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FOUNDATION REPORT 2020

The Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Inc. was established in 1994 and approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable corporation in 1996. Governed by a Board of Directors, its primary mission is to provide assistance on an emergency relief basis to current members of the Georgia National Guard and federal/state civilian employees of the Georgia Department of Defense facing unexpected financial hardships.

Although not a military organization, the Foundation is recognized as an official support organization of the Georgia National Guard. It is self-funded and relies totally on individual and corporate donations, charity partners and fundraising events, to support its mission.

It is one of nine "check-off" charities approved by the Legislature for the State of Georgia Department of Revenue to collect donations on its Tax Forms. This designation gives every taxpayer in Georgia the opportunity to "pick an amount and make it count" for the Georgia National Guard Foundation when filing their State Income Tax Form 500 or 500 EZ. Look for it!

The Foundation is an approved charity for the United Way Combined <u>Federal</u> Campaign (CFC agency code # 70602) and the <u>State</u> Charitable Contributions Program (SCCP agency code # 177000). Charity fest events and kick-off opportunities, including universal online giving, are opportunities for support!

The Foundation is very fortunate to have great leadership as well as a supportive team of individual and corporate donors, friends and supporters. The 2019 calendar year ended with the very successful, "Bring the Heat" Charity Cook-Off Competition on 14 November 2019. Twelve teams participated in the "chicken cook off" competition, including volunteers from the GA Army National Guard, the GA Air National Guard and the Georgia State Defense Force, Cobb Sheriff's Office, Cobb 911, Cobb County Police & Fire, Cobb Solicitors Office, Marietta Police & Fire, Kennesaw Police and Metro Atlanta Ambulance. It was a great night of community, friendship, fun and support!

The Horace Orr American Legion Post 29 organizers of the 6th Annual Veterans Memorial 5k started Race Committee Meetings in January 2020. Little did we know that COVID concerns were headed our way! Efforts were made to hold an in-person event on 23 May 2020 in the Marietta Square, but then were postponed to 14 November 2020 before settling on a "race in place" theme that was shared and promoted. Despite the challenges, this awesome group of supporters and their generous donors contributed \$40,000.00 to the Foundation for the 2020 Event!

The ASSAULT ON KENNESAW MOUNTAIN (AoKM) MEMORIAL 5K RUN is conducted at Kennesaw Mountain State Park, in Kennesaw, Georgia. Attracting hundreds of runners from across the state each year, the AoKM exemplifies what it means to Never Forget. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Assault on Kennesaw Mountain was not run in person; but was conducted as a Shadow Run (19 September-30 October 2020)! It was an AWESOME opportunity for EVERYONE across the country and all around the world, to participate!!!



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The "Red, White & You" Online "Live" Auction Event on 9 December 2020 was an unbelievable event that surpassed all expectations with its partnerships, "Experiences for 2021", Raffle tickets, Wine Wall and more! Over \$110,000.00 raised for the Foundation!



Experiences and offerings included, but weren't limited to, Patriotic Art by renowned artist, Steve Penley! Entertainment at the Strand Theatre, Birthday Party at the Marietta Fire Department, Behind the Scenes opportunities with Clark Howard and many others; Networking for small business, Sporting events hosted by Glock; Wylie Creek Duck Preserve Hunt 'Tank Driving', Membership to the Governors Gun Club, Tandem Skydiving Experience, Braves Night Out, Golf, Porsche Experience, Andretti's, Firearm Training, Fly Fishing Experience! Tours at Six Flags, Life University, Airplane Tour of North Georgia! Trips! Wine Tastings! Raffle Tickets, Wine Wall! The ultimate in excitement for every one involved!



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WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!!!





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Thank you to the Red, White and YOU team!

John Loud Nancy Couch Kari Parramore Christine Reliford

Production Crew: Andy Gaines Amy Selby Ashley Ottinger Patrick Lee Meara Brown Linda Rodriquez



SPECIAL THANKS TO QTEGO.COM! Leading the way with event fundraising technology!

Special Thanks to Nancy Couch, Leslie Hammond, Patrick Lee, John Loud and many more! To our military leaders, partners, donors, participants and guests! It was a GREAT NIGHT!



