



VOICES

"We (Marines) had our 250th birthday last year; now America's having its 250th. So being able to celebrate that, being able to get The American Legion in the forefront like we always are ... being able to get out there and meet veterans, bring in the younger generation, is special. Why not us? Let's get the veterans what they need and let's continue to do this for the next 250 years like we've been doing."

- Marine Corps veteran and American Legion Department of Ohio First Vice Commander Gary Cox Jr., a member of Post 584 in Marion, who completed the American Legion Family USA 250 Challenge on July 2 where it all began a year earlier, at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

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\$444,522.31

Amount in American Legion national youth scholarship funds disbursed in July to 178 qualified students.

23

Number of veterans and military service organizations, including The American Legion, that gathered for a press conference July 14 in Washington D.C. in support of the Take Care of America's Veterans Act.

2,889

Number of veteran career fairs conducted by American Legion posts in the 2025-26 membership year, according to the most recent Consolidated Post Report.



3,500

Approximate number of attendees at the grand opening ceremony of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum on July 4, where American Legion National Commander Dan K. Wiley and Department of North Dakota Commander Jason Anderson raised the U.S. flag to kick off the event.



1,656

Minimum number of veterans placed in jobs during the 2025-26 membership year after American Legion local post assistance.



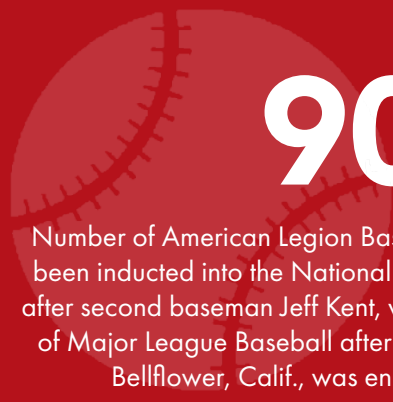
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High school boys who gathered at Marymount University July 17-24 for the 80th American Legion Boys Nation.



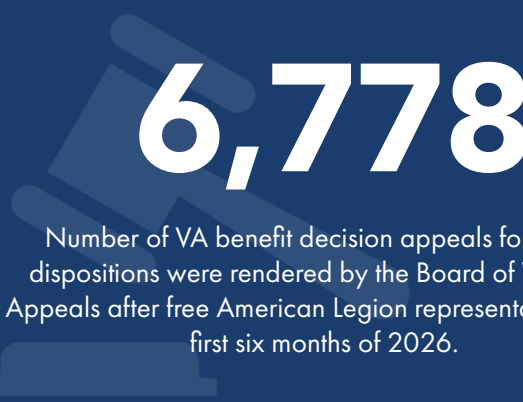
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Number of American Legion Junior Shooting Sports championships achieved by Alexandra Orr of Poquoson, Va., after she won the sporter title of the American Legion's Junior 3-Position Air Rifle National Finals July 25 at Hillsdale College in Michigan; she also claimed the sporter crown in 2024.



90

Number of American Legion Baseball alums who have been inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame after second baseman Jeff Kent, who logged 17 seasons of Major League Baseball after playing Legion ball in Bellflower, Calif., was enshrined July 26.



6,778

Number of VA benefit decision appeals for which dispositions were rendered by the Board of Veterans Appeals after free American Legion representation in the first six months of 2026.

\$2,193,068,031

Amount in VA benefits secured for veterans for June 2026 by using free American Legion representation.

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"At The American Legion, service doesn't end when we take off the uniform. Whenever there is an opportunity to honor our fallen, support those who continue the mission, and strengthen the bonds between veterans, military and our community, we believe we should answer that call . . . Welcome home, X-3. May your journey lead you to your name, your family and the honor you have always deserved."

- Sitka, Alaska, Post 13 Commander Vince Winter, whose post helped transfer the remains and honor an unidentified World War II soldier known only as X-3 Fort Randall to the Sitka National Cemetery July 1, in support of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's mission

37.1%

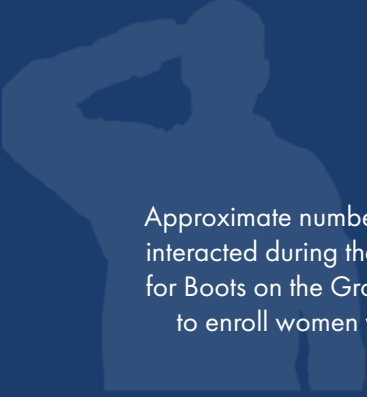
Percentage of VA benefits appeals decided in favor of the veteran, with 33.2% remanded for further documentation through the first six months of 2026, after free American Legion representation.

\$3,000

Amount of one American Legion National Emergency Fund grant issued in July to an Illinois veteran whose home was severely damaged by a tornado.

\$10,000

Amount of one American Legion National Emergency Fund grant disbursed in July for one Indiana American Legion post that sustained severe flooding.



600

Approximate number of women veterans with whom American Legion service officer Kevin Buckner interacted during the Southwest Region Women Veterans Enrollment Summit: "Boots on the Ground for Boots on the Ground" event in Texas July 24-25, presented by VA's Center for Women Veterans to enroll women veterans in VA healthcare and provide information on their potential benefits.



43

Number of national American Legion recognition certificates awarded in July to 30 Eagle Scouts and 13 Gold Star Girl Scouts.



43,480

Rounds of ceremonial ammo distributed through The American Legion National Security Division's military loan program, to go along with 23 rifles, 125 clips and one static display to 21 posts in 13 departments.



\$12,500

Amount of one American Legion Child Well-being Foundation grant disbursed in July.



374

Number of youth-serving organizations that had submitted proposals by July to be considered for 2027 American Legion Child Well-being Foundation grants.



\$2,500

Amount of one American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance grant disbursed in July, stabilizing a veteran's family, with three minor children at home, that was facing unexpected financial hardship.



10

U.S. Flag Code inquiries fielded by the Americanism Division of The American Legion National Headquarters in July.



2

New American Legion posts chartered in July, one in Tennessee and another in Michigan.



6

New Sons of The American Legion squadrons chartered in July, four in Illinois and two in Tennessee.