

THE UNITED STATES ARMY WAR COLLEGE

Military Family Program

Spouse Leave A Legacy Project

Goals and Objectives:

The Leave A Legacy Project is the official spouse's project for the United States Army War College's Military Family Program. LAL is a service-oriented, volunteer-based program which seeks to enrich the relationship between the military and civilian community in Carlisle, PA and surrounding areas by offering community service opportunities to spouses and family members of USAWC students throughout each school year.

The operation of the Leave A Legacy Project is much like a clearinghouse of talent and resources which affords participants a convenient way to partner their unique skills with the needs of those in the local community without spending a great deal of time assessing availability.

Who Can Participate:

Although Leave A Legacy is the US Army War College Spouse's Project, participation is not restricted to only spouses. Volunteer opportunities abound for all ages and abilities, and many are open to the entire family.

Selection Requirements For Organizations:

Organizations selected for participation with the Leave A Legacy Project must not conduct their operations in conflict with any legal or military regulations. Additionally, they must be a non-profit and service the needs of the local Carlisle and Cumberland County area.

How Many Hours Must Be Completed:

There is no set number of hours, nor schedule required for one to volunteer. Volunteers direct their own hours for as many, or as few, as their personal schedule allows. The hours and days worked are dictated by volunteer availability and organizational needs. Volunteer placement is decided upon based upon interest and skills. In some instances, internship hours and/or school credit is available.

Examples of On-Going Relationships:

Current volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to, helping with the local soup kitchen; homeless shelters; food banks; senior citizen centers; special-needs centers; medical foundations; job skills centers; the thrift store; after-school children's programs; and, providing life skills assistance to single-parent households and meals to shut-ins.

How Volunteer Hours Are Counted:

Most of the volunteer hours worked via Leave A Legacy are accepted in the VMIS system under the auspices of the Military Family Program. With few exceptions, teenagers seeking volunteer hours for schools and clubs are also able to claim their documented hours.

Previous Barracks-Wide LAL Projects:

Angel Tree Gift Sorting for In-Need Children
Legacy Holiday Bike Assembly
Have A Heart Coat and Blanket Drive
Legacy Toiletry Drive for the Homeless
My Brother's Table Meal Service

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