

THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

On behalf of Department Commander Anthony “Tony” Gladden and the New Jersey Legion Family, the 2026-2027 Department Family Project will focus on Veterans in need and Suicide Awareness, with a total of \$120,455, as follows:

<u>AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY OPERATIONS</u>	\$40,455
Provide funds for relief of Programs, Staffing, Travel, Per Diem, and Initiatives for the Department Personnel	
<u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR AT-RISK, HOMELESS, AND AGING VETERANS</u>	(ALA) \$30,000
<u>WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA</u>	(SAL) \$ 5,000
<u>AMERICAN RED CROSS (JBMDL)</u>	\$ 5,000
<u>OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</u> (Based on Need / To Be Determined at a Later Date)	\$40,000

MA22

MA22 works in preventing veteran suicides because of PTSD. MA22 reaches out to male and female veterans of all eras who may be suffering emotionally, physically, or financially, because of PTSD from their military service.

WOODS-N-WATER

Woods-n-Water is a 501 (c) 3, nonprofit organization that provides FREE services and activities designed for Veterans, active-duty military, and first responders. Through structured activities, our Nations’s Heroes are provided with camaraderie through an environment easily identifiable as the familiar brotherhood/sisterhood that brings comfort to them during their period of service, while also incorporating holistic and empirically driven wellness methods shown to help reduce the impact of post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injuries, and other negative effects which may have come about from their honorable service.

HORSES FOR HEALING FOUNDATION

Horses for Healing Foundation is a 501 (c) 3, nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring hope, resilience, and emotional well-being in U.S. military veterans, through equine-assisted therapy. Their mission is simple, yet powerful: to provide a safe, supportive environment where veterans can heal from the invisible wounds of wars, such as PTSD, depression, anxiety, and moral injury – by building meaningful connections with horses.

AMERICAN WARRIORS OUTDOORS

American Warriors Outdoors is a 100% veteran-owned and operated nonprofit organization dedicated to reconnecting veterans and active-duty service members with the healing power of the outdoors. The mission is to provide outdoor experiences that foster camaraderie, mental clarity, and a renewed sense of purpose.

GUITARS FOR VETS

Guitars for Vets (G4V) serves at-risk U.S. Veterans impacted by PTSD and other service-related trauma. Through a unique, 10-week structured guitar instruction program, the healing power of music is put in the hands of our nation’s Heroes, helping to foster renewal, connection, and community.

Commander Gladden, and the New Jersey American Legion Family, has chosen a worthwhile project that will enhance the lives of New Jersey Veterans throughout the State – **“GLADDEN TO BE THE LIGHT TO BE THE ONE”**.

For God and Country,

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