



Altruism inspires **Legacy Society** members' planned giving to the Gary Sinise Foundation. Since its debut on October 1, 2019, over \$64 million has been pledged through various instruments such as estate planning, a trust, will, or tax-deductible life insurance policy. Each contribution extends the lifespan of the foundation and its mission.

Legacy Society members hail from coast to coast. A sizeable majority have either served in the U.S. Armed Forces or come from a family with a lineage of military service. Taken together, their shared recognition of the sacrifice and service made by our defenders, veterans, first responders, and the families that stand by their side go to the heart of Legacy Society members' philanthropy.

In the spirit of gratitude, we thank the following donors for their charitable contribution to the Gary Sinise Foundation, whose generosity ensures resources and support, continue to reach our nation's heroes and their families for years to come.

**Roscoe and Angela Armstrong**

**Robert Dahl**

**George and Mary Athans**

**Patricia DeDonato**

**Mary Carole Baker**

**Jenna and Michael Devers –**

**Paul and Patricia Basar**

Michael Devers spent 12 years in the Army as a paratrooper assigned to the famed 82nd Airborne Division. His wife, Jenna, a real estate professional, channels the memory of her father's unsettling return home from Vietnam to an ungrateful country, to help local veterans and service members facing foreclosure on their homes. By joining the Gary Sinise Foundation Legacy Society, their planned gift will be utilized across all four programs of the Foundation.

**Michele Botts**

*Story here:* <https://bit.ly/3bd0cbl>

**Elmer and Lena Boyle**

**Jill and Craig Bunting**

**Sherry Chapman**

**George and Joyce Chase**

**David and Michelina de Wey**

**Holly and Patricia Chesnauskas –**

The life of West Point Hall of Famer Ralph Chesnauskas is being honored by his family with a planned gift to the Gary Sinise Foundation Legacy Society.

**James Barry Dooley and Kathy Jo Dooley**

*Story here:* <https://bit.ly/2YA3rCk>

**Lee Ericson**

**Claudia J. Fleming**

**Mark Florian**

**Al Frink**

**Eric Gerencser** – A lifetime commitment supporting the Gary Sinise Foundation is the connective tissue that bonds Legacy Society members with the mission of the Foundation: serving and honoring those in the armed forces, veterans, first responders, and their families. It's the philanthropic pathway retired Army Lt. Colonel and West Point graduate, Eric Gerencser took in his life.

*Story here:* <https://bit.ly/3rZOqqT>

**Michael Gill** – The war in Vietnam left a profound impact on Michael Gill, whose brother, Army specialist Kenneth Gill, was killed in action in Vietnam in 1970 during his second deployment. Michael's gift honors veterans from conflicts past and present.

*Story here:* <https://bit.ly/3pTPDhr>

**Howard Gillis II and Jennifer A. Gillis**

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**Beckie Greer**

**David and Maureen Griffith**

**William and Carolyn Grobl**

**Dava Guerin and Terry Bivens**

**Julie Guthrie** – Caring for veterans is at the heart of Julie Guthrie's charitable gift to the Gary Sinise Foundation. Building homes for severely injured veterans and supporting families of deceased service members buoyed her confidence in the foundation.

*Story here:* <https://bit.ly/2L5XDgA>

**David Hall**

**Thomas Halseth**

**Jan Hartford**

**Mark Haworth**

**William and Norma Hise**

**Dora Hong**

**Mike Jollay**

**Patricia Jones**

**Patricia Justice**

**Julie Kane** – The Vietnam War was personal for Julie Kane, a stewardess who flew with Trans International Airlines and Seaboard World Airlines from 1961-75. In honor of the boys, she and her flight crews shepherded to and from the war zone back home to the United States, and to support the nation's current veterans who have returned home from Iraq and Afghanistan, she pledged a generous gift to address their range of needs.

*Story here:* <https://bit.ly/3pTPDhr>

**Melinda S. King**

**Richard Konzen**

**Charles J. Kowalchuck and Jean Marie Julius**

**Ken Koza**

**Arnold F. Krause Jr. and Marcia A. Krause**

**Stefani Lavitt and Steve Hinea USMC Ret**

**Junell Lofthus** – Since first appearing at the National Memorial Day Concert in Washington D.C. in 2005, Gary Sinise has inspired many Americans to support the nation's heroes and their families. For Legacy Society member Junell Lofthus, her planned gift is personal.

*Story here:* <https://bit.ly/3rU0t94>

**Steven J. and Dixie L. Löser**

**Alice Lusk**

**Anne Maloney**

**Marjorie Maloney**

**Bill McHarg**

**Steven McKay**

**Pat McKechnie**

**Linda R. McKinney**

**Linda Merkel**

**Melanie and Kenneth Miller**

**Bryan Morse** – Ensuring the Gary Sinise Foundation can deliver year-round services to America's heroes and their families is at the heart of Bryan Morse's charitable gift.

*Story here:* <https://bit.ly/morselegacy>

**Andrea Mosher**

**Frances Mullane**

**Bucky Nickau**

**Joe and Kathy Parks**

**Dorothy M. Parrott**

**Dennis and Karen Phillips**

**Curt Posey**

**Richard M. Randall**

**Alfred Ritter**

**Margaret Robbins**

**Edgar Roberts**

**John and Shirley Rosatone**

**L. Ron Rowland**

**Mary Russell**

**Alan Schultz** – Supporting America's heroes and their families takes many forms of giving. For Alan Schultz, he shares how a tax-deductible life-insurance policy called, charitable life gifts, is an avenue to support the mission of the Gary Sinise Foundation.

*Story here:* <https://bit.ly/3q1NjFv>

**Lois Skinner**

**Diane and James Spilman**

**Michael W. Stemen**

**Shanda Taylor-Boyd**

**Lonnie Teper**

**Stephanie Turos**

**Katherine Urban**

**Richard and Pamela Van Lieu**

**Arnold and Kathy Veglahn**

**William and Norma Wright**

**Chris Yanek and Thom Ondrea –**

Thomas Ondrea, a Vietnam veteran, and his wife, Christine, pledged a portion of their estate to the Gary Sinise Foundation to honor their family's legacy of military service and ensure supportive programs and resources reach generations of veterans.

*Story here:* <https://bit.ly/3bn7jho>

**Loretta Zahn**

**Michele Zaleski**

**Barbara Zell**

**Neal and Ruth Zielaskowski**