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TROOP SUPPORT

Dr. Peter Trzop, commander of Post 121 in Bardstown, Ky., speaks to troops in Djibouti about the Legion. Photo courtesy of Peter Trzop

LEGIONNAIRES VISIT U.S. TROOPS IN AFRICA

Kentucky Legionnaires bring The American Legion's message to troops in Djibouti.

By Amy Taylor and The American Legion

Four Kentucky Legionnaires and a chaplain traveled 9,000 miles to Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa, in April to educate U.S. troops on how The American Legion can assist them now and when they return home.

"I just believe you've got to go where the troops are," said Dr. Peter Trzop, team leader and commander of Post 121 in Bardstown, Ky. "Then, when they hear about The American Legion down the road, there's a pretty good chance they've got a good memory of us."

The Kentucky National Guard 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery Charlie Battery was briefed on Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and health care, American Legion membership, and the Legion's Family Support Network and Temporary Financial Assistance programs.

Preparation for the deployment to Africa began in April 2012 when Trzop had the idea that "if we could meet with soldiers during their deployment, then a lot of the stress associated with leaving family and home

would be gone, and it would be a better time to have their full attention."

With Trzop's idea in mind, Post 121 immediately formed a relationship with Charlie Battery — the most highly decorated Guard unit in Kentucky. The post hosted picnics and Christmas parties for the troops and their families, and when Charlie Battery departed to Camp Atterbury in Indiana before deploying to Africa, Legion Riders escorted the troops the entire 150 miles on motorcycles.

Post 121 has been "a huge blessing to our unit," said Charlie Battery Commander Capt. Aaron Vansickle during an interview with Capt. Daniel Van Horn with Charlie Battery. "To have them fly halfway around the world to visit and talk to our soldiers demonstrates the level of support they have for us and our families."

Trzop began preparing for the overseas deployment in July 2012 once he received approval and support from Vansickle. Trzop

NEWS ALERT

Follow National Convention coverage on the web

Stories, videos and photos surrounding the 95th National Convention in Houston, Aug. 23-29, will be available for Legion Family members to view. Follow the coverage:

🌐 www.legion.org/convention
🌐 www.facebook.com/TheAmericanLegionNationalConvention

Adhere to IRS rules

The IRS requires American Legion posts to maintain dates of service and character of service records for all members. The penalty for not having the required proof of eligibility can be \$1,000 per day. References to social members do not apply.

Review Veterans' Organizations 4.76.26:

🌐 www.irs.gov/irm/part4/irm_04-076-026.html

Download 'Get Out The Vote' booklet

The American Legion's updated "Get Out The Vote" booklet aids Legionnaires on ways to encourage U.S. citizens of legal age to exercise their right to vote and how to run a successful voting campaign. Download the booklet online:

🌐 www.legion.org/publications

Register for national youth conferences

Children & Youth Conference, Sept. 20-22: 🌐 www.legion.org/cyconference

Americanism Conference, Sept. 27-29: 🌐 www.legion.org/cacregistration

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

They were veterans first



James E. Koutz
National Commander

When members of The American Legion Family see a need, they answer. That's why, when I announced during the 94th National Convention in Indianapolis that Operation Comfort Warriors would serve as my primary fundraiser, I never once doubted the Legion Family's inability to reach my initial \$500,000 goal. And I was right.

By May 1, OCW donations surpassed \$500,000 so I raised the bar higher to \$750,000. And as we head toward the 95th National Convention in Houston, OCW donations total more than \$660,000.

I have had the honor to personally deliver OCW requested items to warrior transition units at Fort Jackson, S.C., and to Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga. I too had a picnic with more than 240 wounded troops at Walter Reed Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. When I left there I wanted to cry because 80 percent of them were missing legs or arms or had severe head injuries — that's the kind of war we are fighting today. And that's why OCW is so important; we need to take care of the men and women that are protecting us every day.

I also have visited many posts to personally accept OCW donations. And in late July, I received a unique request. Post 555 at the Miami Correctional Facility in Indiana wanted to donate \$1,000 to OCW and asked if I would accept the donation in person. I was asked by many fellow Legionnaires, "Why would you want to have a Legion post in a prison?" My answer, "They were veterans first."

