



LUKE CHAPTER MOAA

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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL TRANSMISSION

Military Officers Association of America
Ms. Amanda Centers
Vice President, Development
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Re: Final Report-Distribution of Community Foundation and Covid-19 Grant ---
Period Covered: October-December 2020
Ref: Initial Monthly Report dtd 17 August 2020; 3Q Report dtd 17 Oct 2020

Dear Ms. Centers and Ms. Culhane,

Luke Chapter, Military Officers Association of America (Luke Chapter) submits this Final Report to MOAA's Community Foundation. This consolidated report closes activity under the initial MOAA grant agreement dtd 1 May 2020, and the Covid-19 Grant Agreement dtd 27 May 2020. We are compliant with both Grant Agreements to the best of our knowledge.

Our program has grown by leaps and bounds. Grants from MOAA and Arizona Department of Veterans Services motivated more donations from our chapter members, leading to more charitable grants to veterans. More needy veterans got help they desperately need.

The MOAA Community Foundation Outreach grant of \$5,000 was received from MOAA's Community Foundation in May 2020. The second \$5,000 was received in mid-June for Covid-19 relief. Although separately issued, both grant agreements specify essentially the same purposes as we proposed, to provide veterans' relief of financial emergencies for personal, housing and household/food needs. In addition to the two MOAA grants, the Arizona Department of Veterans Services (ADVS) granted \$4,999 in July 2020. These three sources provided the basic grant pool for this fiscal year of \$14,999 in funds to be administered by Luke Chapter its Veterans Relief and Covid-19 Grant pool.

We supplemented these external grants with our own chapter resources. Luke Chapter MOAA Community Fund, Inc., is an IRS Section 501(c)(3) public charity and single-member subsidiary of Luke Chapter MOAA. Our Community Fund approved additional grants in recent Board meetings to supplement the MOAA and AZ grants. Our Community Fund authorized direct payment of 1) \$1,250 to Eugene Ramos who was nominated by (parent) Luke Chapter's Veterans Relief Grant Fund committee; 2) \$1,250 to provide food relief to eligible veterans and

active-duty members during the Thanksgiving holiday period; 3) \$1,177 for a future veteran grant applicant; and 4) \$7,500 for housing support to veteran Landon Smith who was nominated by parent Luke Chapter. Several Veterans' Relief Committee members also made personal donations to date of about \$908 to date paid directly to and on behalf of individual grant recipients, to help meet their needs above the chapter-granted funds.

Our program has processed sixteen veteran grant cases to date with grant awards made to fourteen applicants. Food donations and commissary gift cards were made to Luke Air Force Base airmen at Thanksgiving. Below is a summary of revenues and disbursements to date:

<u>Grant Sources and Donations</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MOAA Community Foundation	May 2020	Relieve veteran suffering	\$ 5,000.00
MOAA Community Found-Covid-19	June 2020	Relieve COVID-19 suffering	5,000.00
Arizona Dept Veteran Services	July 2020	Relieve veteran suffering	4,999.00
Carry-over of FY 2019 unspent funds	July 2020	Relieve veteran suffering	164.00
Luke Chapter Community Fund grants	Nov-Dec 2020	Relieve veteran suffering	11,177.00*
Member direct payments	June-Dec 2020	Relieve veteran suffering	<u>908.00**</u>
Total in grant pool (MOAA and other funds)			\$ 27,248.00

*Luke Chapter Community Fund (public charity) grants for direct expenditure to veterans

