

Michigan “Heroes to Hometowns” Procedures

On July 27, 2006, the National American Legion formally entered into a partnership with the Department of Defense to conduct a “Heroes” to Hometowns” program establishing a support network and resources to meet the needs of severely injured service personnel returning home.

In August 2006, American Legion National Headquarters mailed a complete, descriptive “When They Return Home” booklet to all of its more than 15,000 posts to describe program participation.

In August 2006, American Legion State Commander Roger H. Webster, adopted “Heroes to Hometowns” as his official program for the Department of Michigan. He immediately established a headquarters account to receive donations from American Legion members and supporters. All donations are used solely for Michigan veterans (current donation list attached).

Concurrently, the Commander appointed a state level “Heroes to Hometowns” Task Force currently comprised of Chairman Ed Brown, and members Jim Walton and Lori Casanova. Their responsibility is to follow-up on leads for this type of assistance supplied to Department Headquarters by the Department of Defense, individuals, and other agencies. To date, the Michigan Task Force has assisted three Michigan veterans through both Department and area Post resources.

To notify Department Headquarters of a veteran in this situation, phone 517-371-4720, email – info@michiganlegion.org, or fax 517-371-2401. You can also call the program directly at 1-888-774-1361 or the American Legion National Representative Scott Sundvold at 703-908-6250.

To donate to the program, please make checks payable to: American Legion, Department of Michigan, with “Heroes to Hometowns” indicated on the check’s memo line and mail to: American Legion, Department of Michigan, 212 N. Verlinden, Lansing, MI 48915.