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GOOD ON A LIFETIME COMMITMENT
TO CARE FOR THOSE WHO SERVE,
HAVE SERVED, THEIR FAMILIES**

THE SKY SOLDIER COMMUNITY:

**GOLD STAR FAMILIES
WOUNDED SKY SOLDIERS
ACTIVE DUTY SKY SOLDIERS
SKY SOLDIER VETERANS
COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY LIVE
PLUS SCHOLARSHIPS TO PREPARE
PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS**



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FOUNDATION HISTORY

The first mission of the Foundation traces its roots to the 1970's and the Association's collection of donations earmarked for college scholarships, which grew into a fund with ever increasing number of awards. With 9-11 and the War on Terror in full swing, the 173d Airborne Brigade jumped into Iraq and the Foundation mission adapted to those needs. The Foundation was formed in 2006 as an independent 501(C)(3) organization with a broader scope in honoring and supporting past, present, future generations of Sky Soldiers and their families. The Sky Soldiers Foundation and the 173d Airborne Brigade Association operate as full partners in delivering support to the members of the Sky Soldier Community.

FUNDS AND SUPPORT MISSIONS

General Assist Fund

This fund receives all non-designated donations

It is used to fund support for stateside families of the active duty Sky Soldiers of the 173d Airborne Brigade. Also used to cover the operational expenses of the organization as well as all requests for support that do not fall under any of the other Foundation funds.

This fund can have temporary dedicated fundraising subaccounts such as in case of catastrophic Sky Soldier or family member illness or accident, natural or manmade disasters, golf outings or tournaments.

Distribution from this fund can be made to the other funds in case of unusual demand on any of them.

Gold Star Assist Fund

This fund is dedicated to supporting the Gold Star family members in a variety of forms. It is to be used to support them in their immediate time of need and beyond, keep close and within the Sky Soldier community, and to give them access to events where the Association gathers in order to present opportunities to meet Sky Soldiers who had served with their loved ones as well as find and offer mutual support with other Gold Star families.

Scholarship Fund

This fund reaches out across generations of Sky Soldiers and delivers our gratitude to active duty or separated Sky Soldiers themselves as they pursue a path to grow in their careers and it also extends to their immediate families. Earnings from Sky Soldier couple's substantial endowment will fund additional scholarships for current and future generation Sky Soldiers and their families.

Sky Soldier Assist Fund

This fund is dedicated to support the Sky Soldiers on active duty and their families who reside wherever the Brigade is headquartered or deployed. The fund is directed by a Foundation Vice President who themselves are with the Brigade HQ, either on active duty or who had served with the 173d Airborne Brigade and now work in direct support of the Brigade HQ and live nearby.

Veteran Sky Soldier Assist Fund

This fund supports members of the Association and Sky Soldiers who left active duty service and their families. The Foundation provides support during their challenging times and as an extension of the local Chapter's functions and members participation. It is a long term relationship through the cycle of life, living the commitment to never abandon each other.

Wounded Sky Soldier Fund

Once a Sky Soldier is wounded and evacuated out of the Combat Theater, when the Unit notifies the family and the Association, the Foundation comes on board. This fund is dedicated to facilitate resources not otherwise provided in the care of the Sky Soldier or his immediate family. The Foundation comes in as a partner to the Association, in particular the local Chapter and its members, in contributing to the Sky Soldier's healing and recovery and their family's ability to support their loved one. The families also have access to direct assistance from the Foundation.

Contact:

info@skysoldiersfoundation.org





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Activity Report plus Call for Support - Volunteers and Donations

We would like to thank all, the 173d Airborne Brigade Association members and Chapters as well as their families, who have throughout the years consistently supported the Foundation's mission to assist our active duty Sky Soldiers and families, the Sky Soldier community at large and a lifetime commitment of Sky Soldiers to embrace our heritage and support each other and especially our Sky Soldier Gold Star families.

In this issue of the Sky Soldier Magazine you will find charts showing the organizational structure of the Foundation plus recommended Chapter level organizing and participation to support the mutual mission of the Association and Foundation as full partners. There are many opportunities to volunteer at the Foundation or at the local Chapter levels and give back to the Sky Soldier community, need boots on the ground to guarantee that those who the Foundation and Association help have a path to resolve their challenges and is long lasting.

To have an active role in implementing the Foundation's mission, we ask that you submit a request via email to president@skysoldiersfoundation.org identifying in what capacity you would like to support the Foundation, for consideration please include an abbreviated biography with educational as well as work and volunteer history. Also provide a summary of how you visualize the Foundation will benefit from you in that role, any special skills and passion to help others. Giving through volunteering is the best way to heal, keep healthy in body and mind.