Nearly 20 Legionnaires from the Department of Indiana visited the 65 members of Post 555 and ate dinner with them. They ran their Legion meeting by the book, and their color guard was one of the best I've seen. I handed out OCW pins to all post members, and I signed autographs.

The inmates work for state prison pay — 12 to 20 cents an hour — and members of Post 555 have donated more than \$19,000 over the past three years to their community. Yes, these men are incarcerated, but they are veterans who were proud to serve their country and are now proud to serve their community.

As my days as your national commander are coming to an end, I want to say thank you. Your donations to OCW have helped our wounded warriors as they recover from various physical injuries, illnesses and mental trauma that they suffered while defending our freedom. With the ongoing generosity of the Legion Family, we will be able to continue providing these comfort items that truly make a difference to our men and women who need our help.

Always remember my slogan, 'Every Day is Veterans Day.'

James E. "Jim" Koutz

AMERICANISM

Commander shows his adventurous side

The months of July and August are filled with The American Legion's national youth programs, and National Commander Jim Koutz has the opportunity to visit each one. On July 15, Koutz visited with nearly 40,000 Boy Scouts and unit leaders at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at its new location, the Summit Bechtel Family Reserve in West Virginia.

"(The jamboree was) really, really impressive," Koutz said. "It's no wonder the Legion takes such pride in our involvement with Scouting."

The commander was honored by Scout leadership as the first VIP to visit the new site, and he was given a tour of the water sports

lake, BMX biking course and the rock and boulder climbing area. Koutz also greeted volunteers manning a Legion promotion booth where he signed autographs and "recruited two new Legionnaires," he said.

During his stay, the commander found himself involved in an exhilarating 50 miles-per-hour glide down a 1,500-foot zip line. First, however, was a 30-minute climb to the launch tower atop one of the highest hills on the site.

"That was worse than marching through the jungle in Vietnam," Koutz said. "I'd do it (zip line) again right now if I didn't have to climb up that hill again."



Photo by Craig Roberts

FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

OCW goal: \$750,000



Operation Comfort Warriors is National Commander Jim Koutz's primary fundraising program. At the Spring Meetings, Koutz raised the goal to \$750,000. Donations go directly toward the purchase of comfort items for wounded warriors.

Donate: www.legion.org/ocw

NEF Commander's Challenge

American Legion department commanders are challenged to assist in fundraising efforts for the Legion's National Emergency Fund. The departments currently in first place for their respective membership categories include:

- Category 1 (100,000+): Florida
- Category 2 (65,000+): California
- Category 3 (40,000+): Maryland
- Category 4 (25,000+): Arizona
- Category 5 (10,000+): Mississippi
- Category 6 (9,999-): District of Columbia

www.legion.org/emergency/challenge

www.legion.org/scouting

NATIONAL ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

History repeats itself

Departments created a membership plan 50 years ago and saw a positive spike in membership.

By Daniel S. Wheeler

I want to share the following statement from a report given by The American Legion's National Membership & Post Activities Committee: "While we appreciate and recognize that 55,000 of our members die each year, and while the pool from which we can draw grows smaller and smaller, yet we are somewhat confused when we look at the situation and find that there are still some 20 million veterans eligible to belong to The American Legion. We in this organization enroll approximately one-eighth or 12 percent of the eligible's, and we feel as your M&PA committee that we are hardly inclined or are we moved to accept the figure and we ask ourselves why? Why do we continue to suffer an annual decrease in membership?"

The report is from 1964, which shows me that history repeats itself. Because here we are, nearly 50 years later, facing the same problems and having the same mission.

The report went on to identify the following membership issues:

- Decline in eligible members;
 - Lack of programs and activities within posts;
 - Lack of post participation in communities;
 - Lack of communication from posts, districts and departments about their struggles or needs;
 - Limited leadership training at all Legion levels; and
 - Inadequate membership filtration in most of urban centers
- And in most urban centers and some non-urban centers, there are not a sufficient number of posts that are strategically located to attract and hold the needed membership.

