

**2024-2025 American Legion Auxiliary
Department of New York
Warriors Family Assistance**

Department Warriors Family Assistance Chairman

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The Warriors Family Assistance Program (WFA), created in 2008, continues to help our currently deployed military and their families and those honorably discharged. The National Guard and Reservists who have been federally deployed are also eligible for grants of up to \$1500.00.

The men and women of our military services have put their personal lives on hold to protect and maintain the freedoms we all enjoy. It is for them and their families that the American Legion Auxiliary strives to assist in whatever way possible. Simply put "it is what we do" - support our soldiers, veterans, and their families when they need it most. It is through the Warriors Family Assistance Program that we provide that assistance during deployment or upon their return home. The success of this program relies on our auxiliary members, an important resource to help identify those in need, Family helping Family.

A Review Panel of three members at the County or District level is required to interview the applicant, review the application, examine the paperwork and then upon a unanimous decision, submit the application to the WFA Committee. Upon completion of the interview, please provide him or her with the latest WFA brochure. It is available from our Department Office and all District Presidents should have a supply on hand. Your recommendation determines the suitability of the grant. Please consider volunteering as a panel member in your County/District.

DEPARTMENT WFA AWARD

THE LINDA MOSEMAN AWARD: Two categories for the **largest single donation** to the Warriors Family Assistance Program by May 1st.

Category 1 Units with membership of 10 — 99 Members

Category 2 Units with membership of 100 plus Members

Three types of grants are available:

MAINTENANCE:

- To alleviate the cost-of-living expenses including food, shelter, utilities, personal hygiene, clothing, homeowner's insurance premiums, home repair (not home improvement), providing handicapped facilities in the home, repair, or replacement of a major appliance
- Reconnect utilities
- Prevent eviction or foreclosure

MEDICAL:

- To alleviate the cost of current medical expenses
- To assist in payment of outstanding medical bills

OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT GRANTS:

- Provides financial assistance in finding transportation to work
- Provides assistance for childcare if the custodial parent must find employment

Grants are based on the immediate need of the applicant. Upon completion of the application process, grant eligibility is determined by a panel of three Department Executive Committee members: Second Vice-President, Third Vice President, and the WFA Committee Chairman.

COUNTY WARRIORS' FAMILY ASSISTANCE REPORT FORM 2024-2025

Reporting Dates: **November 10, 2024** **April 10, 2025**

County: _____ District: _____

Name of Person Reporting: _____

Contact Information: Email Address: _____ Phone _____

_____ **County does not have WFA Chairman**

Check activities in which Units in your County participated and describe activities/fundraisers/publicity your Units held for this Committee. Please use the back of this form or additional paper.

- Publicized WFA in Community _____
- Provided brochures to VA clinics, hospitals, veterans service officers, etc. _____
- Provided information on WFA to American Legion Posts _____
- Developed a Unit and/or County Review Panel _____
- Donated to the WFA _____
- Solicited donations from other organizations _____
- Held fundraiser to benefit WFA _____
- Provided additional assistance to a WFA applicant _____
- The value of a volunteer hour is \$33.49 _____

Total number of hours dedicated to this program _____

Total amount of donations to Warriors Family Assistance Program \$ _____

Total monetary donations provided directly to WFA applicants \$ _____

Total value of goods and/or services donated directly to WFA applicants \$ _____

Grand Total of all donations \$ _____

*** YOU MUST FILL IN THIS INFORMATION FOR IMPACT REPORTS ***

1. Our ALA Service for Veterans/Active-Duty/Reserve Military

Impact Report Form	Service for Veterans/Military	Total
	Total hours members volunteered	
	Total dollars spent	\$
	Total number of veterans / military assisted	
	Value of in-kind donations received*	\$

Send a copy to department Chairman. Keep a copy for your records.

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