The Foundation continues to carry on the tradition of awarding Scholarships and 2019 was a banner year for applications, please see the story on this program in the pages that follow. We must emphasize, the funds need to be replenished with more donations each year for it to continue at the current level or increase number of awards.

Since our 173d Airborne Brigade is the first line of defense and can deploy on less than 24 hour notice, the Foundation has to build up substantially a reserve fund to support our active duty Sky Soldiers and their families. Those moneys will be committed to cover needs of the Wounded Sky Soldier Assist Fund, the Sky Soldier Gold Star Assist Fund and Sky Soldiers Assist Fund. An application for assistance is part of this reference guide.

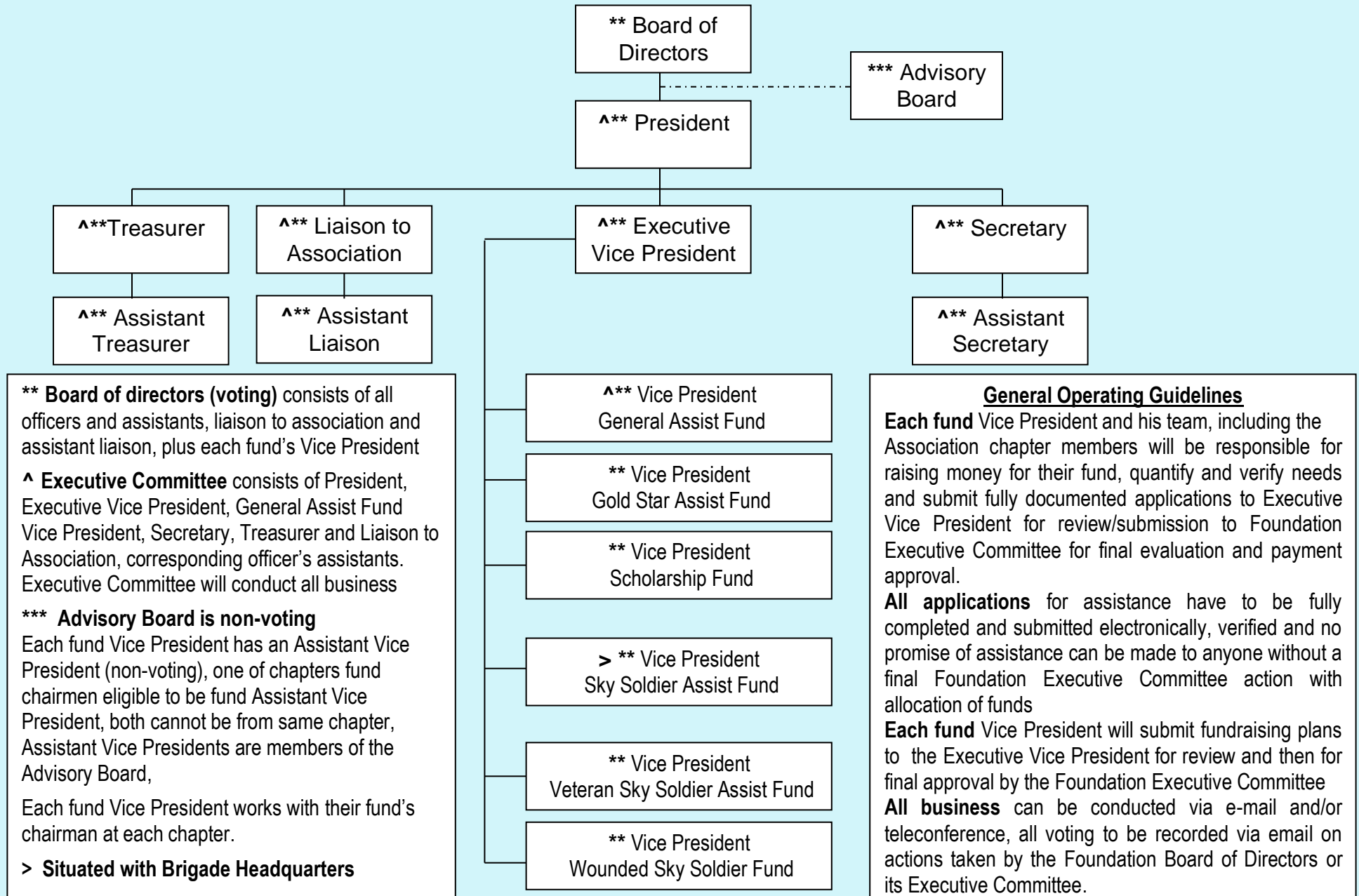
The Sky Soldier Gold Star Family program held at each reunion needs help to reach out to the family members of Sky Soldiers killed while serving with the Brigade. We ask each Chapter to assist the Gold Star Family members to register with the Foundation using the form with this article or online. Staying in touch with them and connecting them with other Sky Soldier Gold Star Family members as well as those who served with their loved one brings them some closure and a path to healing for all involved.