As a result of the committee's findings, they asked each department to develop a membership plan that would encourage a culture of growth and membership sustainment for another 50 years.

For the next decade, the Legion experienced a membership growth of more than 100,000 members because Legionnaires recognized the problems, and they had a plan to overcome them. Departments need to work their five-year membership plan



Canvassing door-to-door during a revitalization effort for Post 1451, Wheatfield, N.Y.

Photo by Amy C. Elliott

sincerely, positively and enthusiastically. And I'm confident that when we meet again next year, you will have stopped the slide in membership and started the climb. It starts with each one of us setting the example of being participants, not just spectators.

Additionally, when you engage new members, explain the great things that the Legion accomplishes for veterans, military personnel and their families because of its membership.

For example, discuss the claims backlog. The American Legion is helping to reduce the backlog by working with VA to interview claims processors, review claims files and identify best practices at each VA regional office. And, more than 2,600 Legion service officers are filing claims for veterans and helping them receive their benefits in a timely manner.

Also, talk about licensing and credentialing. The Legion has been lobbying on licensing and credentialing for 15 years, pushing for legislation that would allow military training and skills to fulfill requirements for professional certifications. Thanks to lobbying from national staff and Legionnaires within each department, the Legion has scored noteworthy victories in several states where credentialing legislation was introduced and passed, resulting in jobs for veterans.

Show new members what we are doing now and how we are continuing our legacy of improving the lives of America's veterans.

Reaching membership goal

What has your post done to reach 100 percent membership?

 www.legion.org/dispatch

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MEETINGS

New war movie to debut at convention

A private screening of “Approaching Midnight,” a movie about a young veteran returning from war who discovers corruption and death in his hometown, will be shown Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the George R. Brown Convention Center, General Assembly Theater, Level 3. Admission is free.

Sam Logan Khaleghi — whose family moved from Iran to Detroit when he was very young — wrote, acted, directed and produced the movie. He had nearly 60 Department of Michigan Legionnaires contribute to the 86-minute film as extras or consultants. In fact, Legionnaires wear their Legion uniforms during a scene involving the honor guard.

The catalyst of connecting the Legion with the filmmaker was movie-co-star Michelle Lynne Balser, the granddaughter of Staff Sgt. William Genette, who was a POW during World War II. Balser visited Oldenburg Post 216 in Milford, Mich., as a young girl.

“Approaching Midnight” will make its public world premiere Aug. 30 in Detroit. Part of the proceeds from that screening will be donated to Post 216. American Legion posts may purchase a copy of the film for one-time event screening as part of a fundraising effort.

www.montereymedia.com/approachingmidnight



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ASK A SERVICE OFFICER

New representation

Q. Can I change my representing organization while my claim is in process?

A. Yes, a claimant, claimant's guardian or VA fiduciary may terminate his or her relationship with an individual representative or a veterans service organization at any time by first informing VA. You may appoint a new representative by using VA forms 21-22 or 21-22a:

www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-22A-ARE.pdf

By appointing a new representative, the previous representative is revoked automatically. If you have not appointed a new representative, but want to move forward to revoke representation by your current power of attorney, then adhere to the following:

- Write a statement using VA form 21-4138 — www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/vba-21-4138-are.pdf — to indicate you no longer want to be represented by your current veterans service organization or individual.
- Submit a copy of the statement by mail or hand delivery to both VA and your current representative. If you mail the letter, receive a tracking receipt and signature.
- Keep a copy of the letter or statement for your records.

Any new representative will want to review your claim carefully to offer you the best guidance; this may take some time. Some veterans service organizations do not take representation when an appeal is active at the Board of Veterans Appeals, so don't wait to seek assistance. Please review all letters from VA carefully and take any required steps to preserve your rights.

Find an American Legion accredited service officer in your state: www.legend.org/serviceofficers

Have a claims question? Email it to: askso@legion.org

POST ACTIVITIES

Volunteer stories wanted

In 2012, more than 32,000 Legionnaires volunteered nearly 900,000 hours at VA medical centers, vet centers, nursing homes, community-based outpatient clinics, state veterans homes and other facilities where veterans receive care.