**Funds paid directly by Relief Fund Committee members to supplement grant pool funds

<u>Distribution of Grants</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Christian McMinn	13 June 20	Pay rent and late charge, car repair	1,254.24
James D. Miller III	28 June 20	Car payments, phone bills, food, etc.	900.00*
Eugenio (Gene) Ramos	30 June 20	Purchase batteries for solar system*	1,719.96**
Angel Martinez, Jr.	6 August 20	Emergency repairs to electrical wiring	1,000.00*
John Westfall	11 Aug 20	Pay back rent, furniture storage/moving	3,500.00*
Robert Van Gundy	28 Aug 20	Purchase food and living expenses	500.00
Roger Smith	27 Aug 20	Paid moving expenses for furniture	1,000.00**
Aaron Richards	24 Sept 20	Pay arrears in rent	1,000.00*
Rhonda Krugh	8 Oct 20	Pay for food, utilities and living	1,500.00
Tim Pickles	23 Oct 20	Pay arrears in rent	200.00*
Roberto Flores	25 Oct 20	Pay arrears in rent and for food	1,300.00*
Ryan Stratton	09 Oct 20	Pay for household needs for new apt	515.00
Arcelis Buchanan	13 Nov 20	Pay rent arrears to move into new apt	909.58
Luke AFB airmen and families	20 Nov 20	Comm Fund grant for food relief	1,250.00
Eugenio Ramos	30 Nov 20	Comm Fund grant to complete solar	1,250.00*
Landon Smith/Gila House Inc	12 Jan 21	Comm Fund grant to replace trailer	7,500.00*
Multiple recipients	July-Dec	Direct payments by members to/for vets	<u>908.00</u>
Total Expenditures			\$ <u>26,206.78</u>
Unexpended balance			\$1,041.22
Other available funds			<u>470.78</u>
Remaining budgeted funds from all sources			1,512.00

*Covid-19 related purpose; veteran reports job loss or inability to work due to Covid-19, health problems and other reasons.

**Luke Chapter members donated personal funds to supplement the grants to these veterans.

We completed four notable grant cases since our third quarter report, which are detailed in the enclosed Case Summary (Attachment A) and reflected in the enclosed photos. The grant of \$7,500 for the benefit of Landon Smith was paid to Gila House, Inc., an IRS 501(c)(3) public charity. This grant was made entirely with Luke Chapter Community Fund money and not from MOAA Community Foundation (see Case Summary, item #15).

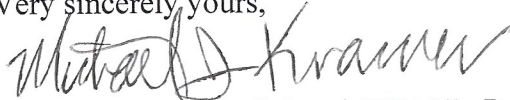
Of note since the last report, was our Thanksgiving Holiday food drive and related grant. For ten years, Luke Chapter has conducted a food collection drive in October-November of canned and packaged foods for distribution prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The program is called "Turkeys for Troops." Our beloved Chaplain, Rev Fannalou Guggisberg, has organized and supervised our chapter program through the years. Fannalou and other chapter volunteers worked cooperatively with the nearby Luke AFB Chaplain's Office and Luke AFB Base First Sergeants working group, and local food banks. The base First Sergeants develop a list of active-duty airmen (all ranks) who together with their families would most benefit from food distribution in kind. These folks were invited to come to the Chaplain's office on base and pick up canned and packaged food, a large turkey, and commissary cards while they lasted.

The COVID-19 epidemic prevented chapter meetings in person. Nonetheless, Luke Chapter members donated a record number of nearly 1000 cans and packages of food for distribution at Turkeys for Troops. In addition, our Luke Chapter Community Fund granted \$1,250 to purchase 50 commissary gift cards for distribution. We estimate this food support reached at least 250 active-duty airmen and family members, making their holiday a bit brighter.

Administration of the grant program continues to be challenging during the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, as detailed in prior reports. Everything takes more volunteer time and effort to accomplish. We have expanded funding well beyond the grant money provided by MOAA's Community Foundation and by the AZ Department of Veterans Services. Luke Chapter MOAA will continue its Veterans Relief Grant Fund long as our budgeted funds permit.

This completes the Final Report to MOAA for FY2020-21 Community Foundation grants. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Very sincerely yours,



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Cc: Luke Chapter Board of Directors
Attachment A: Organization and Case Summaries
Attachment B: Photos