Various ways that you, your family and your friends can donate to the Foundation are: **COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC)**, online shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose Sky Soldiers Foundation, and directly via mail or online – details and forms included in this issue, also found at the Foundation website.

Please investigate your **WORKPLACE MATCHING DONATION/GIVING POLICY**, if one exists then send your employer's instructions to the Foundation with your donation and form or email to donations@skysoldiersfoundation.org **DONATE PRE TAX DOLLARS DIRECTLY FROM YOUR IRA OR** 401K or other plan to the Foundation - Contact your plan administrator to request instructions for such a distribution. Send the donation form directing where funds are to be applied with your check from the plan or to advise us of your plan directly issuing a check to the Foundation.

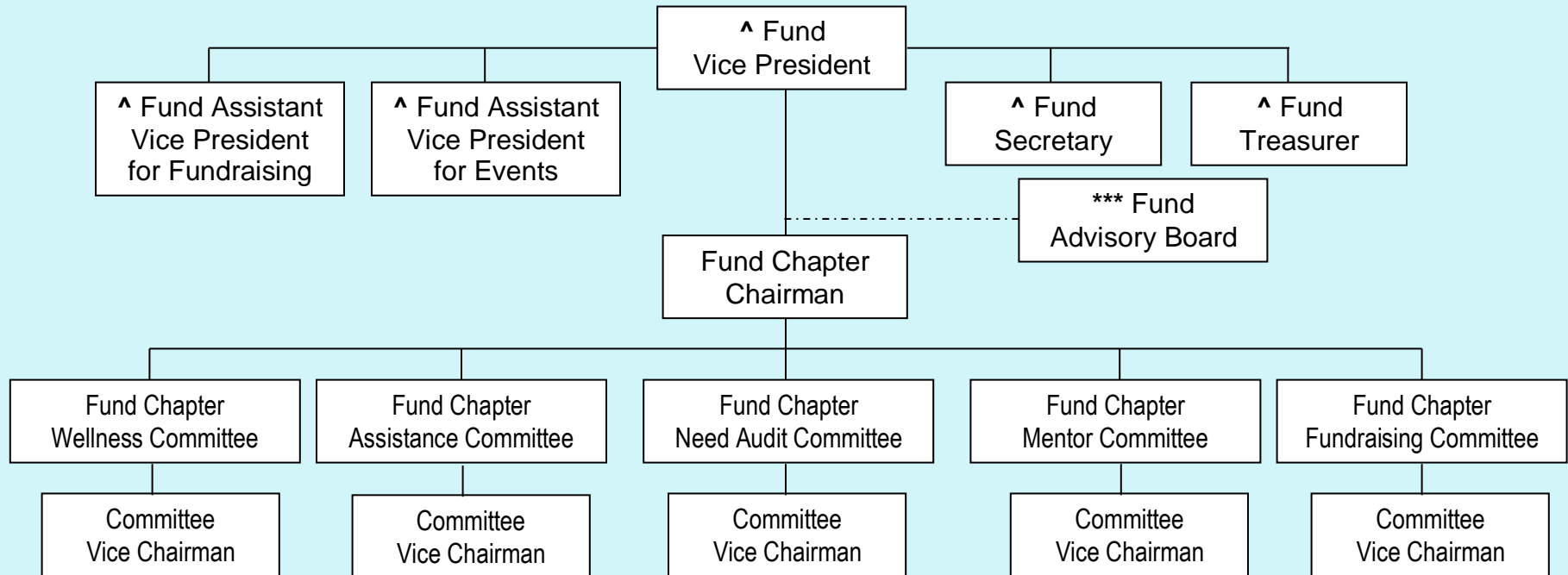
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^ Fund Executive Committee consists of Fund Vice President, Fund Assistant Vice Presidents, Fund Secretary, and Fund Treasurer. Fund Executive Committee will conduct all business

