





John Waite – SAL Children & Youth Chairman, 2017-2018

The Sons of the American Legion



**American Legion
Children & Youth Conference
September 15-17, 2017
Indianapolis, IN**

The 2017-2018 membership year
began in Reno, NV with
The Sons of the American Legion
National Commander Danny Smith
&

Following Their Footsteps...
Making History

The Sons of The American Legion's
tag line for the Administrative year is:
Following Their Footsteps...
Making History!!!



The Sons of The American Legion's
Membership Theme is
"Pioneering Spirit"

Courage

Faith

Teamwork

Perseverance

The Sons of The American Legion's Message

These 4 words will take us on a Historic Journey

In Membership a Goal of 400,000

In Renewals 95%

50,000 New Members

The Endowment Fund- .50 per member= 180,000+

N.E.F- .50 per member= 180,000+

C.W.F- continue \$1.00 per member= \$360,000

To the Entire American Legion Family

- We must possess the “Courage” to step outside our comfort zone and have “Faith” in ourselves and all members to help achieve our goals. Just like the pioneers it will take “Teamwork” from all to reach our goals. Turning Back will not be an option, we will continue to push forward with that stick with it attitude and through “Perseverance” we will reach our objectives

C & Y Mission Statement

“The mission of the Sons of The American Legion Committee on Children & Youth is to formulate, recommend and implement plans, programs, and activities of The American Legion.

The Committee’s responsibility is to promote the care and protection of the children of veterans; improve conditions for all children and youth with due concern for maintaining the integrity of the family home; prevent social and physical ills of children and youth where possible, utilizing services and cooperating with sound organizations and agencies for children and youth; maintain a balanced program that provides for their physical emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs; and such other purposes as maybe assigned to it by The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee; and to assist The American Legion Children and Youth Program in carrying on for God and Country.”

The 2017-2018 membership year will see the Children and Youth Committee and CWF sub-committee in their 3rd year aligned under the Americanism Commission. This organizational change is patterned to that of The American Legion, with all Youth orientated programs collected under one umbrella.

With a smooth transition of committee members after the convention in Reno, the Children & Youth Committee look forward to an exciting year working with each Detachment for the betterment of our children across this country.

2017-2018 Americanism Commission

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2017-18 C & Y Committee Members

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C & Y Committee's 2017-18 Goals

The Sons of The American Legion projects



American Legion Endowment Fund:

We are looking for .50 per member or \$182,500. We also need to make sure Detachments and Squadrons understand this program.



Child Welfare Foundation:

to Continue to Raise \$1 per member or \$365,000 and again lead The American Legion Family in donations

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- Family Emphasis- Family Support Network, Temporary Financial Assistance.
- Child Safety- Say No To Drugs, Gateway to drugs, Warning Signs, Halloween Safety, Missing children.
- American Legion Endowment Fund- not only Fund Raising, but making sure Detachments and Squadrons understand this program.
- Promoting Children & Youth Month (April) starting *NOW*. Because “They are The Future”

C.O.T.A (Children's Organ Transplant Association)

Did You Know?

The Children's Organ Transplant Association does not charge for its services. 100% of funds raised in honor of patients are available for transplant-related expenses.

COTA funds are available for a patient's lifetime for almost any transplant-related expense.

Special Olympics

Support , Volunteer, Organize, Promote and Participate

Promote recent CWF grant recipients:

Angels & Doves

... Our Military Kids

The American Legion National Headquarters- Oratorical Contest
And Many More.....

2017-2018 CWF Committee Members

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*It Was a Little Piece of Heaven When We
Hit \$7 Million
in Accumulated
Donations- Then came Debate would we
Hit \$8 million
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\$7,886,637.42*

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The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation 2017 Grants at a Glance

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 62nd year, has awarded \$618,606 to 20 nonprofit organizations. These grants, determined during the annual meeting of the board of directors, held at the Sheraton Hotel City Centre in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Sunday, October 9, 2016, have been awarded to support youth-serving projects that seek to enhance the lives of children by addressing the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children. The following is a brief summary of the grants awarded for 2017.

