

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**June 8, 2017**

**TO: National Officers, National Executive Committeemen,  
Detachment Commanders and Adjutants**

**FROM: Brian J. O’Hearne, National Adjutant**

**SUBJECT: Final Child Welfare Foundation Contributions  
2016-2017 REPORT**

**Congratulations & Thank you**

Congratulations to all of you for another very successful year working with The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. This has been a special year and we thank you for this tremendous untiring support. Enclosed with this memorandum is the final SAL Child Welfare Foundation report as of May 31<sup>st</sup> for the 2016-2017 award year. On behalf of the National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, Jeff C. Frain, I thank each and every one of you for this outstanding achievement. This year has been very exceptional and with all the special donations made during the spring national executive committee meeting we had the most successful year ever reaching an “all time high”. The “SAL” still remains the highest contributor to the Foundation. We have raised \$590,413.91 for this very special year.

Special thanks are made to the following Detachments for donations exceeding \$10,000: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Vermont. Top honors for the top contributor goes to the Detachment of Arizona and Indiana for donating \$110,000 each this year. Fabulous effort and we thank all of you.

The Sons of The American Legion continues to be a leader in donations to the Foundation and we have also exceeded the \$7,400,000.00 plus mark in donations since we began raising funds for this vital program.

Through your efforts, we will again provide grants through The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation during October 2017. Your untiring efforts and fundraising for the Sons of The American Legion is superb and have brought special meaning to “devotion to mutual helpfulness”. This report will be used for computations of awards to be given at the National Convention in Reno, Nevada. I look forward to seeing you at National Convention in Reno and on behalf of Commander Frain, I hope we can continue this effort again next year for this very worthy cause.

Enclosure

