by Operation Iraqi Freedom and America's war on terror.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the nation's active-duty military has been on high alert, and National Guard and reserve units are being mobilized in record numbers. As a result, the families of these men and women often find themselves unable to meet normal monthly expenses, and assistance is needed for a variety

of everyday chores. These tasks include grocery shopping, child care, mowing the grass, fixing the family car and other routine household jobs.

To address these issues, *The American Legion* has a nationwide toll-free telephone number, (800) 504-4098 for servicemembers and their family members to call for assistance. Applicants can apply online by clicking the assistance form at the top of the page. Calls are referred to The American Legion department, or state in which the call originated. Departments relay the collected information to a local *American Legion* post. The local post then contacts the servicemember or family to see how assistance can be provided locally. Since the creation of the Family Support Network during the first Persian Gulf War, thousands of posts have responded to meet these families' needs.

The American Veteran Foundation (North Carolina)

<https://www.theamericanveteranfoundation.org/>

Our mission is to be the driving force in helping veterans stamp out PTSD! We provide financial grants to active duty and retired veterans of North Carolina to pay for uncovered medical expenses for treating PTSD. We also provide monetary grants to help veterans pay for utility and transportation costs when incurring financial hardships.

The Armed Forces Foundation

www.armedforcesfoundation.org

The Armed Forces Foundation helps families cover such expenses as:

- Utility bills
- Rent or mortgage payments (for civilian housing)
- Car payments <https://sitebuilder.homestead.com/~site/builder/>
- Childcare during illness, surgery or recovery
- Car insurance or registration payments

The Callen Foundation (Ohio)

www.thecallenfoundation.com

The Callen Foundation provides limited financial assistance to the families of current military families, families with a recently deceased military parent in a combat zone as well as those recently honorably discharged due to service related injuries. Through the efforts of our Board of Trustees, who are mainly ex-military veterans and our Business Partners we will attempt to raise as much money for the benefit of these families as possible.

Our goal is to provide our military families with 100% of all donations contributed to our Foundation other than donations from The Callen Family which are required to fund the administrative needs of the Foundation. The only costs that will be deducted from our donations will be those expense fees that PayPal requires when contributors donate using the PayPal Service. Our focus will be on those families with the most urgent needs of day to day life such as late bill payments, food and basic living necessities primarily as a one time gift however we may, on a limited basis, help those families in true dire need with ongoing help.

The following is an example of how we can help:

- Direct Financial Help
- Emergency Food Cards
- Emergency home repairs
- Emergency Baby Needs
- Basic Furniture and household items

The Home Front Cares (Colorado)

www.thehomefrontcares.org

The *Home Front Cares* program provides support for Colorado's military families of all services who have been impacted by deployment in harm's way. The *Home Front Cares* is a non-profit corporation that has helped approximately 1,850 families, contributing over \$2.1 million in aid since our founding in 2003. *THFC* delivers assistance to the military community in the State of Colorado through a close collaboration with the Army Community Service at Fort Carson; the Family Support Centers at the United States Air Force Academy, Peterson Air Force Base, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, and Schriever Air Force Base; and VA offices. The family support centers identify and verify financial needs.

Grants to Families Fund - Assistance for car repairs, house repairs, childcare, evictions, food, utilities & other family emergencies.

Energy Assistance Program - As an agency of Energy Outreach Colorado, *THFC* receives limited grants to pay energy bills for all Active Duty, Activated Reserve and National Guard, and recent medically released Veterans, living in Colorado, who need financial assistance. (Deployment not required)

The Last Mission Project (Operation First Response)

www.operationfirstresponse.org

Combat PTSD is exasperated by the battle mindset. During combat a Warrior's duty is to survive and do their best to keep their comrades alive, this can compound the normal sense of survivor guilt, most believe that they have failed their comrades who were killed or severely injured. These emotions isolate the Warrior because they cannot be shared with anyone who has not had the same traumatic experience, which explains the Combat Veteran's belief that his/her family members or therapist will not understand because they haven't been there. At the same time studies indicate that talking about the trauma can be the key to unlocking its debilitating grasp.

