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## Re: Annual Report on Support Our Troops Account Grants

This annual report is being submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over military and veterans' affairs in accordance with MN State 190.19, Subdivision 3.

The Adjutant General entered into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Military Family Foundation (MMFF) to administer these funds.

The MMFF received a total 204 grant requests for financial assistance to individuals during calendar year 2008. Of the 204 requests, 178 met the requirements of the statute and the grant agreement.

The total requested for these 178 eligible grants was \$341,318, but after applying the \$2000 cap, \$285,310 in Support Our Troops money was distributed. The remainder, \$56,008, was paid using foundation funds from private donations.

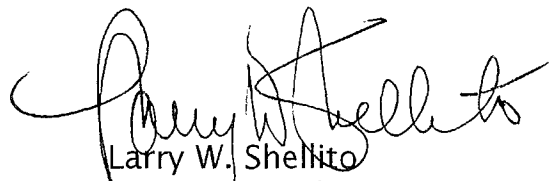
The grants were used for such emergency purposes as:

Mortgage/Rent	95
Vehicle Repair	14
Travel to Visit Injured Soldier/Funeral	8
Utilities/Fuel Oil Assistance	13
Counseling/Medical/Dental	5
Emergency Home/Appliance	12
General Bill Paying/Special Needs	<u>31</u>
Total Grants	178

Each request for assistance was validated by the MN National Guard Family Assistance Centers and was approved by board action at the MN Military Family Foundation. Requests generally are directed to the foundation once the local assistance mechanisms have been exhausted.

Many of the requests cover multiple issues. The requests are categorized by the most serious need. For example, mortgage payments also often include utility payments requests. Those are categorized as mortgage requests.

Sincerely,



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The Adjutant General