

LTC Michael J. "Bat" Masterson

# Veterans Relief Fund

A restricted charitable fund of The American Legion Art Semro Post 28 • Ephrata, Washington

**Established in 2025** to honor LTC Masterson's life and service, this restricted fund channels community generosity into **swift, practical support** for eligible veterans, service members, and their immediate families facing short-term financial hardship.

**Promise:** Act quickly. Protect dignity. Steward gifts with care.

*"When a veteran asks for help, the answer should be yes - and soon."*

## About the Fund

The Masterson Fund focuses on urgent, essential needs where modest help can make an outsized difference - keeping rent current, lights on, appointments reached, and dignified farewells afforded when needed.

**Governance:** Committee oversight • clear safeguards • regular reporting • donor transparency.

- Raised in Ephrata; Ephrata High School, 1955.
- U.S. Air Force pilot; Skyraider (Sandy) with the 602nd Special Operations Squadron.
- Missing in action on Oct. 13, 1968 over Laos.
- Recovered in 2005; identified in 2006 and accounted for as LTC Michael J. Masterson.

## How to Donate (Check)

**Donate today** - your contribution helps the Post respond quickly to urgent needs.

### 1) Payable to

The American Legion Art Semro Post 28  
(EIN 91-0526534)

### 2) Memo / designation

LTC Michael J. "Bat" Masterson  
Veterans Relief Fund  
(or 'Bat Masterson Veterans Relief Fund')

### 3) Mail or deliver to

The American Legion Art Semro Post 28  
276 8th Avenue NW  
PO Box 904  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Restricted Fund: Donations are used only for the purposes of the Fund.

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