As a way to say “thank you,” The American Legion wants to hear about and promote the efforts of Legion volunteers and the impact they have.

Please help us make this happen. Visit www.legiontown.org and click “Share your story” to tell us:

- Where you volunteer;
- What type of volunteer work you do;
- How long you have been volunteering; and
- Why you volunteer.

You can also submit a volunteer story about a member in your post, district or department.

If you have not previously submitted a story on Legiontown, create an account and then click the “share” link. Afterward, select “volunteering” and enter your story and upload a photo if you have one.

Questions can be emailed to:
 dispatch@legion.org



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formed a team of Legionnaires who could "offer something of real value to the soldiers," he said. "We wanted to give them access to help they could get right now."

The team included service officer Anthony Noe and Jim Lish, both from Post 81 in Leitchfield; licensed medical massage therapist Pam Blain from Post 157 in Shepherdsville; and chaplain Doug Alexander from Bardstown. The team raised more than \$15,000 to cover their travel expenses from help statewide by Legion posts, community groups, businesses, individuals, Auxiliary units and other veterans service organizations. Meanwhile, Trzop tackled the paperwork needed to obtain clearances for the team to go to Djibouti.

When the team landed in Djibouti on April 2, Charlie Battery troops were there to greet them at the airport. "I (was) humbled by the outpouring of troops to greet us and thank us for caring enough to come and see them," Alexander said. "I can honestly say that they needed us just as much as we needed them."

Several briefings were conducted with the troops where Blain offered massages, Alexander provided chaplaincy services, Trzop discussed the Legion's support for them, and Lish and Noe outlined VA benefits.

"After the briefings, some of the troops just came up and hugged us," Lish said. "It almost made me tear up. They knew we were there for them."

Noe was also inspired by the military servicemembers desire to accept help, to learn about their military benefits and to be connected with home.

"We had a soldier come up with tears in his eyes," Noe said. "He told us how much it meant to him that we cared enough to



Left to right: Jim Lish, Doug Alexander, Anthony Noe, Pam Blain and Dr. Peter Trzop. Photo courtesy of Legion Overseas Deployment Team

raise our own money and take our time to come over and help them.

"And another soldier was losing his home while he was serving his country. We gave him information and different ways to save his home."

Together, the team signed up more than 125 new Legion members from 14 different states. "These people are the Legion's future," Blain said. "You could see it in their eyes — they got the message. They were so excited to see us. It felt so good to serve those who serve us."

Since the team has returned home, Trzop has been formulating a plan to train other teams to make similar journeys. "We've been talking about a possible Afghanistan or Jordan trip," he said. "And I can envision sending teams to fixed bases like those in England, Germany or Japan."

However, Alexander feels that no matter what happens in the future, the Legion's message will continue to be carried to the troops.

"Two organizations were transformed with this mission of better serving our veterans overseas," he said. "This vision will truly revolutionize how we take care of our soldiers."

www.legiondeploy.org

MEDIA

Keep updated on Legion news

The American Legion has a variety of free e-newsletters to keep veterans, military personnel and their families updated on job fairs, health-care benefits, Legion programs and more.

Subscribe to the following e-newsletters online: www.legion.org/newsletters

■ **Digital Dispatch.** The monthly email is aimed at department and post leadership and features stories on membership, post activities, awards and more.

■ **Legislative Update.** The email features information on key issues such as veterans health care and benefits, national security, education and career benefits, and flag protection. It also provides advance notice on Legion involvement in congressional hearings.

■ **Flag Alert.** An email notification is sent when the flag of the United States is to be displayed at half-staff.

■ **Veterans Career Center.** The email provides a list of military job fairs around the country, information on career resources, and updates on legislation that affects veterans employment or education benefits.

■ **Legion Riders.** The monthly email provides information on The American Legion Legacy Run, as well as links to external media stories on what Legion Rider chapters are doing across the country.

■ **Commander's Message.** The national commander sends out emails, usually twice monthly, about important Legion initiatives and programs, and items of general interest to the veterans community.

■ **Online Update.** The weekly email includes news stories, slide shows, video features, and advance notices that relate to veterans affairs, Legion programs and activities, and members of the Armed Forces.

