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TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT SUPPORTING LONE STAR LEGAL AID'S MILITARY & VETERANS UNIT
MONETARY GIFT HELPS FUND NEW MANAGING ATTORNEY'S SALARY

Lone Star Legal Aid (LSLA) has received a \$15,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation to facilitate the continued expansion of LSLA's Military and Veterans Unit (MVU). The newly expanded unit is increasing LSLA's capacity to provide holistic legal services to our men and women in uniform and their families. MVU is dedicated to improving the quality of life for service members and their families by assisting them with all aspects of civil legal assistance, including military benefits for service members and their surviving spouses, administrative procedures and litigation.

The Texas Bar Foundation's gift will support the salary and benefits of the recently-hired MVU Managing Attorney, David Leamon. Leamon joined LSLA in August 2014 and will lead the unit's efforts to serve more veterans and their families across LSLA's 72-county service area. A licensed attorney, graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and an Army veteran, Leamon supervises the daily operations of the unit while also handling a caseload of veteran-related matters.

In addition to hiring Mr. Leamon for the unit, LSLA hired two additional Staff Attorneys—one based in Houston and one to serve the Ft. Hood regional area. The MVU now consists of five attorneys, four of whom are veterans themselves (including the Directing Attorney overseeing the MVU); the fifth attorney interned with the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) in Germany while attending law school.

Veterans can apply for help by calling the Military & Veterans Unit Hotline at **1-844-400-VETS** (1-844-400-8387) or by email at VetHelp@lonestarlegal.org.

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Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$15 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably-funded bar foundation.

About Lone Star Legal Aid | www.LoneStarLegal.org

Founded in 1948, Lone Star Legal Aid is a United Way agency that acts as a safety net for at-risk Texans, providing free civil legal services to clients facing complex legal issues with no ability to afford a private attorney. Staff and volunteer attorneys work to protect the legal rights of low-income Texans in civil matters by providing advocacy, legal representation and community education. Headquartered in Houston, LSLA operates an additional 12 regional offices which cover one-third of the state, including 76 counties in the Eastern and Gulf Coast regions of Texas. Practice areas include veteran's issues (including health and disability benefits), domestic violence and child abuse, human trafficking, consumer fraud and predatory lending, elder care and exploitation, and disaster relief.