2023 Media Guide & Record Book
2023 AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES

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MEDIA INFORMATION

Welcome to the American Legion Baseball site of the 96th American Legion World Series – the final event of the American Legion Baseball national tournaments.

The American Legion welcomes members of the media, we do however, ask that you adhere to the guidelines that follow. This Media Guide has been prepared to provide you with the information to cover the 2023 American Legion World Series.

Our goal is to make your visit to the World Series as enjoyable as possible. Please, let us know if there is something we can assist you with.

HOTELS/ ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations are extremely limited in the Shelby area during the World Series. Information on hotel accommodations may be obtained by visiting www.AmericanLegionWorldSeries.com/Visit/Accommodations.

ARRIVAL

Upon check-in, you will be required to produce documentation to show that you are a member of the working media as well as a photo ID. After you have received your credentials at the Media Credential Pickup Area, you are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the surroundings. The Media Relations Staff may help with anything you may need.

CREDENTIALS

• Media credentials may be requested at www.americanlegionworldseries.com/media/media-credentials-request.
• Media credentials are not transferable and cannot be issued to anyone under the age of 18. Anyone wishing to pick up their media credentials MUST have a photo ID.
• ALWS media credential are for working media only. Family members, friends, children, etc., will not be issued media credentials.
• Freelance journalists/photographers are not issued credentials unless they are on a specific assignment from a recognized media outlet.
• ALWS maintains the right to request additional information from any media outlet prior to approving credentials and may approve or reject any credential requests for the event. We may request you provide a sample of media coverage of the series to validate you are working media.
Applications suspected of being fraudulent are taken very seriously and will be turned over to law enforcement for investigation.

Photographer credentials are approved editorial shooting only.

By completing the application for credentials, you are confirming you understand and will adhere to these requirements.

**AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES UMPIRING CREW**

Appointment as a member of the umpiring crew for a World Series is the highest honor that The American Legion can bestow on a volunteer umpire. The selection process to become a World Series umpire is lengthy and rigorous. To be eligible to volunteer in a World Series, an umpire must first have officiated in a regional tournament event. The umpires that have been selected below are based on nominations received from department baseball chairman.

- **Perry Ramicone**, UIC, South Carolina
- **Jay DeSantis**, Assignor, West Virginia
- **Angel Campos**, Arizona
- **Leo Curiel**, Arizona
- **John Flanagan**, North Carolina
- **Josh Nolen**, Missouri
- **Shane Rigdon**, Louisiana
- **Joe Volpe**, Pennsylvania

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL FUN FACTS**

1925 The American Legion’s Department of South Dakota proposes “Legion Junior Baseball” as a nationwide program of service to U.S. youth. 1926 The first national tournament is played, with 16 states participating.

1928 The Executive Council of Baseball agrees to underwrite American Legion Baseball (ALB) up to $50,000. Major League Baseball (MLB) continues to make a significant contribution to the program each year.

1938 The national tournament is broadcast to more than 3,000 radio stations, bringing the American Legion World Series (ALWS) to every part of the country.

1961 ALB is strengthened under program coordinator George W. Rulon, who holds the post until 1987. Upon his retirement, the American Legion Player of the Year award is renamed the George W. Rulon Player of the Year.

1970s The Dr. Irvin L. “Click” Cowger RBI, Rawlings Big Stick and Bob Feller Pitching awards are established, based on players’ statistics in the regional and ALWS tournaments.

1982 ALB adopts an eight-site, eight-team, double-elimination tournament format.

1986 The American Legion begins to annually award $10,000 in scholarship money to eight deserving players. Today, the scholarship has grown to $25,000 awarded to 50 outstanding players, each receiving $500.

2010 Shelby, N.C., is named the permanent home of the ALWS, spending $2.5 million to upgrade its stadium with new MLB lights, a high-definition video scoreboard, office complex and expanded seating.

2011 The ALWS breaks an all-time attendance record that stood for 75 years, when more than 86,000 fans watch the five-day tournament. Total paid attendance has increased every year since, exceeding 120,000 in 2017 and 2018.
2012 Diamond Sports becomes the key sponsor of the American Legion Baseball All-Academic Team. Eight players receive a $2,500 scholarship, and an overall top academic player is named team captain and awarded a $5,000 scholarship.

