



## **Authorized Michigan American Legion Endowment Fund Options**

The American Legion, Department of Michigan, the state headquarters for Michigan American Legion members operating as a 501 (C) 19 non-profit “war veterans” organization, received legal confirmation allowing it to create and seek endowment funds to augment the perpetuation and conduct of its various public programs, effective April 20, 2009.

To that end, the organization created three initial funds deemed the most necessary to augment at this time especially in light of state budget cuts which have severely diminished the organization’s role to better life to Michigan’s veterans, their families, and their communities as at large.

The American Legion, Department of Michigan assures contributors, their donations will be used exclusively for the intended purpose. Contributions can be accepted at any time and as often as one wishes.

### **How to Contribute**

Tax-deductible contributions to any of the American Legion Endowment Funds are legal, appreciated and will be acknowledged. To contribute, please make a check, in whatever amount affordable, payable to:

American Legion Department of Michigan  
attn: Accountant,  
212 N. Verlinden, Ste. A, Lansing, MI 48915

specifying in the check’s “memo” line which fund(s) you have selected.

Or you can make a Visa or Master Card credit card payment by phone to: 517.371.4720 , ext. 17 providing you name, type of card, card number, and expiration date.

### **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Endowment Fund**

Financial contributions to this fund, the distribution of which will only occur upon the approval of the State Adjutant in concert with the State Veterans Service Director, will be used to further the training, education and availability of the American Legion's professional Veterans Service Officers to Michigan's veterans and their families. This staff's purpose is to bring its expertise in processing and filing benefit claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on behalf of any honorably discharged veteran residing in Michigan. To effectively do so, these specialists must be able to travel to district and zone meetings to update local service officers and members on current benefits and make "house calls" to those veterans not able to travel. This veterans' service has been sanctioned by the State of Michigan on behalf of its veterans population through a state sub-contracting grant supplemented by American Legion dues monies since 1921.

### **Patriot Fund Endowment**

Financial contributions to this fund will create an emergency response account enabling the American Legion to provide assistance to Michigan Veterans of all eras in times of financial hardship especially those who may not qualify for assistance under the existing Legion, County, and VA programs. Fund distribution will only occur upon the approval of the State Adjutant in concert with the State Reconnect Chairman. These funds will also be used to make reconnect volunteers available to brief troops and families at deployment time of available benefits while reiterating the same and welcoming troops home at the conclusion of their deployments. As many troops and their families, especially under the duress of deployment and the excitement of return, are not aware of their various benefits through a variety of local, state, and national resources, including the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Continuation of this fund will insure that no troop or family member will be "left behind" as needs arise due to military service.

### **Boys State Endowment Fund**

Financial contributions to this fund, the distribution of which will only occur upon the approval of the State Adjutant in concert with the State Boys State Chairman, will be used to offset the "underwriting" costs of the American Legion as it continues to bring this "hand-on" five-day experience in American democratic methods to Michigan's high school students who will eventually be franchised voters and/or well-versed public office candidates. Contributions to this endowment fund will help insure the Michigan American Legion's ability to continue offering this program to the state's young men at an affordable rate, just as it has since 1936.



**Department of Michigan**  
**Endowment Fund Contribution Form**  
**Yes!**

I wish to contribute to the fund(s) checked below

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Fund** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patriot Fund** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boys State Fund** \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of*

\$1,000  \$500  \$250  \$100

\$20  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Post / Unit / Squadron / Company / Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your caring and generous support!**

\*Please make checks payable to: **The American Legion Department of Michigan**

Mail check to:  
212 N. Verlinden Ave. Suite A, Lansing, MI 48915 - Attention: Accountant  
Phone: (517) 371-4720

*Serving Veterans and their families since 1919*