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Red, White & You LIVE EVENT-9 DECEMBER 2020



BG Wilson, Trey Paris, Steve Penley, Harriet Morgan, MG Carden, Maj Gen Grabowski



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Santa's Chief Elf! John Loud

Steve Penley and Harriet Morgan



John Loud, MG Carden, Maj Gen Grabowski and BG Wilson

Timothy Miller, Tenor





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2020 Craig Hunter Memorial Monroe Classic Four Ball Invitational July 17th, 18th & 19th, 2020 Donates \$5,000.00!



The Monroe Classic Invitational began in 1967 and has grown to be one of the best attended Tournaments in the State of Georgia. Entry is by invitation only and hosts State Amateur Winners & Finalists, Mid-Amateur Finalists, Club Champions, and College Scholarship Players.

The Tournament's Benefactor is the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, a self-funded non-profit 501(c) (3) Charitable Corporation established in 1994 to provide emergency relief assistance during times of financial crisis to both Traditional and Active Duty Members of the Georgia National Guard. The Monroe Classic is honored to assist the military members of the National Guard and appreciates your support in making this year an awesome event!

20 August 2020 LOCKHEED MARTIN-MARIETTA

Big shout out of THANKS to LOCKHEED MARTIN-MARIETTA for answering the call again this year with a Cyber Grant of **\$10,000.00** to the Georgia National Guard Foundation!

For the past 15 years, the Foundation has been very fortunate to be an approved charity partner and Lockheed Martin neighbor receiving donations that have exceeded \$81,000.00.

Recognized as a benchmark citizen and community advocate, their support has helped the Foundation provide more than \$3.0 Million Dollars of emergency financial assistance to over 3,500 Soldiers and Airmen of the Georgia National Guard.





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1 September 2020: \$61,042.00!!

THANK YOU to every taxpayer in Georgia who "picked an amount and made it count" for the Georgia National Guard Foundation when they filed their 2019 State of Georgia Income Taxes!

A simple "check off" box on Georgia Income Tax Form 500 allows taxpayers to make donations that will be automatically deducted from their refund or included in their payment to the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Over \$1,102,827.00 has been collected since 2005!

16 September 2020: Officers Candidates Class 59 Statement:

We are Officer Candidates in the Georgia Army National Guard Traditional Officer Candidate School Program. This Program prepares future Commissioned Officers to lead and serve soldiers. Our commitment extends beyond the Program through community service, support, and engagement. Our class initiated and organized the first annual Georgia Military Institute organized run. In tribute to our community, all proceeds for the event benefitted the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, we would like to thank GMI OCS Class 59 for their generous donation of \$3,000.00. These were proceeds from their 5K Race. Their ability to organize a 5k and convert it from an in-person to virtual event, as a result of COVID-19, while balancing work, life and OCS requirements shows a level of commitment we are proud to see in these young leaders. Their gift will go a long way to help our service members in need make it through emergencies or other personal crisis. Thank you and best of luck as you begin your new journeys as commissioned officers". *Major General Randall Simmons, October 6, 2020.*



OCS Class 59

2nd Lt Allison McCullough & MG Randall Simmons



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9 September 2020: Cobb County Friendship Club donates \$1,000.00!

THANK YOU to the Cobb County Friendship Club for its generous contribution of \$1,000.00! The Friendship Club provides Grants to local charities that provide assistance to Cobb families who are in crisis and/or have special needs. Cobb County Government Employees have donated more than \$3 million to local charities since 1972. On behalf of the Georgia National Guard Foundation, we appreciate their support to our organization and the many deserving charities in the community!

OCT 2020 U S Military Vets Motorcycle Club Cartersville Chapter Donates \$3000.00!



The Georgia National Guard Foundation appreciates this great group of veterans and supporters from all branches of the military. They organize fundraisers, raffles and rides in the North Georgia area and host annual parties with proceeds donated to charity organizations that serve the military. They work with the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other U S Military Vet MC Chapters throughout the year. Since 2011, they have supported the Soldiers and Airmen of the Georgia National Guard faced with financial hardships. This year, CW3 Amanda Justus, SSG Anna Dietrich and SGT Jeff Stephens, met with "Clutch", "Tonto", "Quick", "Toolman" and many others in Cartersville to accept their generous donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 on behalf of the Foundation. We so appreciate the ongoing support and friendship established over the years! THANK YOU TO ALL!



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19 September-31 October 2020:

The 9th Annual Assault on Kennesaw Mountain 5k had to forego the Mountain this year with a Memorial 5K Shadow Run. Race Coordinator Extraordinaire, Meara Brown, did a great job motivating military members, friends and family with up-to-the-minute support for this "Run Where You Are" event! The first runner that checked in was living in Germany! Over 400 others followed and shared their enthusiasm on social media and email blasts!



