



## VOICES

*"Congress must do its job and reach an agreement to fund the government or risk harming our service members, veterans and their families. Lawmakers in both parties must abandon political posturing, focus on their duty to America's military and fulfill their obligation to our veterans."*

*- American Legion National Commander Dan K. Wiley, urging congressional action Sept. 30 in the final hours before the federal government shutdown*



# \$2,011,026,413

Amount in veterans benefits secured free of charge with assistance from accredited American Legion service officers and appeals representatives in August.



# 703

VA Informal Hearing Presentations prepared free of charge for veterans in September by American Legion appeals representatives.



# \$3,472,134

Amount in retroactive awards granted in September for veterans disputing VA claims decisions thanks to free representation from American Legion appeals reps.



# 495

Graduates of American Legion service officer training between January and September 2025.



# \$41,469

Amount in American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance grants issued since January 2025, stabilizing the homes of 49 children with military/veteran parents.



# 69.1%

Board of Veterans Appeals decisions granted in favor of the veteran, or remanded for further documentation, in September after free assistance from American Legion representatives.



# 755

Downloads of the Ken Burns podcast episode, best of the month and the fourth most among the previous 30 episodes.



# 296

Buddy Checks conducted by Virginia American Legion Family members during the Sept. 27-28 weekend in a special challenge posed by Post 180 in Vienna.



# \$36,000

Amount in funds presented to Camp American Legion by Wisconsin Legion Riders after their Sept. 12-14 Ride to Camp American Legion event to support the 300-acre facility that has provided respite for veterans, military personnel, families and caregivers since 1925.



# \$11,502

Amount in American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance cash grants awarded in September, stabilizing the homes of 12 children of veterans that faced unexpected financial emergencies.



# 221

Number of American Legion Family members who participated in the national Combined Americanism/Children & Youth Conference in Indianapolis Sept. 26-28.



# 31

Attendees of the Sept. 30 Training Tuesday session presented by The American Legion Internal Affairs/Membership & Post Activities staff, on how to write strong resolutions.

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*"Service is at the core of what makes the United States a great country. Today, I think it's more important than ever to get everybody involved in service, particularly young people, to get them off their phones, off their iPads . . . getting fit, staying healthy, to get them engaged in service."*

- Sons of The American Legion National Commander Bill Clancy III, who is making the USA 250 Challenge, which supports the Veterans & Children Foundation in celebration of the nation's semiquincentennial, his primary project for the year



# \$282,168

Amount in American Legion national youth scholarships disbursed in September to 86 students.



# \$32,959

Amount in American Legion Child Well-being Foundation grants awarded in September to three youth-serving organizations.



## 5

New Sons of The American Legion squadrons chartered in September, one each in Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin.



## 29

Scouting recognition certificates presented by The American Legion National Headquarters in September, including 16 Eagle Scouts and 10 Summit Award recipients.



# 19,840

Rounds of ceremonial ammo, to go along with 38 rifles and 50 clips, to 31 American Legion posts in 20 departments in September, through The American Legion's Military Surplus Program, managed by the National Security Division.