■ **The Dugout.** The bi-monthly email keeps Legion Baseball coaches updated on registration information, famous alumni, news stories, Legion World Series news and more.

Did you know?

American Legion Emblem Sales now accepts the American Express credit card. <http://emblem.legion.org>

The American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis has hundreds of World War I and World War II recruiting posters throughout the building. View the posters online.

www.legion.org/posters

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Special workshops offered in Houston



Three American Legion career-building events and a digital media workshop will be held during the 95th National Convention in Houston. Each event is free of charge.

■ **Digital Media Workshop**, Aug. 26.

Posts, district and department webmasters, editors and public relations specialists will learn how to focus on membership promotion using the web and social media. This year's session is broken into three groups: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Participants can attend any or all of the breakout sessions.

Attendees will learn how to build awareness and improve communications at their post; build community and strengthen their post's brand identity through Facebook and Twitter; and learn how to use free online tools to collect membership dues.

Register for the workshop:

www.legion.org/convention/workshop

■ **Women's Small Business Workshop**, Aug. 26-27. The workshop is specifically designed to help women veterans identify opportunities, write business plans and launch their enterprises.

■ **Employment Transition Workshop**, Aug. 26-27. The workshop will include expert insights from companies such as General Electric, 1st Command Bank, Sallie Mae and Nextstar. They will provide training opportunities for jobs available at their companies.

■ **American Legion Empowering Conference Career & Benefits Fair**, Aug. 26-27. The event will provide veterans with information on how to obtain careers in a variety of industries and understand veterans employment benefits.

Register for the career events online:

www.legion.org/convention/economic/register

**DATELINE: CAPITOL HILL**

Appropriations bills approved by House, Senate



Brett P. Reistad,
Chairman, National
Legislative Commission

Congress is nearly finished with the preliminary work on the fiscal year (FY) 2014 appropriations bills. As of July 31, 10 appropriations measures have been approved by the House and Senate appropriations committees. A few highlights of spending measures acted upon are featured below.

Labor department. On July 11, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved **S. 1284**, the FY 2014 spending bill for the Departments of Labor (DoL), Health and Human Services and Education. The DoL budget contains funding for veterans' programs under the Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS). S. 1284 would provide a total of \$300.5 million for VETS programs, an increase of \$36.6 million above current year funding amounts. The major VETS accounts will be funded as follows:

- \$203.1 million for the Jobs for Veterans State Grants program, which is responsible for funding Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) representatives and Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs) in each state;
- \$41.8 million for federal administration costs;
- \$38.2 million for programs of the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program;
- \$14 million for the Transition Assistance Program; and
- \$3.4 million for the National Veterans' Service Training Institute, which is responsible for funding the state DVOPs and LVERs.

The House Appropriations Committee has not yet developed a companion measure to S. 1284.

Homeland security. On July 18, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of **H.R. 2217**, the FY 2014 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) spending measure. The House passed the legislation on June 6. The House bill would set DHS spending at \$38.9 billion, a decrease of \$618 million over last year's totals and \$35 million less than President Barack Obama's request. The Senate measure would allocate \$44.9 billion for DHS programs. Funding for programs of interest to The American Legion under these bills include:

- \$12.4 billion for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the Senate bill; \$12.7 billion in the House bill.
- \$10.1 billion for the U.S. Coast Guard in the Senate bill; \$9.7 billion in the House bill.
- \$7.3 billion for Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in the Senate bill; \$7.2 billion in the House bill.
- \$5.1 billion for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Senate bill; \$5.4 billion in the House bill.
- \$1.6 billion for the U.S. Secret Service in both bills.
- \$1.5 billion for state and local grant programs for "first responders" in both bills.
- \$821 million for U.S. Air Marshals (included under TSA) in both bills.
- \$259 million for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in both bills.

MEMBERSHIP

Recruit new members by just asking

Legionnaires who recruit 50 or more new members into The American Legion by the May membership target date qualify for the Legion's elite Gold Brigade Award. Daniel Dellinger, a 32-year member of Post 180 in Vienna, Va., and leading candidate for 2013-2014 national commander, is a Gold Brigadier.

