



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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LOUIS, MAY 9-10, 1919 · FEDERALLY CHARTERED BY CONGRESS SEPT. 16, 1919 · **FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION, MINNEAPOLIS, NOV. 11, 1919** · 685,000 MEMBERS JOIN IN FIRST EIGHT MONTHS · FIRST YOUTH RESOLUTION SUPPORTS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA · AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FOUNDED · DEDICATES TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY · LEADS ALLIED GENERALS IN U.S. VICTORY TOUR · CO-ESTABLISHES NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK · POPPY SELECTED AS OFFICIAL FLOWER · CONSOLIDATES MIX OF FEDERAL SERVICES INTO ONE VETERANS BUREAU · STARTS DISASTER RELIEF FUND · LEADS CONFERENCES TO DRAFT FIRST U.S. FLAG CODE · RAISES \$5 MILLION IN 1924 TO AID DISABLED VETERANS AND ORPHANS · AMERICAN LEGION “WHOLE CHILD PLAN” ADOPTED TO HELP CHILDREN OF VETERANS · AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL BEGINS PLAY IN SOUTH DAKOTA · OPERATES DOZENS OF ORPHANAGES AND CHILDREN’S HOMES NATIONWIDE · YONKERS, N.Y., WINS FIRST AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL WORLD SERIES · LEADS 1927 MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS · LOBBIES CONGRESS TO REPAIR HEALTH-CARE AND BENEFITS SYSTEM FOR VETERANS · GEORGE L. GILES POST 187 IN CHICAGO SPONSORS ORIGINAL HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS · FIGHTS TO CREATE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, 1930 · REJECTS ECONOMY ACT THAT WOULD SLASH VETERAN DISABILITY BENEFITS · CALLS FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO VETERAN BONUS MARCH ON WASHINGTON · SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IS FORMED · AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE IS BORN · 200,000 MARCH IN 18-HOUR 1937 NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE IN NEW YORK CITY · BABE RUTH IS COMMISSIONER OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL · CONGRESS PASSES U.S. FLAG CODE · PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER MAJ. GEN. HANFORD MACNIDER IS WOUNDED IN NEW GUINEA DURING WORLD WAR II · DRAFTS AND FIGHTS FOR PASSAGE OF THE SERVICEMEN’S READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1944, “THE GI BILL” · PUSHES PASSAGE OF VETERANS PREFERENCE HIRING ACT · AMERICAN LEGION CO-FOUNDER THEODORE ROOSEVELT JR. STORMS UTAH BEACH, LATER RECEIVES MEDAL OF HONOR FOR ACTIONS ON D-DAY · HARRY TRUMAN IS FIRST LEGIONNAIRE PRESIDENT · OMAHA, NEB., POST 1 RECORDS MEMBERSHIP OF MORE THAN 22,000 · VETERANS USING GI BILL DOUBLE U.S. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT NATIONWIDE · NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP HITS ALL-TIME HIGH OF 3.3 MILLION IN 1946 · HOSTS FIRST SALUTE TO HEROES INAUGURAL BALL IN 1953 AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER · U.S. PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, FOUR CABINET MEMBERS, SIX SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, 60 U.S. SENATORS AND 234 CONGRESSMEN ARE LEGIONNAIRES IN 1953 · LEGION BATTLE FOR UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING LEADS TO 1955 BILL ESTABLISHING U.S. RESERVE FORCES · FUTURE U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON PARTICIPATES IN AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE AND BOYS NATION · FUTURE U.S. AMBASSADOR ALAN KEYES OF TEXAS IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION AFTER WINNING THE NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST IN 1967 · DEMANDS VA RECOGNITION OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AS SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY · SPONSORS REPLICA OF LIBERTY BELL ON U.S. BICENTENNIAL FREEDOM TRAIN · CONTRIBUTES MORE FUNDS TO THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL THAN ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION · OFFICIALLY SUPPORTS VIETNAM WAR WOMEN’S MEMORIAL ON NATIONAL MALL · COLLABORATES WITH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TO PROVE AGENT ORANGE POISONED VIETNAM WAR VETERANS · STARTS NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM IN 1991 · LAUNCHES FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK TO HELP CHILDREN OF DEPLOYED SERVICEMEMBERS · KICKSTANDS UP FOR AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS IN GARDEN CITY, MICH. · ASSUMES \$5 MILLION SCHOLARSHIP FUND FROM SAMSUNG TO ASSIST CHILDREN OF U.S. VETERANS · POST 1291 IN NEW YORK’S CHINATOWN SERVES AS RELIEF CENTER FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS IN AFTERMATH OF 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS · ESTABLISHES LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR CHILDREN OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO LOST LIVES ON OR AFTER 9/11 · LEADS SYSTEM WORTH SAVING PROGRAM TO IMPROVE VA HEALTH CARE ACCESS · RAISES MORE FUNDS THAN ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION FOR NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL · FIGHTS TO KEEP VA MEDICAL CENTERS FROM CLOSING AFTER CARES REPORT IS ISSUED · CONVERTS POSTS INTO CLINICS AND EMERGENCY SHELTERS DURING HURRICANE KATRINA · PASSES RESOLUTION 169 TO SUPPORT THE WARRIORS AND THEIR MISSION IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR · LAUNCHES OPERATION LANDSTUHL, LATER RENAMED OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS, TO PROVIDE ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR RECOVERING SERVICE MEMBERS · AMERICAN LEGION BURNPIT BLOG SITE RAISES OVER \$250,000 TO REPLACE SOLDIERS’ BELONGINGS DESTROYED IN AMBUSH AT COP KEATING, AFGHANISTAN · WORKS WITH CONGRESS TO DRAFT AND ENACT POST-9/11 GI BILL · SHELBY, N.C., BECOMES PERMANENT HOME OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL WORLD SERIES · OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS WINS \$250,000 TOP PRIZE IN PEPSI’S NATIONAL ONLINE “REFRESH EVERYTHING” COMPETITION · AMERICAN LEGION PTSD-TBI COMMITTEE CALLS FOR RESEARCH INTO ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES · 2014 LEGACY RUN PASSES \$1 MILION IN SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS FOR FIRST TIME · DEMANDS ACCOUNTABILITY, RESIGNATIONS OF TOP OFFICIALS AMID VA SCANDAL · YOUTH CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM LAUNCHED NATIONWIDE · AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS CRISIS COMMAND AND BENEFITS CENTERS HELP THOUSANDS · NUMBER OF LEGION RIDERS CHAPTERS EXCEEDS 2,100 · HARRY W. COLMERY VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2017 IS PASSED · DENISE ROHAN OF WISCONSIN IS ELECTED FIRST FEMALE NATIONAL COMMANDER · **100TH AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION, MINNEAPOLIS**

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