

AMERICANISM AND CHILDREN & YOUTH BY THE NUMBERS FOR 2019

American Legion Baseball (ALB)

- **54,225** youth came together to form **3,415** teams playing American Legion Baseball throughout the nation (2,121 senior teams and 1,294 junior teams).
- **1,152** players participated at the eight national regional tournaments of which **144** went on to play in the American Legion World Series.
- A total of **602,000** viewers watched the American Legion World Series on ESPNU.
- There were over **1.2 million** visits to Legion Baseball websites over June, July and August.
- American Legion Baseball social media accounts received over **1.26 million** impressions in July and August.
- **80,212** subscribers to The Dugout, the American Legion Baseball e-newsletter; an **increase of 15,823** subscribers from the previous year.
- There are **81** American Legion Baseball program alumni enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame; this is an **increase of two** additional players since last year.

Junior Shooting Sports

- **1,359** individual athletes entered the postal round competition; this is an **increase of seven** additional competitors from the previous year.
- **184** shooting clubs entered the national postal round competition; this is an **increase of 30** from the previous year.

Boys State

- **17,471** participants in 50 Boys State programs.

Scouting and The American Legion

- **3,430** youth were recognized by The American Legion with a certificate issued at the national level for achieving their Eagle Scout award in the Boy Scouts of America.
- **152** youth were recognized with a certificate issued at the national level for their achievement in the Venturing, Sea Scouts or Explorers programs of the Boy Scouts of America.
- **154** youth were recognized by The American Legion with a certificate issued at the national level for achieving the National Gold Award in Girls Scouts of the USA.
- **12** Legion Family members recognized with a Scouting Square Knot Award of The American Legion for their active involvement in The American Legion's Scouting programs.

Youth Cadet Law Enforcement

- **21** American Legion departments have an established Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program. The 2019 Consolidated Post Report indicated there were **6,790** youth involved; this is a reported **increase of 5,536** youth from the previous year.

Oratorical

- The 2019 Consolidated Post Report indicates there were **1,125** oratorical contests conducted across the nation involving **2,837** youth contestants.

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National Youth

- **3,400** youth were involved in national-level American Legion youth program events, tournaments, contests and activities.
- American Legion Baseball program information was exhibited at the national American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) to a combined total of **6,000** baseball coaches and industry leaders from throughout the nation.

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Youth Education

- **\$1,028,643*** in fundraising was amassed during National Commander Brett Reistad's Legacy Run year spanning Oct. 1, 2018 – Sept. 30, 2019.
- **264** students were awarded a total of **\$1,585,124** in academic scholarships at the national level.
- The 2019 Consolidated Post Report states that **24,699** students from throughout the nation were presented an American Legion School Award Medal; an **increase of 229** from last year.
- The 2019 Consolidated Post Report states that a total of **1,006** veterans across the nation visited school classrooms last year, providing a total of **20,185** local presentations.

Flag

- The 2019 Consolidated Post Report indicates there were **4,475** Flag Day activities; this is a reported **increase of 156** activities from the previous year.
- **49,584** subscribers to the American Legion Flag Half-Staff Notification Alert service.

Get Out The Vote

- The 2019 Consolidated Post Report reflects there were **1,520** Get Out The Vote activities conducted in communities throughout the country; this is an **increase of 20** activities from the previous year.

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Legion Conferences

- **416** Legion Family members attended the annual National Children & Youth Conference and Combined Americanism Conferences in Indianapolis that included the programs of American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical, Junior Shooting Sport, Children & Youth, as well as Scouting and department chaplains.

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Four Chaplains Sunday

- The 2019 Consolidated Post Report reflects that **1,466** activities were conducted in observance of Four Chaplains Sunday; this is an **increase of 49** activities from the previous year.

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Youth Welfare and Safety

- The 2019 Consolidated Post Report reflects that a total of **1,744** child health and safety activities were conducted throughout the nation; within that total **1,187** were Halloween safety activities.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF)

- **\$619,457*** was received in CWF donations; this is an **increase of \$57,404*** from the previous year. Of the 2019 grand total, **\$427,315*** was contributed by the Sons of The American Legion; this is an **increase of \$99,721*** from the previous year.
- In 2019 the CWF Board of Directors awarded **\$1,561,282*** in grants. Grants were awarded to **22** nonprofit organizations that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children and youth, and to **2,767** minor children of **1,539** U.S. Coast Guard servicemembers during the longest federal government shutdown in our nation's history. This reflects an **increase of \$794,52*** from the previous year.

American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF)

- **\$654,326*** was received in donations to the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation; this is an **increase of \$221,201*** from the previous year.
- The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation, doing business as the Veterans & Children Foundation, contributed **\$126,832*** for routine funding of the Temporary Financial Assistance program.

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

- **3,277** minor children of **1,777** veterans throughout **44** states received **\$1,141, 903*** in non-repayable cash grant assistance at the national level. Within those grand totals there were **2,767** minor children of **1,539** U.S. Coast Guard servicemembers who received nearly **\$1 million*** in cash grants during the longest federal government shutdown in our nation's history.
- Cash grants for U.S. Coast Guard families were made possible by generous donations of **\$250,000*** from American Legion Charities and **\$750,000*** from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Additionally, **\$75,000*** was contributed by the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and **\$126,832*** from the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation, dba the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, for routine annual funding of the Temporary Financial Assistance program.

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