OFR has traveled this journey with our wounded Warriors for 6 years, during that time we have experienced the changes they have endured as their journey continues.

PTSD has become the invisible injury that gone untreated can take its toll on the Veteran by means of alcohol and substance abuse, criminal activities, unemployment, divorce, in severe cases suicide.

From our experience the financial devastation can be the last straw, it is our hope to alleviate the financial stress for the veteran allowing them to make clear decisions about treatment without the burden of the cost it will have on the family. By receiving treatment and learning to cope with PTSD in a manageable manner we will return more veterans to their families and communities as productive members. As the recipients of their service and sacrifices we have a responsibility to assure their quality of life.

Operation First Response is the bridge between the Warrior and hope for a promising future, enabling them to concentrate on recovery. Examples of assistance: rent/mortgage, utilities vehicle payment, groceries.

Unmet Needs (Veterans of Foreign Wars)

<http://www.vfw.org/Assistance/National-Military-Services/>

The *Unmet Needs Program* was created to provide emergency financial support to families of military personnel. Funds from donations are available to the five branches of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard), as well as members of the Reserves and National Guard. Funds awarded by the program are offered in the form of grants, not loans, so recipients don't need to repay them. As they are typically less than \$1500, there is little chance that they will affect the recipient's taxes.

USA Cares

<http://usacares.org/>

USA Cares exists to help bear the burdens of service by providing post-9/11 military families with financial and advocacy support in their time of need. Assistance is provided to all branches of service, all components, all ranks while protecting the privacy and dignity of those military families and veterans who request our help. Since 2003, *USA Cares* has responded to over 34,000 requests with more than \$8,600,000 in direct support grants.

USO Emergency Assistance

<http://www.uso.org/other-services.aspx>

Many *USO* centers offer housing and financial information and support to our troops and their families during emergencies.

VeteransPlus

<http://www.veteransplus.org/>

VeteransPlus is a financial literacy organization devoted to improve the quality of life of those who have worn our nation's uniform, and their families by providing unparalleled solutions that focus on financial security and support in pursuing their economic goals. More than creating financial solutions, we add the unique capability of enabling non-profit partners to demonstrate their commitment and concern for America's veterans through financial education and coaching.

Warriors Running Home (Corpus Christi, TX)

<http://warriorsrunninghome.org/>

Warriors Running Home renews, refreshes and restores our Combat Veterans/Families with tools and support. Our program is five fold in helping Combat Veterans/Families with Shelter, Food, Clothing, Medical and Incarceration visits through our Nationwide Network of partners and sponsors. We are based out of Corpus Christi, Texas making an impact through *PTSD NOW Military Expo* events in communities across the United States.

Wish For Our Heroes

www.wish4ourheroes.org

The Phoenix Group launched a non-profit foundation in November of 2009 that grants wishes for active duty Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and their families. The Foundation strives to relieve the burdens of family separation, re-integration for deployed soldiers, hardship circumstances, and other means of assistance not covered by existing military charities.

The Foundation is driven by an interactive website allowing anyone to request a wish for active duty members of our Armed Forces. The website allows 'wish granters' to view wishes and contribute donations.

Yellow Ribbon Registry

<http://www.yrrn.org/indexsecure.asp>

The mission of the *Yellow Ribbon Registry Network (YRRN)* is to provide military Heroes a starting place to seek assistance and eliminate the "search" for those who can help. With relentless pursuit, the *YRRN* will continue to evolve in order to meet that goal. Additionally, the *YRRN* will partner with organizations who have established themselves as - difference makers - in the lives of our nations Heroes and their families. Furthermore, the *YRRN* will engage American Patriots (donors) who share a passion to assist those who have worn our nations uniform and connect them through a national network.