43 Days were established from 19 September to 31 October 2020 to Honor the 43 Fallen Soldiers of the Georgia Army National Guard. We will Never Forget.

Christopher Willougby -Pinkston - Dennis Boles -Charles Gillican - Chad Mercer - Jacques Brunson -Carl Fuller - James Kinlow -John Thomas - Victor Anderson -Jonathon Haggin - David Jones -Ronnie Shelley - Jerry Ganey -Matthew Gibbs - Charles Warren -Joshua Dingler - Paul Saylor - Thomas Strickland - Michael Stokley - George Draughn Jr - Robert Hollar - James Grilava - Dennis Merck - Phillip Dodson Jr. -Marcus Futrell - Philip Travis - Myla Maravillosa - Amos Edwards Jr. - Channing Singletary - Christopher Boone - Davy Weaver - John Beale -**GEORGIA** Kevin Jenrette - Jefrey Jordan - John Blair -Brock Chavers - Isaac Johnson - Raymundo -Morales - Alex French - David Holmes -Edgar Roberts Jr. -Mark Allen

\$8,000.00 was donated to the Georgia National Guard Foundation from the 2020 event with a cumulative total of \$30,979.00 since 2012! Huge thank you to all! Plans are underway for 2021 with date to be determined!



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Cobb County Public Safety Appreciation Week (Oct 5-11) The Cobb Chamber of Commerce identified 78 agencies in Cobb County to be recognized at this special event! The Georgia National Guard Foundation "adopted" Marietta Fire Station 52. Three shifts of 6 fireman each support this Station. We were able to put together three "gift" baskets (one for each shift) with gift cards, snacks, and "swag" from the GAARNG Recruiting Team, "Family Programs" and the Work for Warriors Employment Team!

Nancy Couch, Public Director, and Brig Gen Manny Haldopoulos, GA Air National Guard, visited Station 52 with the "baskets"! A good time was had by all!



"I just wanted to thank you for all of the goodies you had delivered to us at Marietta Fire Station 52. I'm not sure if you were aware, but this week we're teaching six of your Guard members Swiftwater Rescue. They're all awesome and I hope we can continue to run more of them through the program. It's been a real honor to teach them". Best regards, Ron Presley, Firefighter, Station 52



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8TH Annual INDIAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB PRO MEMBER GOLF CLASSIC DONATION!

SPECIAL THANKS to the IHCC members for hosting the 8th Annual Pro Member Golf Classic on 10 August 2020! Although not the year expected, good things can still happen. Lance Cantrell, PGA, Director of Golf shared that the event was memorable with social distancing and safety protocols in place. With the support of members and staff, \$2400 was raised for The Air Force Association, Vacations for Veterans and the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation! Looking forward to 2021!

October 19, 2020

Huge THANK YOU to All the Employee Owners of Burns & McDonnell Foundation for the very generous donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 presented to Foundation during a visit to the JFHQ of the Georgia National Guard!



Pictured here: Mr. Kent Henson, Senior Project Manager/Aviation& Federal; BG Dwayne Wilson, Commanding General of the Georgia Army National Guard; Mr. Oko Buckle, Atlanta Regional Office Manager; Harriet Morgan, Program Manager of the Georgia National Guard Foundation; and Mr. Shawn DeKold, Aviation & Federal Group Manager.

Burns & McDonnell have been Foundation Supporters since 2014 with contributions in the amount of \$15,950.00. Their contributions will make a difference in the lives of many Soldiers and Airmen of the Georgia National Guard facing unexpected financial hardships.



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November 14, 2020

American Legion Post 29 hosted the 6th Annual Veterans Memorial 5K "Social" on Saturday, November 14th at the Post. BG Dwayne Wilson, 1SG Tyler Lawver and Harriet Morgan attended the fun and "socially distant" program. Gary Jenkins, Race Coordinator, announced a variety of "winners" from the "Race in Place" participants! Great time had by all who were able to attend in-person and LIVE on Facebook!

January 11, 2021 UPDATE: SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Horace Orr American Legion Post 29 in Marietta for their generous donation of \$40,000.00 to the GA National Guard Foundation from the proceeds of the 6th Annual Veterans Memorial 5K held in 2020!

