What The American Legion Does:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 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).

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

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

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

- 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.

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

- So we understand. That’s why we’re here now – veterans helping veterans, servicemembers and their families.

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

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