***** Fund Advisory Board is non-voting**

Each fund Vice President has Assistant Vice Presidents (non-voting on foundation board), one of chapters fund chairmen eligible to be fund Assistant Vice Presidents and both cannot be from same chapter. Fund Secretary and Fund Treasurer cannot be from same chapter. All Fund Chapter Chairmen are members of the Fund Advisory Board,

Each fund Vice President works with the members of that fund support group at each chapter through fund's chapter chairman

Fund General Operating Guidelines

Each fund Vice President and his team, including association chapter members will be responsible for raising money for their fund, quantify and verify needs and submit fully documented applications to Executive Vice President for review/submission to Executive Committee for final evaluation and payment approval.

All applications for assistance have to be fully completed and submitted electronically, verified and no promise of assistance can be made to anyone without a final Executive Committee action with allocation of funds

Each fund Vice President will submit fundraising plans to the Executive Vice President for review and then for final approval by the Executive Committee

All business can be conducted via e-mail and/or teleconference, all voting to be recorded via email on actions taken by the Fund Executive Committee



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2019 DONATION OPPORTUNITY ALERT to Association members, their families and friends through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

The Sky Soldiers Foundation has been approved by the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as a charity that can receive donations from those serving in the military, federal employees, government contractors, as well as both military and federal retirees, through payroll deductions, either through one time or recurring monthly payments. The Foundation's CFC ID # is **41126**

We invite all who serve with the 173d Airborne Brigade or its supporting units, have served and are either still in the service or working for the federal government in some capacity, to consider donating to the Sky Soldiers Foundation through the CFC charity giving program at <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome>. All donations will be supporting the Foundation's mission to serve the Sky Soldier community – benefiting our active duty Sky Soldiers, Fallen's (Gold Star) families, Wounded Sky Soldiers, Veteran Sky Soldiers, and their respective families.

We also ask all Sky Soldiers, if you have family members and friends who serve in the military or work for the federal government, please champion with them the role of the Sky Soldiers Foundation in the Sky Soldier community and to ask them to consider donating to the Foundation through the CFC. Others can donate directly through our website or by mail-in form found there.

One major program that the Foundation supports is the awarding of scholarships in a competitive selection process to deserving individuals pursuing an accredited undergraduate or post-graduate degree through a technical education institution, community college, college or university.

Scholarship applicants or their sponsors are required to be members of the 173d Airborne Brigade Association. Membership is not required of fallen Sky Soldiers families. Those eligible are:

- (1) Current active duty Sky Soldiers, their spouses, and children
- (2) Active duty and past Sky Soldiers, their spouses, and children
- (3) Fallen Sky Soldiers [Gold Star] spouses, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren
- (4) Veteran Sky Soldiers, their spouses, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

Another significant Foundation role is facilitating fallen Sky Soldiers (Gold Star) family members attendance at 173d Airborne Brigade Association reunions. Participating at these events presents an opportunity to meet and learn from those who had served with their loved one, help them find closure. It helps create bonds with other Sky Soldier Gold Star families, finding mutual support.

Other support available, submitting Application for Assistance found at the Foundation website. For further information please contact us at donationscfc@skysoldiersfoundation.org



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IRS recognized 501(c)(3) public charity, donations tax deductible as permitted by law EIN: 33-1139977

DONATIONS BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY – MAIL TO ADDRESS ABOVE

For Credit/Debit card donations go to: www.skysoldiersfoundation.org/donate

Date Sent: ____/____/____ City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____ 173d ABA Chapter _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (if applicable)

CHOOSE FUND TO APPLY DONATION TO

[Please fill circles where it applies for all areas]

- ☐ General Assist Fund ☐ Gold Star Assist Fund ☐ Scholarship Fund ☐ Sky Soldier Assist Fund
☐ Veteran Sky Soldier Assist Fund ☐ Wounded Sky Soldier Fund ☐ Where most needed

RELATIONSHIP TO SKY SOLDIER COMMUNITY

☐ Sky Soldier ☐ Veteran ☐ Active Duty ☐ Self ☐ Parent ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Family[other] ☐ Friend ☐ Public

SKY SOLDIER INFORMATION (OPTIONAL BUT IMPORTANT)

Current Status: ☐ Active ☐ Veteran ☐ Deceased
☐ Fallen – Gold Star Family

Last Name: _____ Sfx _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State (2 ltrs) _____

Zip Code _____ - _____ [If overseas fill below]

