

On behalf of American Legion Post 39, I am writing to respectfully request the support of the Williamson County Commissioners Court in the amount of \$100,000 to help restore and preserve our historic Legion Hall, ensuring its continued role as a vital resource for the veterans of Williamson County.

The American Legion Hall in Murphy Park has long served as a community recreational and service facility primarily dedicated to veterans and veteran-related public programs, rather than for private or commercial use. Our mission is to serve the veterans of Williamson County and their families through programs that promote rehabilitation, community service, and continued civic engagement.

Historically and moving forward, the facility has hosted and will host the following veteran-focused and community-benefit activities:

- Veteran Peer Support & Recovery Programs – Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings specifically designed for veterans in recovery.
- Educational and Youth Programs – Registration and coordination site for charity 5K races that raise funds for Boys State, Girls State, and scholarships supporting post-secondary education and vocational training for veterans and youth.
- Disaster Relief Training and Fundraising – Planned training and fundraising events for Team Rubicon, a veteran-led organization that mobilizes volunteers for disaster response, cleanup, and rebuilding efforts.
- Veteran Wellness and Mental Health Initiatives – Planned hosting location for Patrol Base Abbate, which provides veterans a space to form community, improve mental health, and rediscover purpose as a preventative measure against veteran suicide.
- Veteran Service Assistance and Outreach – Claims assistance, benefits navigation, and outreach coordination supporting veterans across Williamson County in conjunction with Williamson County Veterans Services.

While the Hall may occasionally host private gatherings, its primary use has always been for public and community purposes focused on veterans and their families. No commercial business activity or for-profit operations are or have been conducted by Post 39 at the facility.

Our historic Hall, located in Murphy Park in Taylor, serves as the hub for these programs. Unfortunately, we have been unable to provide these services at the Legion Hall since before Covid as the building now requires significant refurbishment to remain safe, accessible, and functional for the veterans who rely on it. We have been able to maintain most of our services to veterans using volunteer locations including members' homes.

A contribution of \$100,000 from Williamson County will directly support this restoration by defraying the cost of updated and efficient air conditioning systems which will cost approximately \$120,000 and ensure that Post 39 continues to provide vital services to the men and women who have honorably served our nation. This investment will allow us to expand our reach and strengthen the support network available to veterans across the County.

We are proud to carry forward the American Legion's mission of "Veterans Strengthening America." With your partnership, we can preserve this cornerstone of veteran support and ensure that the needs of Williamson County veterans are met for generations to come. Thank you for your leadership and your unwavering commitment to the veterans of Williamson County. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this request further.

V/r,

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