

Planned Giving FAQs

1. What are the benefits of a charitable bequest?

You can make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime, and keeps your assets under your control. You are always able to change your bequest if your circumstances change. Your bequest lets us know that you believe we will be serving military families far into the future.

2. How can I make a bequest to your organization on behalf of military families?

You can give a specific amount of money or an item of property, or give a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate after taxes, expenses, and specific bequests have been paid. You can tell us to use your bequest for a particular program or activity, or allow your bequest to be used for the needs and opportunities that are most relevant to military families when your gift is received.

3. When do I need to change my will?

If you already have a will, here are some everyday events that might cause you to change it: marriage or re-marriage; divorce or the death of a spouse; a new baby, step children or grandchildren; the death of named heirs; the sale of your house, a family business, or any asset that made up a large part of your estate; adjustments in distributions to your heirs to account for lifetime gifts, or the anticipated need of others for ongoing care after your death; interest in adding or changing a charitable beneficiary.

4. What is the exact bequest language should I use in my will?

The following is intended to help you in drafting a bequest that satisfies your individual interests. As you consult your attorney on the selection of appropriate wording to reflect your own goals and intentions regarding the National Military Family Association, be sure the organization's correct legal name appears in all final documents as:

- **Unrestricted Gift:** A gift that can be used where need is greatest
I give and devise to the National Military Family Association (Tax ID # 52-0899384) located in Alexandria, VA, the sum of \$(name amount here)* or (name asset here) to be used for its general support of military families.
- **Residuary Bequest:** Leaves any remainder after all other bequests have been paid
I give and devise to the National Military Family Association (Tax ID # 52-0899384) located in Alexandria, VA, (insert percentage amount) percent of the residue of my estate to be used for its general purposes.
- **Contingency Gift:** Takes effect only if a primary intention can't be met
In the event that (insert name) predeceases me, I give and devise his/her bequest or share to the National Military family Association, Alexandria, VA, to be used for its general purposes.

Although legal questions should be referred to an attorney, NMFA is willing to help with any questions you may have about our Association or giving opportunities. If you have questions, please call the NMFA Development Team at 703.931.6632 ext 140.