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FOR FAMILIES OF VETERANS**

The American Legion's Committee on Children and Youth has announced a new Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) application to help children in need.

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Hi everyone,

For starters, I would like to thank the Post members who attended our Flag Retirement Ceremony. It was held prior to our Post membership meeting last month.

There will be a Day of Free Dental Care for Veterans on Saturday, November 13th. The UB School of Dental Medicine will be hosting the event from 8 AM to 3 PM. It will be held at the UB Dental Clinic in Squire Hall on the Main Street Campus. Please call (716) 829-2780 to schedule an appointment, they are required as space is limited. I hope that some of you are able to take advantage of this opportunity. [See more info on page ten]

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Commander Phil**



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PATRIOTIC ENDEAVORS

THIS MONTH:
EARLY FLAG HISTORY



The Battle of Bunker Hill was fought on June 17th, 1775. American colonists were surrounding Boston which at the time was full of British troops. Across the Charles River from Boston was the Charlestown Peninsula where the town of Charlestown and Breed's Hill, as well as Bunker's Hill, were located. A few days before the 17th, the colonists received word the British would attempt to try to break out of Boston, and they sent 1200 men under the command of William Prescott into the quiet of the night and built fortifications on those two hills. It's there that it's rumored the first continental flag was flown.



The rattlesnake flags were the product of the southern colonies. One of the first of these was the Gadsden Flag, devised by Colonel Christopher Gadsden, a patriot of South Carolina, and presented to Congress with the expressed desire that it be designated as the flag of the Commander of the American Navy. Congress thanked him for the idea and discussed Benjamin Franklin's analysis of the Rattlesnake, but declined to incorporate it into law.

It is claimed that the Gadsden Flag was flown on the "Alfred" as the personal banner of commander Esek Hopkins, Commander of the American Navy. It was run up by John Paul Jones. The words "Don't Tread on Me" were evolved from an incident of the times. Lord North had declared that he would never relax his coercive measures until he had brought America to his feet. The sentence is an answer to his Highness and a warning as well.



A new flag needed to be designed to represent both Congress and the fledgling nation, (initially called the United Colonies). A banner needed to be distinct from the British Red Ensign flown from civilian and merchant vessels. The Grand Union flag was first hoisted on the colonial warship, Alfred, in the harbor on the western shore of the Delaware River at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 3, 1775. The Grand Union Flag was a combination of the British King's Colors, the Union Jack, and 13 horizontal stripes alternating red and white to represent the original 13 colonies.

It is not known when, or by whom the Grand Union flag was designed or created. Some of the other names this historic flag gathered are the Continental Colors, the Congress Flag, the Cambridge Flag, and the First Navy Ensign.

It is most likely the Grand Union was the flag raised at Cambridge, January 2nd, 1776 by General Washington and given a salute of 13 guns.



This gorgeous flag is named after Elizabeth Griscom Ross, an American upholsterer who was credited by her relatives in 1870 for making the first American Flag. This historical pattern has been used as early as 1777 featuring the familiar patterns Americans have come to know and love of the alternating red and white stripes and 13 stars in a blue canton.

THIS MONTH: EARLY FLAG HISTORY (CONTINUED)



Flown over the military stores at Bennington on August 16, 1777, when General John Stark's militia led Americans to victory over a large raiding force sent by Burgoyne to capture the American supplies stored there. This presaged the great British defeat at Saratoga. Note that this is the only American flag to begin with a white stripe. Believed by many authorities to be the first Stars and Stripes used by American land troops. The original flag is preserved in the Bennington, Vermont Museum.



One of the bloodiest battles of the war occurred on March 15, 1781, at Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina. Under American General Greene, the British inland advance was hurled back to the seacoast by the American militia units, with the British losing a quarter of their troops. This unusual flag was made with thirteen 8-point stars in a wide field. Historical records report this flag carried by North Carolina militiamen at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on March 17, 1781.