Country: _____ Mail Code _____

Tel.: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Dates of service with 173d Airborne Brigade

From: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)

Location/Unit: _____

WORKPLACE MATCHING DONATION/GIVING POLICY

Please send your employer's instructions with your donation and form or email to donations@skysoldiersfoundation.org

DONATE PRE TAX DOLLARS DIRECTLY FROM YOUR IRA OR

401K or other plan to the Foundation - Contact your plan administrator to request instructions for such a distribution. Send this form with check or to advise us of plan's direct check

DONOR INFORMATION – ☐ SAME AS SKY SOLDIER

Last Name: _____ Sfx _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State (2 ltrs) _____

Zip Code _____ - _____ [If overseas fill below]

Country: _____ Mail Code _____

Tel.: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

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Intake date: ____/____/____ Time - ____:____
(mm/dd/yyyy) Local 24hr

Individual _____, _____
Last name First name

_____, _____
City State Zip Code +4

Credit Fund ☐ Wounded ☐ Active Duty Sky Soldier

☐ Gold Star ☐ Veteran Sky Soldier ☐ General

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Chk# _____ Deposit date: ____/____/____

Deposit Method: ☐ Mobile ☐ ATM ☐ Bank



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2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Marlene Battelle-Hummell, Foundation Advisory Board and Scholarship Committee Member

The Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship Program awards are a living memorial to the Sky Soldiers of the 173d Airborne Brigade who made the supreme sacrifice in serving their country.

The Scholarship Program recognizes achievement and provides support to applicants pursuing higher education and displaying the potential to earn either technical, associate, undergraduate or post graduate degrees. These degrees can be from a range of accredited educational institutions, including technical schools, community colleges, colleges or universities.

In 2019 the Foundation Scholarship Committee received completed applications from 45 candidates, all of whom are to be commended on their goals and aspirations for higher education. For 2019 the Sky Soldiers Foundation awarded 15 scholarships in the amount of \$1173 each.

In addition to active duty military and spouses, the recipients include students in Vicenza Italy (where the 173d Airborne Brigade is based) and all over the United States, from Maryland to Florida to Washington state. Some students are just beginning their post high school studies, while others are working on advanced degrees. Their areas of chosen study vary widely but their level of commitment is apparent. They are the future of our country and we are proud to support them on behalf of the donors from 173d Airborne Brigade Association and within our Sky Soldier community and beyond.

In order to qualify for a scholarship, the applicant or the sponsor is required to be a member in good standing with the 173d Airborne Brigade Association. A Killed In Action (KIA) Sky Soldier's (Gold Star) spouse or his/her direct descendants are exempt from the Association membership requirement. An applicant must be either be a Sky Soldier on active duty, a Veteran Sky Soldier, fallen Sky Soldier's (Gold Star) spouse or their direct descendant. All other applicants must have a sponsor who is serving or has served with the 173d Airborne Brigade, and the applicant must be the sponsoring Sky Soldier's spouse, child, grandchild or great grandchild.

Applicants may apply for Scholarships each year while pursuing studies. Each application cycle remains a standalone competitive process. Application guidelines, deadlines, forms and other pertinent information should be checked for changes and updates at the beginning of each year and up to the time the applicant files his or her application at: <https://www.skysoldiersfoundation.org/Scholarships>

The process of evaluation of Scholarship applications and selection/determination of the award recipients is done by the Scholarship Committee. Designated members of the committee rate each application on its individual merits without knowing the names of the applicants. Committee members pass their scored evaluations of each qualified application to the Scholarship Chairman and the winners are determined. Depending on the funding available for that cycle, the number of awards are determined. This number varies from year to year based on donations by members and others.

Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship Program (Continued)

This important program can only continue to function and expand the scope and scale of opportunities we extend to our Sky Soldiers and their families through the generosity of the members of the Association. Please consider a donation to the Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship Fund. A gift of any size is tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. The various donation method options are at the end of this article and we ask you to consider using one or more method/s to contribute to this great cause.

In 2019, six of the 15 scholarships were supported by specific chapters or endowments. The Scholarship Committee wants to recognize and thank these entities that sponsored full scholarships.

- Chapter 1 – 173d Airborne Brigade Association
- Chapter 21 – 173d Airborne Brigade Association
- Charlie Company 1/503rd
- 21st Century Sky Soldier Scholarship Endowment – 3 awards
(This endowment was created by a Vietnam-era Sky Soldier specifically to assist 21st Century Sky Soldiers and their families – earnings determine the number of awards in any given year)
- The remaining Scholarships were funded by the generous contributions of different amounts by numerous Sky Soldiers and their families as well as others through fixed monthly or varying donation amounts throughout the year.

