



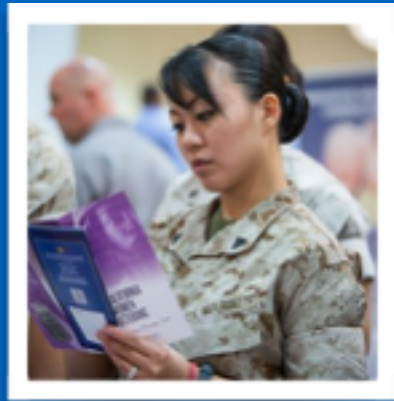
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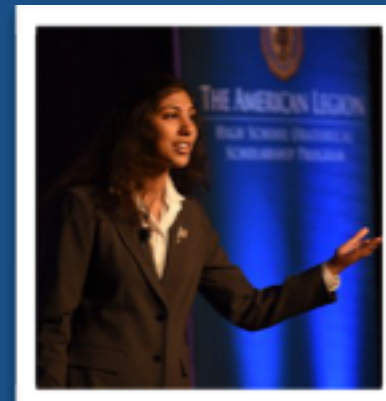
ABOUT THE LEGION

OUR PILLARS OF SERVICE



VETERANS

VA benefit and appeal assistance
Job and career guidance
Homeless outreach



YOUTH

Scholarships
Youth programs and competitions
Junior ROTC and Scouting sponsorship



DEFENSE

Military family support
Comfort items for wounded servicemembers
Advocacy for troops and military in Washington, D.C.



AMERICANISM

Flag respect education
Citizenship services
Support for the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem



ABOUT THE LEGION

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

- More than 2.1 million members of The American Legion
- Nearly 1 million members of The American Legion Auxiliary
- More than 360,000 members of The Sons of The American Legion

ABOUT THE LEGION

COMMUNITY FOOTPRINT

- 13,500 American Legion Posts
- North America
- The Caribbean
- Europe
- Latin America
- Asia



HISTORIC MOMENTS



1919

Since its founding nearly a century ago, The American Legion has influenced multiple important changes in America.