2016-2017 CWF Grant Recipients

Angels & Doves of Indianapolis, IN	\$19,900
Angel Flight West of Santa Monica, CA	\$10,000
Bethany Christian Services of Grand Rapids, MI	\$25,000
Books Aloud of San Jose, CA	\$10,000
Building Better Days of Edgewater, MD	\$11,230
Child Find of America, Inc. of New Paltz, NY	\$

2016-2017 CWF Grant Recipients

Childhood Domestic Violence Association of NYC	\$20,750
Childhood Leukemia Foundation of Brick, NJ	\$60,000
Children's Brain Tumor Foundation of NYC	\$20,000
Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter's, Inc of Norfolk, VA	\$31,000
CureSearch for Children's Cancer of Bethesda, MD	\$22,250
Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance of Chicago, IL	\$25,000

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Keys of Sherrill, NY	\$5,362
Mercy Medical Angels of Virginia Beach, VA	\$45,000
Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome \$54,735 of St. Paul, MN	
National Autism Association of Portsmouth, RI	\$59,375
National Meningitis Association, Inc of Fort Myers, FL \$29,000	
3 Our Military Kids of McLean, VA	\$56,055

2016-2017 CWF Grant Recipients

Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome Foundation of Avon, NY	\$4,449
The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis, IN	\$69,000

Please Visit The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation site for a complete explanation of all of these Grant Recipients, so we can continue to support them.

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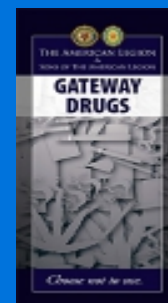
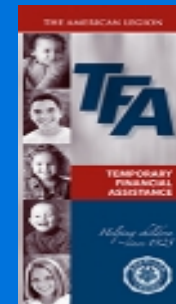
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- *\$25,000+ The American Legion Endowment Fund*
- *CWF Donations \$360,299 With 66,542 Hours Of Service*
- *Special Olympics - \$200,602 Donated With 24,246 Hours Of Service*
- *Children's Miracle Network - \$67,754 In Donations With 7,149 Service Hours*
- *\$808,883 in Donations and 161,097 Hours In Support Of Other Children & Youth Programs*
- *The Total Yearly Donations For All C & Y Programs To \$2,120,995 With 269,475 Service Hours*

2016-2017 S.A.L. Accomplishments

- *Some other Accomplishments outside our Committee but certainly note worthy.*
- *VA&R hours recorded – 433,978*
- *VA&R Donations/Gifts - \$1,835,970*
- *Americanism hours recorded – 1,145,266*
- *Americanism Donations – 3,408,183*
- *Membership 365,167*
- *6,148 Squadrons throughout 54 Detachments*
- *Only 1,780 Squadrons reporting or 29%*

Publications available to the entire American Legion Family




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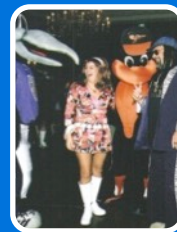
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Fundraising
And Having Fun!!!



Donating
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And
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We call it “Fun in the Sons”

Fund Raising Ideas can be wide and varied... what works in one Department or Detachment may or may not work in another.

Here are a few that I know and have heard of:

Polar Plunges (if you can handle the cold)

Duck Races

Poker Runs

Craft Fairs

Bowling Tournaments

Golf Tournaments

Corn Hole Tournaments

Gun Raffles

Pig or Bull Roasts

5k's or walk-a-thons

Paint & Sips
Car Shows
Meat Raffles
Texas Hold'em Tournaments
Motorcycle Rides
Casino Nights
USO Shows (family fun)
Chicken BBQ
Pool Tournaments
Car Shows
Meat Raffles

The List could continue on and on and on.....

The main objective of all of these efforts is to be successful and have fun while you are doing them.

We have all had Great Success in the Past, But
our Future will not be about Past Success. It
will be about what we are willing to change to
Drive Our future

Remember Success does not come through
Magic!!!

Success, comes through Hard Work and
Determination!!!

