



Americanism, Children & Youth

BY THE NUMBERS for 2023

American Legion Baseball

- For the 2023 season, **49,912** youth from **2,936** teams played American Legion Baseball (**1,802** senior teams and **1,134** junior teams), representing **50** American Legion departments and Canada.
- **1,152** players participated in the eight national regional tournaments, of which **144** went on to play in the American Legion World Series.
- **73,980** subscribers to the American Legion Baseball e-newsletter “The Dugout”.
- There are **86** American Legion Baseball program alumni enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Junior Shooting Sports

- **824** individual athletes entered the postal round competition;
- **123** shooting clubs entered the national postal round competition;

Boys State

- **12,470** participants in **50** Boys State programs.

Boys Nation

- **100** participants from **50** Boys State programs.

Scouting and The American Legion

- A total of **2,013** Scouting units were chartered by Legion Family across the nation, involving **36,003** young people and **18,868** adult leaders.
- The American Legion recognized **1,303 youth** with a certificate issued from the national level for achievements in Scouting programs (**1,102** Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout awards; **14** Boy Scouts of America Venturing Summit awards; **14** Boy Scouts of America Sea Scouts Quartermaster awards; **173** Girl Scouts USA Gold Awards).
- The American Legion awarded 10 Square Knot awards.

Youth Cadet Law Enforcement

- **22** American Legion departments have an established American Legion Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program.

Oratorical

- The 2022-2023 Consolidated Post Report indicates **948** oratorical contests conducted nationwide involving **2,341** youth contestants from **51** departments.

Youth Education

- **\$1,500,000*** in fundraising was amassed during National Commander Vincent J. Troiola’s Legacy Run year (1 October 2022 – 31 December 2023).
- 513 students were awarded a total of **\$1,997,862** in academic scholarships from the national level.
- The 2022-2023 Consolidated Post Report states that **18,547** students from throughout the nation were presented an American Legion School Award Medal.
- The 2022-2023 Consolidated Post Report states that **612** American Legion posts participated in the annual American Education Week.

Flag

- The 2022-2023 Consolidated Post Report indicates there were **4,715** Flag Day activities in local communities.
- There are **45,650** subscribers to the American Legion Flag Half-Staff Notification Alert service.

Get Out the Vote

- The 2022-2023 Consolidated Post Report reflects **1,467** Get Out the Vote activities conducted in communities throughout the nation.

Citizenship

- The 2022-2023 Consolidated Post Report reflects that **335** citizenship and naturalization activities were conducted in local communities throughout the nation.

God and Country

- The 2022-2023 Consolidated Post Report reflects **1,105** posts participating in the 2023 annual National Day of Prayer.

Four Chaplains Sunday

- The 2022-2023 Consolidated Post Report reflects that **1,614** activities were conducted in observance of Four Chaplains Sunday.

Legion Conferences

- **341** Legion family members attended the annual national Children and Youth and Combined Americanism Conferences virtually or in person, including the programs of American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical, Junior Shooting Sport, Children & Youth, and department chaplains.

Youth Welfare and Safety

- The 2022-2023 Consolidated Post Report reflects **8,513** activities promoting health and safety took place, while **8,512** activities were conducted for Halloween safety by Legion Posts nationwide.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF)

- **\$737,782*** was received in total CWF donations; of that, the Sons of The American Legion contributed **\$393,388***.
- In 2023, the CWF Board of Directors awarded **\$684,050** in grants to **4** non-profit organizations that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of children and youth.

American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF)

- **\$1,003,852*** was received in donations to the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation.
- The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation, doing business as the Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF), contributed **\$62,327*** to fund child & youth programs.

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

- **56** minor children of **22** veterans throughout **14** states received **\$29,030*** in non-repayable cash grant assistance from the national Temporary Financial Assistance program to help support those children's basic needs of shelter, utilities, food, and clothing.

(* Subject to final audit)