

“Hollywood Goes To War” Exhibit a Huge Success!



Elliot Goldman of the National Leadership Foundation received a recognition plaque from VFW Foundation President Allen "Gunner" Kent and Secretary-Treasurer Larry Maher for providing military memorabilia for the “Hollywood Goes To War” exhibit. The exhibit included items from Clark Gable, Douglas MacArthur, Colin Powell, and Jimmy Carter among others. “Hollywood Goes to War” was on display in honor of May’s Military Appreciation Month at the VFW National Headquarters Museum in Kansas City and was open to the general public.

Legislation Creates New Planning Opportunity for Those with IRAs

Recent legislation offers a new opportunity for you if you are: Age 70 ½ or older, own an IRA, and regularly make charitable contributions. The new Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows you to make distributions directly from your IRA to one or more charities without the distributions being included in taxable income and subject to withholding.

Previously, if you wanted to use IRA funds for a charitable contribution, you had to withdraw money from your IRA and then contribute it. The amount you withdrew was taxable, and the deduction for the contribution may or may not have offset the tax. Another benefit of the new legislation is that the funds transferred from your IRA to a charity count towards your mandatory withdrawal.

These tax-free distributions can be made until December 31, 2007. If you would like more information about making a charitable contribution from an IRA, contact Mike Anderson at manderson@vfw.org or 816-968-2720.

Kansas City Convention VFW Foundation Events/Workshops

MOTORCYCLE RALLY

- Vander Clute Memorial Motorcycle Ride Rally Sat, August 18th at 12:30 PM at the Liberty Memorial

GRANTS WORKSHOP

- Tuesday, August 21st at 1:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 22nd at 7:00 AM

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR

- Tuesday, August 21st at 1:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 22nd at 7:00 AM

Macy’s “Shop For Cause” Day Set for October!

On Saturday, October 13, 2007, all Macy’s Department stores nationwide will hold a one-day unique savings extravaganza to benefit non-profit organizations.

During “Shop for a Cause” your VFW Department or Post can sell \$5 shopping passes to the event. Only customers with shopping passes will receive special discounts on a wide variety of store merchandise.

There is no cost to your Department/Post, and you will keep the full \$5 from every shopping pass that you sell. The more shopping passes you sell, the more money you receive!

Even though the event is several months away, it is suggested that you contact your closest local Macy’s store ASAP. You will need to fill out a short application form and you can begin to sell tickets immediately.

Memorial Motorcycle Ride to Convene in Kansas City

Sign up by July 1st for the Vander Clute Memorial Motorcycle Ride and be entered to win a 9”x 5.5” POW/MIA Rider Patch. ([Click here to see photo.](#)) Proceeds from this year’s ride are going to the [Fisher House](#). Registration deadline is July 31st. To register or for more information visit our website [VFW Motorcycle Ride](#) or email Jamie Moore at jmoore@vfw.org.