Despite the many challenges of 2020, the Race Committee led by Tom Bell, Peggy B., Allen Rosenfield, Gary Jenkins and many others worked with Commander Walt Cusick and the Legion Members to make this event happen...virtually! Not one of their generous donors or sponsors asked for a pass this year! Truly amazing!

MG Carden, Maj Gen Grabowski, BG Wilson, 1SG Lawver and Harriet Morgan had the opportunity to say thank you to Tom Bell, Walt Cusick and all the members of American Legion Post 29 for their service and community support to the GA National Guard Foundation. Post 29 has raised more than \$155,542 for the Foundation over the last 6 years!

It is an honor for the Foundation to be a designated charity partner for this event each year together with the Shepherd's Men Shared Initiative and Post 29's Service Organization!





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November 17, 2020



68th Annual Military Appreciation Luncheon

The Cobb Chamber hosted the 68th annual Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council (ARMAC) Military Appreciation Luncheon at the Cobb Galleria Centre on November 17, with General David D. Thompson, Vice Chief of Space Operations, as the keynote speaker.

The luncheon is a celebration of Cobb's military community, recognizing the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform. Highlights of the event include remarks from MG Tom Carden, Adjutant General, Georgia Department of Defense, and the presentation of the 2020 USO Patriot of the Year Award to Steve Cannon, CEO of the AMB Group. As stated in the Cobb Chamber's announcement, "His strong community engagement and numerous achievements in the business, civic and military community made him perfect for this award."

Nancy Couch and Leslie Hammond attended this year's event to help raise awareness about the Foundation and the Red, White & You Online Auction Event for "2021 Experiences"!



Also attending were Jack and Pat Horvath, two of our favorite USO Volunteers, and Mary Lou Austin, President of the USO GA Chapter!

Jack & Pat, pictured here, are long-time supporters of the Foundation and it was great to see everyone at the 'socially distant' ARMAC Luncheon!



Jack and Pat Horvath



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December 1, 2020 – GA Gives on Giving Tuesday!

The Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation is a participating non-profit charity in GA Gives on **#GIVINGTUESDAY 2020!** It is a "flashmob of giving" the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving so please update your calendars!



- 1. Visit www.GAgivesday.org
- 2. Type the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation in the search bar.
- 2. Click on Donate Now!



More than 3,500 Soldiers and Airmen of the Georgia National Guard have received over \$3.0 million in assistance! We need your help to do more! Please donate to the Foundation on GA Gives on Giving Tuesday!



Georgia Gives Day is a collaboration of the Georgia Center for Nonprofits, in partnership with participating nonprofits, state agencies, corporations and businesses, associations, foundations, public relations and advertising firms to support the state's nonprofit organizations.

This year, YOUR Georgia National Guard Members provided COVID Testing to thousands of citizens across Georgia; they provided infection control missions at numerous Long Term Care facilities; they provided school meal distribution; worked in food banks across the State; built a 200 bed alternate care facility at the World Congress Center; and provided security presence, law enforcement support and site security across the State.

More than \$3,440.00 was donated to the Foundation for GA Gives on Giving Tuesday in 2020!

December 10, 2020 – National Guard Birthday celebrating 384 Years! USO, GA Chapter, donated the awesome cake made by Jest Desserts! Pat and Jack Horvath represented the USO when SGT Mason Mackrell, MG Tom Carden, MSgt Bradley Ledford did the honors and "cut the cake!"





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The Military Family Support Branch 2020 Tammy S. McEver Christmas Assistance Program (CAP)



The Georgia National Guard Military Family Support Branch offers Christmas Assistance to those in need of a little extra help with holiday gifts. The Christmas Assistance Program is intended to supplement Families with gifts for dependent children ages 0-15. This program is made possible through the generosity of community organizations and military supporters.

IN MEMORY OF TAMMY McEVER. Tammy was the heart of the Georgia National Guard's Family Programs for many years. She is greatly missed and will always remain in our thoughts and prayers.



This is what the CAP 2020 Team looks like! Lots of elves checking their lists and getting it right!



BIG THANK YOU to Country Club of the South, TEAM Melissa and many more who support this effort year after year! Generous gifts, gift cards and CAP donations make a difference to Georgia National Guard Members needing some extra help for their families during the Holidays



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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DONORS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY SUPPORT FOUNDATION, INC.! We know you have many choices for your gift-giving dollars and the fact that you chose the Foundation is greatly appreciated by all of us as we continue our efforts to provide emergency relief assistance to the Soldiers and Airmen of the Georgia National Guard when faced with financial hardships.