Looking forward to inviting students to the 2020 Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship competition and, with your generosity, awarding as many as possible Scholarships to our talented eligible candidates. ***Please note: the 2020 Scholarship application cycle starts on February 1st and ends April 15th***

A challenge to all - encourage your chapter to become involved in this important program. It could sponsor a scholarship that would be designated with your chapter name. Perhaps this goal could focus the efforts of your chapter to support the scholarship fund, which has a significant impact on members and families of the Association and those serving with the Brigade and their families.

Every donation, large or small, helps these deserving candidates pursue their educational goals and allows the Foundation to award the greatest number of scholarships possible.

Anyone can donate to the Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship fund plus the other funds in two ways:

- (1) Via check by mail along with a donation form published in the Sky Soldier Magazine or found at the Foundation website <https://skysoldiersfoundation.org/Donation-Mailing-Forms>
- (2) Via credit card online at <https://www.skysoldiersfoundation.org/Donation-Options>

Other donation opportunities to the Sky Soldiers Foundation can be found at:

- (1) Via the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) if an individual or family member is in the United States military, a federal employee or contractor, and if retired from the military or as a federal employee or contractor. The CFC campaign runs a particular length of time within the year. To sign up and donate please visit <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome> and to learn more about the program please visit <https://www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign/>
- (2) You can increase the impact of your donation by filing your employer's matching donation form
- (3) If family shops on Amazon, sign up at <https://smile.amazon.com> , designate Sky Soldiers Foundation as your charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of every purchase to the Foundation

More information on how to donate, how to establish a designated endowment, or how to become more involved in the Scholarship Fund is available here: www.skysoldiersfoundation.org/Scholarship-Fund and emails can be addressed to scholarship@skysoldiersfoundation.org

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2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Scholarships of \$1,173 awarded to each of 15 recipients
presented in alphabetical order:



Andy Angrino *
Active Duty



Kevin Curry *
Gold Star Family



Coral Dennison
Silver Spring, MD



Nicholas Eidemiller ****
Philadelphia, PA



Zachary Garcia **
Columbus, GA



Tiffany Latham *
Colorado Springs, CO



Elenia Lin
Carnation, WA



Katherine McKinney
Georgetown, KY



Olivia Morris
Kirkland, WA



Christian Pierce
Fayetteville, NC



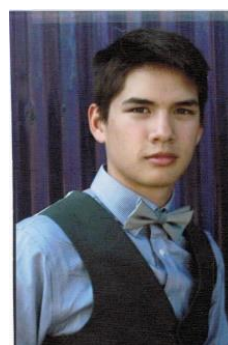
Kayleigh Sharp ***
Active Duty Spouse



Stephanie Smith
Niceville, FL



Stephanie Vargas
Active Duty Spouse



Joshua Wong
McKinney, TX



Emily Woodall
Bethpage.TN

Sky Soldier Scholarship Fund designated awards and full scholarship donor recognition:

- * Scholarship Endowment for 21st Century Sky Soldiers Award
- ** Chapter 1 – 173d Airborne Brigade Association Award
- *** Chapter 21 - 173d Airborne Brigade Association Award
- **** Charlie Company 1/503rd Award



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SKY SOLDIERS GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBER REGISTRATION

Mail to: P.O. Box 32070 Cleveland, OH 44132-0070 or email to: goldstar@skysoldiersfoundation.org

Foundation uses DOD guidelines to recognize Gold Star Family members

Date: ____/____/____ City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____ 173d ABA local Chapter # _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (per applicant residence address)

SKY SOLDIER AND GOLD STAR FAMILY APPLICANT INFORMATION

[Fill circle of all that applies – one applicant per form]

SKY SOLDIER INFORMATION *

Action: ☐ Vietnam War ☐ Global War On Terror
☐ Afghanistan ☐ Iraq ☐ _____

Last Name: _____ Sfx _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name _____

From DD214 or equivalent Military Record -

Street Address _____

City _____ State (2 ltrs) _____

Zip Code _____ - _____

Dates of service with 173d Airborne Brigade

From: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)

Units: _____

Locations: _____

Date Wounded: ____/____/____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Date of Death: ____/____/____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Unit at time of Death: ☐ 173d Abn Bde _____