OUR HISTORY

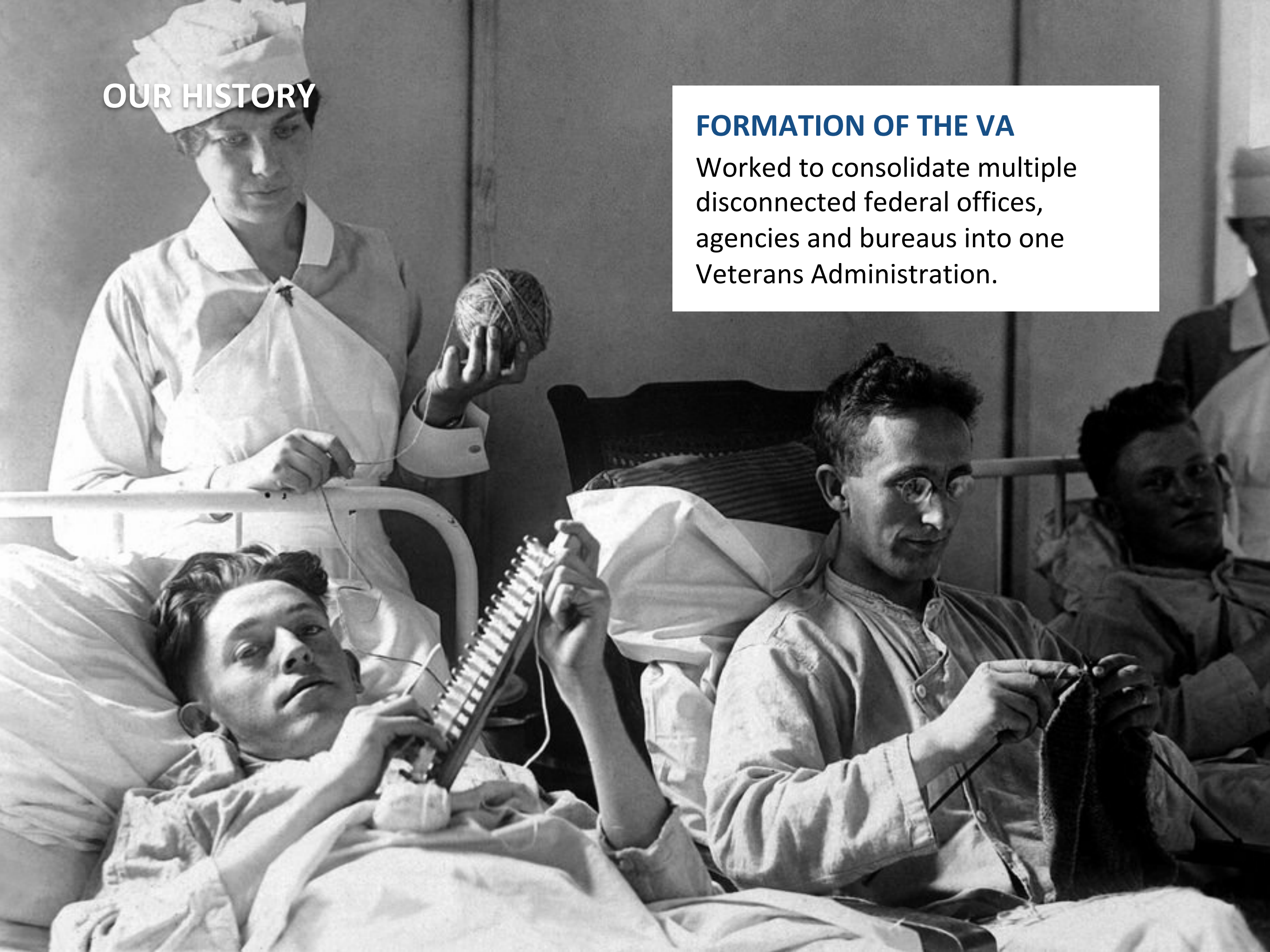
U.S. FLAG CODE

American Legion conferences establish standardized rules of respect and display for Old Glory.

OUR HISTORY

FORMATION OF THE VA

Worked to consolidate multiple disconnected federal offices, agencies and bureaus into one Veterans Administration.



OUR HISTORY

THE GREATEST LEGISLATION

Formulated, drafted and fought for passage of the the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.

The GI Bill

- ▶ Educated millions
- ▶ Triggered a half-century of economic prosperity
- ▶ Revolutionized higher education
- ▶ Made home ownership possible for average Americans
- ▶ Created the American middle-class
- ▶ Allowed for an all-volunteer military



OUR HISTORY

An aerial photograph showing a military aircraft, likely a C-123, flying over a dense, green forest in Vietnam. The aircraft is releasing a large, billowing cloud of orange-colored Agent Orange herbicide, which is being sprayed onto the forest canopy. The background shows rolling hills under a hazy sky.

SERVICE-CONNECTED CONDITIONS

The 1983 American Legion-Columbia University Study on the effects of Agent Orange exposure on Vietnam War veterans was one of many ways the organization helped suffering veterans receive care and benefits.



TODAY'S AMERICAN LEGION

SERVICES FOR VETERANS

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

- ▶ Free representation for some 750,000 veterans and families seeking VA disability and medical benefits at any one time
- ▶ Support for veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI
- ▶ Millions of volunteer hours and services at VA facilities
- ▶ Representation before Congress and the White House to provide timely VA health care and efficient benefits processing



SERVICES FOR VETERANS

VETERANS EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

- ▶ More than 1,000 job fairs and other career events for veterans and their families every year, nationwide
- ▶ Fighting for fair conversion of military experience to credit hours for civilian careers in specialized fields
- ▶ Mentorship and advice for veteran entrepreneurs
- ▶ Relief, support and help for homeless veterans



SERVICES FOR YOUTH

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

- ▶ Financial assistance for needy military and veteran families with young children
- ▶ Grants to organizations that provide support for children in need
- ▶ College scholarships to children of U.S. servicemembers killed while on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001
- ▶ Mentorship through American Legion Boys State, Boys Nation and Oratorical Competition
- ▶ Youth programs, including more than 3,000 Scout units, nearly 4,000 American Legion Baseball teams, dozens of Junior Shooting Sports Clubs, Junior ROTC and Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Programs



MILITARY SUPPORT

NATIONAL SECURITY

- ▶ Advocacy in Washington, D.C., for quality-of-life benefits for members of the Armed Forces
- ▶ Comfort items for hospitalized military personnel recovering from wounds and illnesses
- ▶ Fair treatment and support for military retirees
- ▶ Discharge review services
- ▶ Support for adequate defense funding
- ▶ Adoption of deployed units and volunteerism at National Guard armories



AMERICANISM

PATRIOTIC VALUES

- ▶ The nation's foremost authority on U.S flag respect, procedures and code
- ▶ Support for public expression of the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem
- ▶ Classroom presentations for children on such topics as flag respect, military service, history and patriotism
- ▶ Citizenship and naturalization education and support for legal immigrants seeking to become Americans



IN TIMES OF NEED

CRISIS CONTROL

- ▶ The National Emergency Fund has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion members and posts after crises
- ▶ Posts serve as relief stations and command centers during natural disasters
- ▶ The Family Support Network ensures families of deployed service members endure no hardship caused by their service
- ▶ Temporary Financial Assistance program awards grants to help families of veterans with children



HONOR & REMEMBRANCE

PRESERVATION OF MEMORIES

- Provision and delivery of U.S. flags for the graves of American military personnel laid to rest at overseas cemeteries
- Demand full accounting and repatriation of all U.S. military personnel listed as prisoners of war or missing in action
- Participation in thousands of patriotic observances and events around the world each year
- Honor guard services and memorial tributes for fallen military personnel and veterans



COMMUNITY

THE LEGION IS LOCAL

- ▶ Every American Legion post is its own entity, working alongside local government, business and civic groups
- ▶ Legionnaires help schools with flag education, military history, Boys State, Oratorical contests, Junior ROTC, Junior Shooting Sports, American Legion Baseball and more
- ▶ Legion Riders hit the road to raise funds, provide military funeral escorts and to volunteer for multiple local, state and national causes



HOW YOU CAN HELP

HELP US HELP OTHERS

JOIN

- www.legion.org/join
- 800 433-3318

GET INVOLVED

- www.alaforveterans.org
- www.legion.org/sal
- www.legion.org/riders

GIVE

- www.legion.org/donate
- (800) 433-3318





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