For calendar year 2020, the Foundation approved 92 applications (87 Grants and 5 short term, interest-free Loans) to our military families in the total amount of \$82,555.00. This brought our cumulative totals to more than 3,553 Grants and Loans and over \$ 3,093,809.00 in emergency relief assistance since 2004. We received contributions in the amount of \$178,478.00 from the following generous donors:

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM:	
AMAZON SMILE	276.00
ASSAULT ON KENNESAW MOUNTAIN 5K	8,000.00
ATLANTA FALCONS TICKET SALES	2,950.00
BARBARA BLUE CHARITABLE GIFT	3,000.00
BENEVITY GIVING PLATFORM [Morgan Stanley]	1,357.00
BURNS & MCDONNELL FOUNDATION	5,000.00
CFC-COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN	1,368.00
COBB COUNTY FRIENDSHIP CLUB	1,000.00
CRAIG HUNTER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT	5,000.00
DUE WEST UMC CHURCH	450.00
GA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/PENLEY 'FREEDOM' PRINT	20.00
GA DEPT OF REVENUE TAX CHECK-OFF	61,043.00
GEORGIA GIVES DAY	3,440.00
HONOR OF Col (Ret) DAN ZACHMAN, GAANG	1000.00
HONOR OF COL (Ret) MIKE MADDOX, GAARNG	300.00
HONOR OF GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD	700.00
HORVATH, JACK AND PAT	8,000.00
INDIAN HILLS CC PRO MEMBER GOLF	798.00
INDIVIDUALS	460.00
JACK C GRIFFIS CHARITABLE GIFT	3,000.00
JOACHIM P FERRERO FAMILY	3,700.00
KELLY LOEFFLER CONTRIBUTION	3,800.00
KPMG U.S. FOUNDATION BY ALEXANDER COLONNA	500.00
KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS	55.00
LANCASTER, WAYNE & MIRIAM GIVING FUND	500.00
LOCKHEED MARTIN	10,000.00
MARIETTA ROTARY FOUNDATION FUND	100.00
MEMORY OF CLAUDE GRICE	500.00
MEMORY OF ERIC JAMES MERCER	250.00
MEMORY OF JANE RAY TAYLOR	100.00
MEMORY OF LOUISE ALEXANDER	100.00
MEMORY OF WILLIAM F. FRIX, JR.	300.00
NETWORK FOR GOOD FACEBOOK	635.00
OFFICER CANDIDATE CLASS 59	3,000.00



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RATCLIFFE FAMILY GIFT FUND	1,000.00
RED WHITE & YOU DIRECT DEPOSIT	2,650.00
RED WHITE & YOU PARTNER	37,680.00
STATE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN (SCCP)	472.00
U S MILITARY VETS MC GA 5	3,000.00
VETERANS DAY SHINDIG	115.00
VININGS BANK EMPLOYEES FOR CHARITY	500.00
WEBSITE-GEORGIAGUARDFAMILY.ORG	2,359.00
TOTAL INDIV/BUSINESS CONTRIBUTION	\$178,478.00

Sampling of Appreciation Comments from 2020:

January 29, 2020

Thank you so much. This will help my situation a lot. I will definitely make contributions to the Foundation in the future.

February 4, 2020

Thank you so much Ms .Harriet. Truly a life saver.

February 12, 2020

Thank you. I really appreciate the help and I will send the receipt and contact the financial advisor like we discussed yesterday.

February 25, 2020

Mrs. Morgan thank you for your assistance and please send our sincere thanks to the Board for their support.

March 4, 2020

Email good here ma'am, but I retired (just in finalizing a couple of things). I do want you to know it's been an honor working with you. During my short tenure, I have seen the Foundation really help several people out of situations that would have created major problems and the stress that goes along with it. Please go in each day knowing the wonderful impact you have on others' lives. Take care ma'am. V/r ANTHONY POPE, AFC®, GA ANG

July 28, 2020

Thank you so much. The grant posted to my account this morning. I cannot express the gratitude I have right now. Thank you.

September 2, 2020

This is a huge help not only to our Soldier, but to our larger effort to support the state/country in this critical time. Thank you, 2LT Mulrow

October 9, 2020

Thank you very much, this helps me so much. I am very grateful.

October 21, 2020

Thank you all so much. I greatly appreciate the help during this time of need.

November 4, 2020

I truly appreciate your assistance.

Prepared by: Harriet Morgan, Program Manager