☐ Other _____

Location: _____

Rank: _____

Awards: _____

Internment Location: _____

* If all information is not available, the Foundation can guide/assist family in locating military records

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Gold Star ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Sister ☐ Brother
☐ Spouse ☐ Daughter ☐ Son ☐ GChild ☐ GGChild

Last Name: _____ Sfx _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State (2 ltrs) _____

Zip Code _____ - _____ [If overseas fill below]

Country: _____ Mail Code _____

Tel.: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation _____

☐ I would like to find who served with him/her

☐ I would like to be advised if a Sky Soldier who served with my loved one wants to contact me

☐ I would like to be notified about activities of the Sky Soldiers Foundation and 173d Airborne Brigade Association, Gold Star Family members activities

Applicant Signature _____

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Intake date: ____/____/____ Time - ____:____
(mm/dd/yyyy) Local 24hr

Individual _____ , _____
Last name First name

City _____ State _____ Zip Code +4 _____

Application processed: ____/____/____

Board Approved: ____/____/____

Notice sent date: ____/____/____



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Gold Star Family Program

History, Reunion 2019, Reconnecting, Planning for 2020 and beyond

The initiative to support the Sky Soldiers Gold Star Family members was brought forth through the vision of the late General John R. Deane, Jr. and Col. Robert Sigholtz and was implemented by Judy C. Campbell (Gold Star Sister of Sp/4 Keith Allen Campbell - DSC, BSM 'v', PH - Combat Medic – KIA Vietnam 02/08/1967), who became the first Chairperson of the Sky Soldiers Gold Star Committee. The program was taken over and run by the leadership of the 173d Airborne Brigade Association for a few years. Debora Yashinsky with the support of her husband James (Gold Star Parents of Sgt. Michael Emerson Yashinski – BSM - KIA Iraq 12/24/2003) came on board as Chair took it to the next level by researching and building the database to approximately 1600 family members. That same database was used by the 173d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation to reach out to the Gold Star Family members as that project developed and was completed. Under Eric Hitchcock's leadership of the then called 173d Airborne Brigade Association Foundation, Doris Brazzale-Hovis was invited to Chair the Gold Star Family program. She has been its organizer and champion during the past 6 years with the support of her two talented and dedicated daughters. Overall the program has been in existence and active nearing 20 years.

Judy's, Deborah's and Doris's dedication, personal touch and sensitivity to the needs of each Gold Star Family member has continually improved the quality of the event at the reunions and facilitated a mutual support relationship among those attending that extended beyond the time at the reunion. As new Gold Star Family members have joined us at the reunions, where the Foundation has hosted them at exclusive luncheons or dinners, so have Sky Soldiers come forth who had served with their KIA loved one, and have joined the event. Each reunion event being memorable for all participants and a significant contributor to the healing of both the Gold Star Family members and the Sky Soldiers who served with their loved one plus those supporting the events.

At this time a monumental task calls on us to rally together in the effort to reconnect with all Gold Star Family members in the existing database, and update it to reflect the current status of those listed there and add those who should be in that list. That requires the Foundation's full partner, 173d Airborne Brigade Association and its Chapters and members, to reach out and locate those Gold Star Family members and verify their status.

The 173d Airborne Brigade Association 2020 reunion registration has begun and we encourage all Association Chapters and members to reach out to the Gold Star Family members in their area of operation and invite them to attend. Please provide them a copy of the Foundation's Sky Soldiers Gold Star Family Member Registration form included with this Reference Guide, if necessary help them fill it out and send in. Assist them with registration for the reunion with the link and forms, inquire on their ability to attend and need of financial support.

The 173d Airborne Brigade Association offers a lifetime honorary membership for the Sky Soldier Gold Star Family members (parents, siblings, children and grandchildren) upon the Sky Soldiers Foundation confirmation.

We invite Gold Star Sky Soldiers and their Gold Star spouses and their Gold Star children, who lost a loved one serving with other units of the U.S. Armed Forces, to join the Sky Soldier Gold Star Family and attend its events.

Let us not leave any Sky Soldier Gold Star Family member to wonder if anyone cares about their loss and pain. Join the team to let them know that the sacrifice of their loved one will never be forgotten and neither will they.