"How did we become a Gold Brigadier? We did it all by just asking," Dellinger said. "'Just Ask' was the theme we (National Membership & Post Activities Committee) had back in 2001-2002, and in both years we had positive (membership) growth. It was a team effort because everybody bought into 'Just Ask.' And we can do it again."

"I promise you we will work hard together as a team this year to ensure that our membership goes up, and we have the best year ever for The American Legion."

Dellinger's professional background is in construction, and if he's elected to the Legion's top position during the upcoming National Convention in Houston, his slogan will be "Building for Tomorrow-Today."

"I build things, and that's what I want to do this year," he said. "Every department has a five-year membership plan, and now it's time to start building upon those plans."

Also, if Dellinger is elected as national commander, he will focus on revitalization efforts and Consolidated Post Reports (CPRs). To date, only about 57 percent of CPRs are being submitted; Dellinger is tasking commanders to get to 100 percent.

As of Aug. 4, the following departments achieved 100 percent



Photo by Tom Strattman

reporting: Florida, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Those department commanders will be recognized on stage in Houston with a plaque presented by National Commander Jim Koutz. And the following departments achieved 75 percent or higher reporting: Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Ohio.

"This year will be your legacy," Dellinger said. "What will your legacy be? I know you will do the best that you possibly can because our veterans and our communities depend upon us because we still serve America."

"And I promise you, if elected in Houston, that I will work as hard as I can to assist each and every one of you so you can have the greatest year you've ever had."

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES AND AWARDS

POST EXCELLENCE AWARD CONTINUES

The Post Excellence Award program honors posts that show excellence in membership participation, youth activities, community service, and support to veterans and U.S. troops.

Criteria

- **Membership.** Post membership must be at least one member more than the previous year. A post officer must attend district meetings.
- **Youth activities.** The post must sponsor and actively participate in at least one primary youth program: Boys State, Legion Baseball, the Oratorical Contest, Boy Scouts of America or Junior Shooting Sports.
- **Community service.** The post must organize a community service project that involves members of the Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion. A monetary donation may only be one part of a project.
- **Service to troops or veterans.** The post must organize a project supporting troops or veterans (for example, Family

Support Network or Operation Comfort Warriors), that involves members of the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL outside the post. A monetary donation may only be one part of a project.

Certification. District commanders must certify posts as having fulfilled the four specified criteria, and submit a list of the post's name, number, address and commander's name to department headquarters. If possible, accompany with copies of press releases submitted to local media that raise awareness for the projects and enhance the Legion's public image.

Awards. Each qualifying post, as well as district commanders whose districts have at least 50 percent of posts reach certification, will receive a certificate of recognition.

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MEMBERSHIP

Community awareness increases post membership

The 2012-2013 theme for American Legion Post 5 in Nashville, Tenn., was "Serving Veterans and the Community with Pride and Excellence." The post members showed their commitment to the theme by increasing membership through participation in community activities.

Post 5 increased membership 20 percent by setting up its Legion tent at high-traffic areas — grocery stores, career fairs, community picnics and social events. At each event, post members discussed membership benefits, assisted veterans with their benefits claims questions, and provided information on youth programs. Post 5 started the year with 1,000 members and ended with 1,240 members.

"The post has had a tremendous year with an increase in membership and accountability," said Charles Harrison, the 2012-2013 Post 5 commander. "However, the most gratifying experience for me as commander was our post participating in many activities and events serving our veterans and their families."

Post members provided assistance to homeless veterans, fundraised for the local Fishers House and Honor Flight program, participated in the local Veterans Day parade and Memorial Day events, brought fruit to veterans at Nashville's VA medical center and more.



PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

- 20 POW/MIA recognition day
- 20-22 National Children & Youth Conference, Indianapolis
- 27-29 National Americanism Conference, Indianapolis

OCTOBER

- 14-15 Commanders & Adjutants Conference, Indianapolis
- 14-17 National Executive Committee Fall Meetings, Indianapolis
- 26-Nov. 1 National American Legion College, Indianapolis

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calendar](http://www.legion.org/dispatch/calendar)