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Sons of the American Legion National Children and Youth Commission American Legion Endowment Fund

"Building Bridges to the Future "

Greetings Gentlemen;

April is National Children and Youth Mouth. Let's see what we can all do to help National Commander Mike Moss's project of the Endowment Fund by raising the donations for the fund. National Commander Mike Moss has set a goal this year of \$90,000.

In 1925, World War I veterans, widows and children continued to struggle to return to a regular life. The members of The American Legion, being of the responsibilities 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, tens of millions of dollars have been distributed to disabled veterans and children of those who served this great nation.

Your gifts and donations are added to 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.

Squadrons, Counties, Districts and Detachments, can make out their donation checks payable to The American Legion Endowment Fund and place the letters "SAL" in the memo part of the check. Please bring your donations to the upcoming National Executive Committee meeting in Indy and present them at the NEC in May. Each check amount and donation name can be announced there by each Detachment. This will be a recorded at National.

Please let our members know what your Squadrons, Counties, Districts and Detachments have been doing with the Children and Youth programs, send your information to my e-mail address (<u>pdcjn19@aol.com)for</u> our NEC meeting in May.

In Closing: Remember that we as Sons of the American Legion are here for our Veterans and to help them when needed or called upon to do so. Our eligibility for Membership in the Sons of The American Legion is from our parents, who have serviced this great country, which allows us as their sons to help them as much as we can.

The work we do should not be of personal gain, but by pure satisfaction of wanting to help our Veterans and their <u>Families.</u>

Respectfully Submitted

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