

RSF Foundation Leads Initiative for San Diego Military

“The human cost of the conflict in which our Nation finds itself engaged has been, and will continue to be, significant. The care of those who struggle and sacrifice on our behalf is a burden that the American people are obligated to bear”, says Rear Admiral Russ Penniman, a member of AFIG.

The Armed Forces Interest Group (AFIG) was established nearly one year ago, and is comprised of 30 people from the San Diego area who are committed to providing financial assistance to organizations who support local military personnel and their families, primarily Junior Enlisted and Veterans.

AFIG, an initiative of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation, is establishing a framework for a regional collaborative effort to provide on-going financial and volunteer support for the San Diego military community.

Four funds have been established at the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation. Their purpose is to acquire funds to address current needs through identified organizations and establish endowments for future needs.

The Wounded and Fallen Warriors Fund will provide financial assistance to military personnel from all branches of the service who have been wounded or killed in the line of duty. Grant distributions shall be made through the following organizations: Scripps Hospital Encinitas Traumatic Brain Injury Program, Freedom Alliance, Fisher House, Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund or other such organizations that may be designated by the Armed Forces Interest Group.

The Armed Services Family Support Fund— San Diego will provide financial assistance to San Diego County military personnel and their dependents from all branches of the service. Grant distributions shall be made through the following organizations: Camp Pendleton ASYMCA, ASYMCA San Diego, Military Outreach Ministry, USO San Diego or other such organizations that may be designated by the Armed Forces Interest Group.

The AFIG Fund for the USO has been established to benefit the USO-San Diego. For forty years, the USO-San Diego has been serving those who serve our nation. With two locations in San Diego—the USO Downtown Center and the Neil Ash Airport Center—more than 10,000 military pass through these centers annually. USO-San Diego receives no government funding or financial support from USO World Headquarters.

The **AFIG Discretionary Fund** has been established to provide immediate funds for discretionary requests.

100% of all donations to AFIG will go to assist our military. Donations of any amount will help us achieve our goal.

For more information, please go to the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation website – www.rsffoundation.org – or call Christy Wilson, Executive Director, at 858-756-6557.