If we do these individually we do good...
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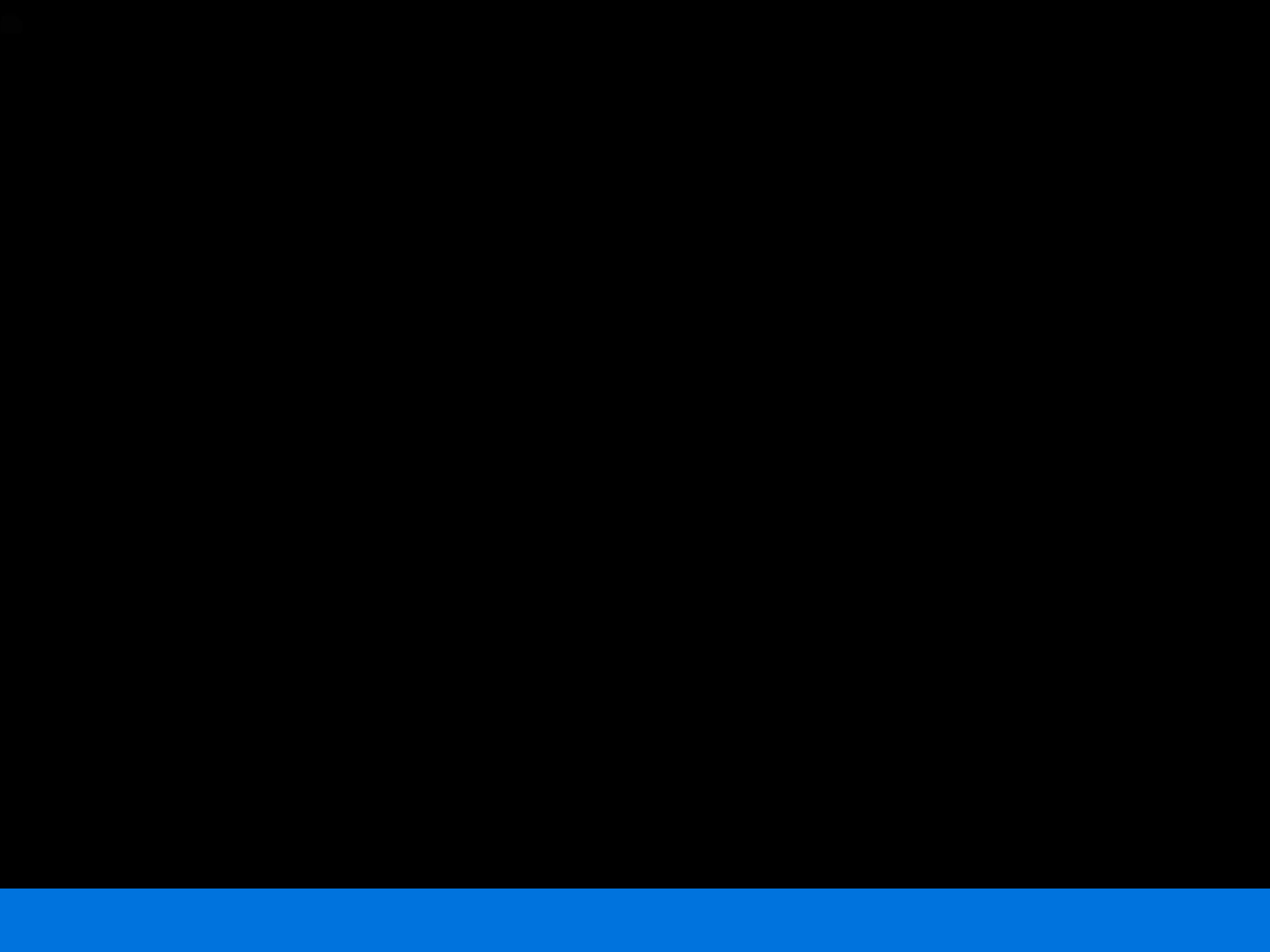
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Work toward the Betterment of our
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On Behalf of National Commander Danny Smith
And the National Organization

Thank You!



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