To volunteer please contact the Sky Soldier Gold Star Committee via email goldstar@skysoldiersfoundation.org



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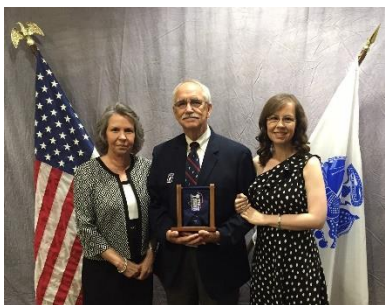
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Gold Star Family Program

2019 Reunion – Charleston, South Carolina June 4 - 9



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Wayne Bowers, wife Brenda, daughter Ashley, and Brenda's niece Cherish Jeffords plus dedicated volunteers delivered an especially memorable reunion for all. Wayne secured, on behalf of Chapter 30, a donation from [Freedom Has A Face Foundation](#) for the excellent Sky Soldier Gold Star Family dinner held on the evening of Friday June 7 –unforgettable heartfelt experience.

Foundation's Chair of the Sky Soldiers Gold Star committee, Doris Brazalle-Hovis and her daughters Sara Padoan and Kelly Hovis created a welcoming and patriotic setting for the Sky Soldier Gold Star Family members, Sky Soldiers and other special guests.



Among those attending both the dinner and banquet were from left to right: Catherine Beers-Conrad (Daughter of SFC Jack Blaine Beers – KIA Vietnam 04/07/1969); Mark Busenlehner with Lavinia Livingston (Brother and Sister of 1Lt Richard Thomas Busenlehner - KIA Vietnam 11/20/1967); Julie Hepner, Chloe and Olive Consolo (Mother, Sister and Niece of Pfc Thomas Randolph Wilson - KIA Afghanistan 8/27/2007); Doris and daughters Sara and Kelly; Ann Sherman Wolcott (Mother of Cpl Rex Marcel Sherman - KIA Vietnam 11/19/1969); Judy C. Campbell (Sister of Sp/4 Keith Allen Campbell - KIA Vietnam 02/08/1967); and Joseph Marquez, past Association Chaplain (Brother of Sp4 Julian Ernest Marquez - Americal Division- KIA Vietnam 02/15/1971). Honoring our Gold Stars Family members were: Foundation President Ray Saikus, AT Harold Brent, past President Eric Hitchcock, board members Tom and Marlene Hummell; Association President Terry Aubrey, VP Thomas McMahon and AT Tim Austin; Chapter 30 President Cephus Bright; Chapter 1 President Steve Brignoli; Chapter 21 President

Kaiser Sterbinsky; Col Ryan Shipley; Tony Gonzales; and some of their spouses. Special moments were shared with the Gold Star Family members at the dinner and/or banquet by Sky Soldiers who had served with their loved one: Cephus Bright with Ann; William Watson and Bob Jones with Judy; Paul Dinardo with Mark and Lavinia; Paul Dalton with Catherine. Ray escorting ladies on a tour.





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Application for Assistance (rev 08/29/2019)

*email to assistance@skysoldiersfoundation.org *

Date: ____/____/____ City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____ 173d ABA Chapter _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Assistance Category

Case Number _____

[Fill circle for all that applies]

- A] ☐ Disaster ☐ Hardship ☐ Health ☐ Death ☐ Other B] ☐ Wounded ☐ Active Duty ☐ Gold Star ☐ Veteran
C] ☐ Self ☐ Parent ☐ Spouse ☐ Child D] ☐ Brigade Activity Support ☐ Community Support

Requestor Information

173d Abn Bde Assn. Member # _____

Last Name: _____ Sfx _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State (2 ltrs) _____

Zip Code _____ - _____ [If overseas fill below]

Country: _____ Mail Code _____

Tel.: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Dates of service with 173d Airborne Brigade

From: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)

Locations/Units: _____

Current Status: ☐ Active ☐ Veteran ☐ Gold Star

Assistance Request Summary – [Details on Page 2]

Requestor Signature _____

Alternate contact information

Relationship: _____

Last Name: _____ Sfx _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State (2 ltrs) _____

Zip Code _____ - _____ [If overseas fill below]

Country: _____ Mail Code _____

Tel.: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

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Intake date: ____/____/____ Time - ____:____
(mm/dd/yyyy) Local 24hr

Individual _____ , _____
Last name First name

_____, _____
City State Zip Code +4

Assigned Fund: ☐ Wounded ☐ Act Duty Sky Soldier
☐ Gold Star ☐ Veteran Sky Soldier ☐ General

Verified – sent to board : ____/____/____

Board ☐ Approved ☐ Denied: ____/____/____

If approved, amount awarded: \$ _____.

Decision notice send date ____/____/____

Payment sent date: ____/____/____

Payment Form: ☐ Check ☐ Gift Card

