

Major League Baseball has a long-standing tradition to honor and support service men and women, and the families that sacrifice in order to serve our country. For the 2023 season, MLB Charities has committed over \$1 million in cash and in-kind donations to support the following military focused pillars: DE&I, Families & Youth, Mental Health, and support of Veterans.

## DE&I - Advancing Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion within the military community

Blue Star Families (BSF) was founded by military spouses in 2009 to strengthen military families by connecting them with their neighbors – individuals and organizations – to create vibrant communities of mutual support. MLBC funds will go to support BSF's Campaign For Inclusion program which addresses the service experiences inequities military families of color face and their Nourish the Service program which addresses food insecurity in military and veteran families.

<u>USA Patriots Amputee Softball Team</u> (USA Patriots) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to bring athletic and like-minded veteran amputees together to promote the benefits of inclusive sport and therapeutic recreational activities, to inspire and motivate communities of people, to support children with physical challenges, and to operate as a vehicle that offers national opportunities for continued service to our country. MLBC funds will go to support the mission of USA Patriots.

### Families & Youth - Enhancing the lives of military families and youth

<u>Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors</u> (TAPS) is a national nonprofit organization providing compassionate care and comprehensive resources for all those grieving the death of a military or veteran loved one. Since 1994, TAPS has provided comfort and hope 24/7 through a national peer support network and connection to grief resources, all at no cost to surviving families and loved ones. TAPS provides a variety of programs to survivors nationally and worldwide. TAPS also conducts regional survivor seminars for adults and youth programs at locations across the country, as well as retreats and expeditions around the world. MLBC funds will go to support the mission of TAPS.

# Mental Health- Support of mental health care and psychological resilience programs for active-duty military, veterans, and military families

<u>Wounded Warrior Project</u> (WWP) Through interactive programs, rehabilitative retreats, and professional services, WWP helps veterans suffering from the invisible wounds of service build resilience to help overcome mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) and more. MLBC funds will go to support the WWP Talk program providing telephonic emotional support sessions to warriors in need.

## <u>Support of Veterans - Transition services that address workforce development and/or aim to eliminate veteran homelessness</u>

<u>Code of Support Foundation</u> was established in 2010 by Major General (RET) Alan B. Salisbury with a goal to bridge the growing divide of understanding and engagement between our military and civilian communities. MLBC funds will go to support the foundation's *PATRIOTlink®* program, a cloud-based research solution which enables service members and VSOs to efficiently identify and effectively utilize all resources to fulfill veteran families' needs.

The Mission Continues is a national nonprofit organization that empowers veterans who are adjusting to life at home to find purpose through community impact. Operations in cities across the country deploy veteran volunteers alongside nonprofit partners and community leaders to solve some of the most challenging issues facing our communities. Through six-month service fellowships, veterans build new skills and networks that help them successfully reintegrate to life after the military while making long-term, sustainable transformations in communities and inspiring future generations to serve. MLB funds will go to support the mission of The Mission Continues.

American Corporate Partners (ACP) is focused on helping returning veterans and active-duty spouses find their next careers through one-on-one mentoring, networking and online career advice. ACP engages interested volunteers in a unique opportunity to provide career guidance to returning military as they transition back into civilian life. ACP believes that the biggest issue facing returning service members is not unemployment – it's underemployment, and it focuses on helping veterans and active-duty spouses find meaningful employment opportunities and develop long-term careers. MLB will continue its mentorship program with ACP to assist servicemembers in their transitions into the workplace.



## **In-person Experiences**

Youth from TAPS families will once again participate in a clinic on the showcase diamond at Play Ball Park during MLB All-Star Week. Play Ball Park is an interactive baseball experience opening for four days in the host city as part of MLB's All-Star festivities.

<u>Club Military Community Grants</u>
For the 2023 season, each Major League Club will receive \$20,000 which may be used to support an organization, event, or initiative in their local market, further strengthening MLB's overall support of the military.