Shortly before the War of 1812, two new states were added to the Union, and a flag consisting of 15 stars and 15 stripes was created. When Vermont and Kentucky were admitted to the Union, Congress added a stripe and a star to the flag for each of them. This flag of 15 stars and 15 stripes waved over Fort McHenry when the British Navy attacked the night of September 13, 1814. Francis Scott Key was a hostage on the British Frigate "Surprise". All through the night, he watched the gallant defense of Fort McHenry. In the first pale streaks of dawn, he saw that the flag still proudly waved and was inspired to write the words of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

It was this banner under which the American Navy waged a war against the Barbary Pirates and which they hoisted over the fort at Derne, Tripoli, on April 27, 1805, following an assault on that place by American Marines and Bluejackets. It was the flag under which Commodore Perry won the battle of Lake Erie, and General Andrew Jackson signaled victory over the British Regulars under Sir Edward Pakenham at New Orleans.



On July 4, 1912, the U.S. flag grew to 48 stars. This flag was official for 47 years, through two World Wars and the emergence of the United States of America as the leading nation of the world. No two incidents better reflect the courage and valor of those who fought and died than the raising of the 48-star flag over Mount Suribachi. This dramatic scene occurred on Iwo Jima in 1945 and is replicated forever as a statue near Washington, DC. This flag also flew on all U.S. warships during the battle of Pearl Harbor.



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If you are unsure whether or not your Estate Planning documents need to be updated, call the Stamm Law Firm today to make an appointment for a consultation with one of our attorneys.

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What is The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program?

Since its establishment in 1925, The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program has awarded cash grants to minor children of current active duty or American Legion members. These grants help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities, and health expenses, thereby keeping the child or children in a more stable environment.

Who Is Eligible?

The minor child must not be older than 17, or 20 if still enrolled in high school or is physically handicapped. The minor child must be the biological child, stepchild, or in the legal custody of, a qualifying veteran. A qualifying veteran is defined as a member of the United States Armed Forces serving on federal orders current under Title 10 of the United States Code, inclusive of all components, OR any veteran possessing an up-to-date membership in The American Legion. Active duty applicants can be considered without being a member of The American Legion. A single one-time non-repayable Temporary Financial Assistance grant of up to \$1,500 will be permitted for the minor child(ren) of a qualifying veteran.

No child is considered eligible for Temporary Financial Assistance until a complete investigation is conducted at the post or department level, a legitimate family need is determined, and all other available assistance resources have been utilized or exhausted. Additionally, the TFA application must originate and be filled out by someone at the local level.

Temporary Finance Assistance - (TAP) program



How do you Apply?

1. The request is received at 800-504-4098 or online at www.legion.org/fsn
2. The name, address, telephone number of the caller, and reason for the call are collected.
3. The request is referred to The American Legion Department.
4. The Department refers the request to a local post. The local Post contacts the family and provides assistance if resources are available or refer the family to other local agencies.
5. In case of financial need, the Post provides the necessary funds or assists the family in applying for American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance if there are minor children in the home

The link for the application is found online at:

<https://nylegion.net/new-temporary-financial-assistance-application/>

On this page, you will find a downloadable set of instructions and a TFA grant fillable PDF form.

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UB Dental School to offer free care to WNY Vets

The School of Dental Medicine will host the sixth Dentistry Smiles on Veterans, an annual program that welcomes local veterans to receive a day of free dental screenings, cleanings, extractions, restorations and denture repairs.

The program is a partnership between UB Dental and the Eighth District Dental Society and will provide free dental care to nearly 200 Western New York veterans.

The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 13 in the UB Dental Clinic in Squire Hall, South Campus.

All veterans are welcome. Appointments are limited. To schedule a visit, call 716-829-2780.

"The University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine is proud to help veterans who have helped our country. It is a small token of our appreciation to assist the folks who have defended our country when it was needed most," says Brendan Dowd, assistant dean for clinical operations in the Dental School.

Throughout the day, more than 200 Buffalo-area dentists and hygienists, and UB dental students, faculty, and staff will volunteer to provide care that ranges from simple cleanings to oral surgery.

Dentistry Smiles on Veterans aims to deliver critical services to veterans who lack dental insurance or do not qualify for dental treatment through the Veterans Health Administration, a benefit reserved only for those with service-related dental injuries.

