

**2026-2027 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 two or more members at the Unit/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 Unit/County/District.

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 five Department Executive Committee members: Second Vice-President, Third Vice President, the WFA Committee Chairman and the Department Finance Committee members #1 and 2.

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

2026-2027 UNIT WARRIORS' FAMILY ASSISTANCE REPORT FORM

Reporting dates: ☐ November 1, 2026 ☐ April 1, 2027

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Unit: _____ County: _____ District: _____

☐ Unit does not have a WFA Chairman

Check Activities in which your Unit participated and describe activities/fundraisers/publicity your Unit 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 Post

☐ Developed a Unit 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 \$36.14

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/militaries assisted	
	Value of in-kind donations received*	\$

**SEND A COPY TO YOUR COUNTY WFA CHAIRMAN
KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS**

2026-2027 COUNTY WARRIORS' FAMILY ASSISTANCE REPORT FORM

Reporting dates: ☐ November 1, 2026 ☐ April 1, 2027

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

County: _____ District: _____

_____ 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.

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