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Founder and Donor

is the Federal Republic of Germany, which established us as a trust foundation in 2012 and provided us with an endowment fund of seven million euros.

In 2013, three million euros were added from the federal budget.

Since 31 July 2015, we have been a foundation with legal capacity under civil law.

Since 2017, the Federal Government has provided us with EUR 1.5 million per year in expendable funds.

Cooperation Partners

- von Rohdich'scher Legatenfonds
- Bundeswehr-Sozialwerk e.V.
- Bund Deutscher EinsatzVeteranen e.V.
- Förderverein zur Unterstützung der Arbeit mit Verehrten am Standort Warendorf e.V.
- Soldaten und Veteranen Stiftung



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We help
People

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We help

you, your relatives and surviving dependants

- if you **have suffered a health impairment caused by serving** in the Bundeswehr, the former NVA or in the Federal Defence Administration and if, as a result, you are facing **economic difficulties** (case of hardship)
- as well as in other specific cases

Applications processed so far have been from:

- Personnel injured by radar beams (56% of the applications)
- Personnel with deployment-related trauma (29% of the applications)
- Personnel suffering other duty-related health impairments (15% of the applications)

Our results*

- Since we were founded, applicants have been granted benefit payments amounting to more than **EUR 7 million**.
- Individual cases of needs-based benefit payments ranged from EUR 1,000 to more than EUR 50,000.
- 73% of all applicants received a positive reply and financial support.
- In accordance with the statutes of the foundation, these payments were made on a non-profit basis.

*As of: 31 January 2019

Organs of the Foundation

Board:

Chair:

Colonel (retd) Bernhard Gertz

Deputy Chair:

General (retd) Hans-Peter von Kirchbach

Member:

Prof. Dr. Viktor Meineke

Council:

Chair:

Sabine Bastek

Deputy Chair:

Surgeon General Dr. Bernd Mattiesen

Another 17 members, including nine members of the German Bundestag. The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Armed Forces is also represented.

Allocation Committee:

Chair:

Colonel (MC) Prof. Dr. Matthias Port

Deputy Chairs:

1. LtDVerwDir Peter Anders
2. ORR'in Anette Kötting

Other members from the Bundeswehr Social Services, the Bundeswehr Medical Service, representatives of the German Armed Forces, the Commissioner for PTSD, the Commissioner for Surviving Dependants' Affairs, Deutscher BundeswehrVerband e.V., Bund zur Unterstützung Radarstrahlengeschädigter e.V., Landschaftsverband Rheinland and Vertreter der Streitkräfte