

## OUR PURPOSE

Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is a national, non-profit, lay-led organization that was formed to raise funds and award grants for sharing Christian fellowship and support with military men and women and their loved ones.

LMSG is made up of more than 350 congregations and many individuals who are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Formed by veterans in 2015, LMSG has approved grants that contributed thousands of dollars toward local congregations to support and thank military men, women and their families.



## SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY

LMSG provides financial support to programs that share the Gospel with all military members, active and no longer in uniform, through local congregations and WELS Military Services.

Since our formation in 2015, LMSG has carried out its mission by donating more than \$100,000 to the following:

- WELS European Civilian Chaplaincy
- Grants to local congregations for events/recognitions/family support
- Special church services for military members serving in Guam
- Blue Star Mothers to assist those on active duty and their families
- Worldwide, Lutheran Armed Forces Network broadcasts and advertising
- Annual Military Contact Pastor Conference for ELS/WELS pastoral participation
- 10 Chaplain Certification Scholarships to military WELS National Civilian Chaplain's Office for visits to bases and military contact pastors
- "Member Assistance Program" counseling for military personnel
- Selected Synodical missions to strengthen their ministries to the military families stationed in and around nearby bases
- LMSG website and Facebook page enhancements to support on-going communication

## YOUR INVOLVEMENT ADVANCES OUR WORK

There are a variety of ways to get involved with LMSG . . . whether you are a veteran or someone who has never served.

- Pray for our troops.
- Submit contact information for active duty military member(s) at [www.wels.net/refer](http://www.wels.net/refer).
- Recognize veterans in your congregation at least once a year.
- Learn more about what LMSG is doing to serve veterans and their loved ones by visiting our website, [www.lutheranmilitary.org](http://www.lutheranmilitary.org).
- Become a congregational liaison and be the communication link between the national board and your local congregation. Liaisons should be veterans.
- Form an LMSG-local chapter within your ELS/WELS congregation for the purpose of connecting with military members in your community. ELS/WELS members can join a chapter and need not have prior military service.
- Donate today and help LMSG continue growing our support for the active duty military, our veterans and their loved ones.