Veterans may also receive health screenings from student and faculty volunteers in the School of Nursing, hearing screenings from the Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences, and information on healthy eating from the Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences.



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UH-60 A/L Black Hawk

Typically used as an Army primary medium-lift utility transport, the UH-60 Black Hawk is often the machine chosen to carry air cavalry companies into combat. With its powerful Sikorsky Black Hawk parts, the chopper is capable of transporting 11 troops equipped for combat, sometimes along with its own UH-60 spare parts. A Black Hawk may also be used as a medivac helicopter, able to carry four full-size litters as well as a medical officer.

The Black Hawk offers both pilots seats that are protected with heavy armor, and an armored fuselage capable of withstanding hits from guns with up to 23mm shells. It can also operate safely in the majority of severe weather conditions thanks to its wide array of advanced avionics. For defense, the Black Hawk is equipped with AN/APR-39, which is a lightweight radar that detects radar-directed threats with enough time left to make evasive maneuvers and deploy chaff. Additionally, the UH-60 has a four-bladed primary rotor and one four-bladed tail rotor, both of which are built with titanium cores. Thanks to the titanium, the rotors are resistant against AAA fire up to 23mm.

Ever since its introduction to service in 1979, the Black Hawk helicopter has been a successful platform for the army.



Speed: With two powerful General Electric engines giving it its strength, the Black Hawk possesses an amazing cruising speed of 174 miles per hour. It also has a rate of climb of 1,315 feet per minute, and a service ceiling of 19,000 feet.

Range: The Black Hawk has a range of up to 1,381 miles, with a combat radius of up to 368 miles.

Lift Capacity: With its external cargo hook, the Black Hawk can lift an object weighing as much as 8,000 pounds.

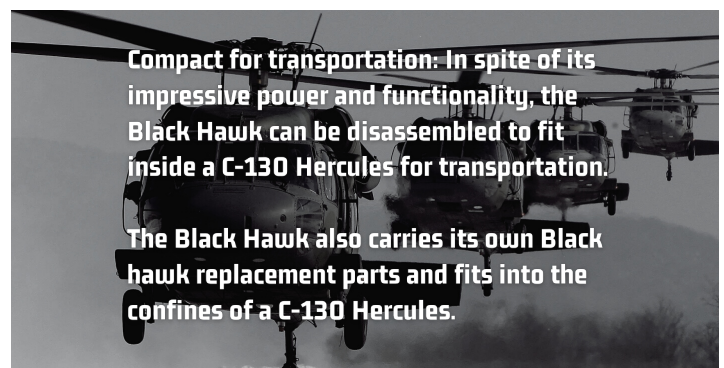


Typical Mission: The primary function of a Black Hawk is to carry troops and provide logistical support. Besides having the ability to perform medical evacuations, it may be configured to conduct special services, including search and rescue, command and control, armed escort, electronic warfare, and executive transport missions.



Typical Crew: The ideal crew for a Black Hawk consists of two pilots and two chiefs or gunners.

Armament: The Black Hawk has a qualified launch platform capable of carrying 16 Hellfire missiles, as well as AIM-92 Stinger air-to-air missiles. If pintle mounts are included, some versions of the helicopter can carry .50 caliber or 7.62mm machine guns in the windows.



Compact for transportation: In spite of its impressive power and functionality, the Black Hawk can be disassembled to fit inside a C-130 Hercules for transportation.

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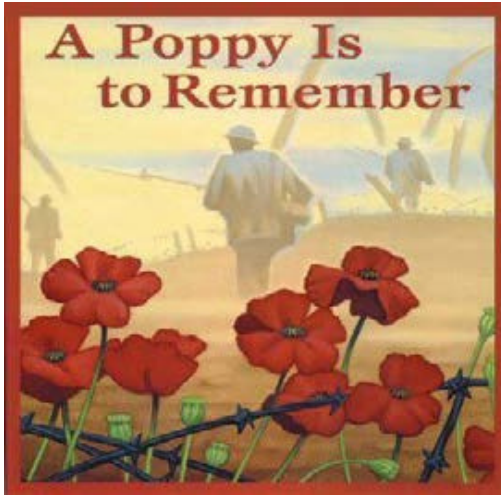


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