

VFW Foundation Announces Grant to Michael G. Reagan Portrait Foundation for Fallen Heroes Project

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation is pleased to announce it will award a \$25,000 grant to the Michael G. Reagan Portrait Foundation on Feb. 8 at 12:30 p.m. VFW Department of Washington Commander Krist Huseby will officiate a formal check presentation from the VFW Foundation to Michael Reagan in an open-to-the-public ceremony at the Snohomish County Senior Center in Edmonds, Wash.

Reagan is an internationally-recognized artist who over the last three decades has been commissioned to draw portraits of numerous celebrities, professional athletes, U.S. presidents and other heads of state. For the last several years Reagan has volunteered his talents and dedicated his life to drawing portraits of America's fallen military heroes. He has created more than 3,100 original hand-drawn renditions that are provided free-of-charge to the families of all U.S. service members killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. During this time he has invested over 3,500 hours annually and incurred numerous expenses without taking a salary.

"Our organization is incredibly proud to assist such a patriotic and selfless individual like Mr. Reagan. Through his art he has helped improve the spirits of military families who find solace in the beauty of his work and in the dignified compassion he shows in remembrance of their loved ones," said Allen F. Kent, VFW Adjutant General and VFW Foundation Board President.

Reagan is a Vietnam veteran and member of VFW Post 8870 in Edmonds, Wash. He received the VFW's Commander-in-Chief Gold Medal of Merit Award in 2009.

About Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation is the official charity of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, America's oldest and largest organization for combat veterans. Our mission is to support programs and services that secure, manage and distribute resources to improve the lives of veterans, military service personnel, their families and the communities where they live. This outreach includes financial assistance to military families

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in urgent need, regular phone calls for U.S. troops overseas such as those serving in Afghanistan, morale boosting “welcome home,” “send-off” and VIP treatment at sporting and entertainment events for military units, and help for veterans in their often difficult VA entitlement cases for injuries incurred while in active duty. These programs and services are provided at no cost to the recipients and no VFW membership is required. The VFW Foundation is one of the nation’s highest rated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. For more information, please visit www.vfwfoundation.org

About the Michael G. Reagan Portrait Foundation

The mission of the Michael G. Reagan Foundation is to honor America’s Fallen Heroes for their ultimate sacrifice protecting our freedoms. The Foundation provides the financial resources through the collection of donations to produce and distribute to each family a hand-drawn portrait of their Fallen Hero, created by Mr. Reagan, free of charge. Each portrait is intended to show the fullness of the artist’s love and respect to these individuals and their families. Additional information on Mr. Reagan and his Foundation including a contribution option can be found at <http://www.fallenheroesproject.org/>