

The American Legion Department of North Carolina, Charities Inc.

The American Legion Department of, North Carolina, Charities Inc. (ALNC Charities - "Charities".) is a 501 C3 nonprofit organization. The purpose of Charities is to supplement the great work of The American Legion, Department of Carolina in respect to veteran services, children and youth and other non -profit support of The American Legion, DEPARTMENT, North Carolina.

Also, American Legion Posts who qualify as a 501C (19), who have completed all documentations as required by the Board Directors of Charities, have filed all proper documentation with the IRS, including yearly taxes, and are properly incorporated with the Secretary State of NC, may use the office of Charities for solicitation.

Many Legion Posts have qualified and have received donations from corporations and individuals that they could not receive as a 501c (19) organization.

Last year Charities gave away over \$80,000 more than it received from donations and income. Those funds were for veteran services, scholarships, and to pay for certain programs of the Department of North Carolina that are not funded.

The funding for charities comes from a few individuals, certain posts, and a few corporations. Last year charities provided funds to the department for its programs in the amount of \$89,974.55. All was used to supplement our programs and assist in Veteran Services. Another \$37, 000 was direct contributions to Posts from donations received specifically for those posts.

Currently the annual interest income for the Charities account is around \$17,000. Currently, we have \$ \$342,216, in the Charities account.

So you can see, Charities has supplied more funds than the interest made, and last year, more funds than the total amount of funds received from gifts etc.

It is important and imperative that the programs who are being funded through charities, start obtaining funds to assist their programs. Those committee members must be reliant! Those members of those committees may use Charities to solicit funds. The Board will Assist them, but committees must be economically responsible.

More on this subject will be presented at the DEC meeting for a better understanding of our Charities. Also, we will start passing the hat every meeting for contributions to our Charities.

At the April DFC budget meeting, the Charities Board also met. The members of the Charities Board made a total contribution of over \$1,000 to the corpus of Charities. That contribution was made by 12, of which 3 were not members of the board. Think about that! Twelve gave \$1,000.

Many want Charities to provide funds for the programs they are responsible for; but they don't give or obtain donations - funds to Charities. That has to end!

So, we will start asking committees to be financial responsible and when requesting funds from charities, a key aspect will be if the committee members are soliciting funds for their program or are providing donations to charities for their program they represent.

With only \$17, 000 in interest per year and another \$ 5,000 to \$10,000 (plus or minus) donations per year, the board only has so much money to give away.

We have gone into the corpus to assist the committees and departments. However, the board will have to review these requests again, and the board may only be able to provide support and funds from the interest and donations made during the year.

Your dues do not take care of these programs. Many programs like baseball and student trooper are self-sufficient and have been for years. but too many programs are not.

Thank You,

Gaither Keener, member of Charities