2014 Brooklawn, N.J., Post 72 is the first team in 40 years to win back-to-back national championships since Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, Post 146 won two in a row in 1973 and 1974.

2016 By a score of 8-6, Texarkana, Ark., Post 58 defeats Rowan County, N.C., Post 342 in 12 innings to win The American Legion Baseball World Series in Shelby, N.C. The eight-team tournament, aired live on television by ESPNU, is attended by an all-time record crowd of 120,000.

2020 The COVID-19 pandemic forces the cancellation of the American Legion World Series, for the first time since 1927.

2021 Idaho Falls Post 56 becomes one of six teams in ALWS history to win back-to-back championships.

85 Baseball Hall of Fame members were American Legion Baseball alumni.

Current headlines and news visit www.legion.org/headlines/baseball
The American Legion Baseball National Tournaments will comprise of a 64-team field across 8 regional tournaments, with each region having no greater than 8 teams. No single department may have greater than 2 teams playing in a regional tournament.

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#### Thursday – August 10
- Game 1: Northwest vs. Western 10:00 a.m.
- Game 2: Mid-Atlantic vs. Great Lakes 1:00 p.m.
- Game 3: Northeast vs. Mid-South 4:00 p.m.
- Game 4: Southeast vs. Central Plains 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday – August 11
- Game 5: Northeast vs. Northwest 4:00 p.m.
- Game 6: Mid-South vs Western 7:00 p.m.
- Off Day

#### Saturday – August 12
- Game 7: Great Lakes vs. Southeast 12:00 p.m.
- Game 8: Mid-Atlantic vs. Central Plains 3:00 p.m.
- Game 9: Mid-South vs. Northwest 7:30 p.m.
- Off Day

#### Sunday – August 13
- Game 10: Northeast vs. Western 1:00 p.m.
- Game 11: Great Lakes vs. Central Plains 4:00 p.m.
- Game 12: Mid-Atlantic vs. Southeast 7:00 p.m.
- Off Day

#### Monday – August 14
- Game 13: Winner “STRIPEs” vs. Runner-Up 4:00 p.m.
- Game 14: "Stars” vs. Runner-Up 7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday – August 15
- Game 15: Winner Game 13 vs. Winner Game 14 7:00 p.m.

"Championship Tuesday"
INTRODUCTION

Since 1925, The American Legion has sponsored youth baseball as a national program for the primary purpose of teaching good sportsmanship (win or lose), teamwork and good citizenship, while providing competitive supervised recreation. Listed on the next several pages are various tournament rules and policies of The American Legion. These policies and rules are reviewed and approved annually by the National Americanism Commission. The Commission is a group of American Legion volunteers from many different Departments (states) who give of their time and service to supervise the youth programs of The American Legion.

All National Tournaments will be played under the policies and rules established by the National Americanism Commission. All disputes and questions shall be referred to the on-site National Tournament Director appointed by the National Commander. Any situations not specifically covered by National Rules, or the tournament regulations will be referred to the National Americanism Division, whose decision shall be final.

It is important that the coaching staff read and understand these instructions, tournament rules and policies. There are many policies which are designed to provide for the safety of the players and provide a level playing field.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAM/PLAYER CERTIFICATION

National Tournaments will comprise of a 64-team field across 8 regional tournaments, with each region having no greater than 8 teams. No single department may have greater than 2 teams playing in a regional tournament.

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- One team each from 50 departments
- One additional team each from the eight regional hosts
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The championship team from each of the 8 regions advance to play in the American Legion World Series.

All Americanism Commission supervised tournaments will be eight team double elimination tournaments with the exception for the American Legion World Series.

The Team Manager and the Department Chairman are responsible for ensuring the following items are sent via email to the national office (baseball@legion.org), immediately following the conclusion of the Department Championship Tournament, Official Certification of Champion (Form #18), Tournament Housing List (Form #25), and team photograph with Photo ID (Form #10).

It is critical that forms reach national office immediately following the completion of the department tournament. Completed forms should be emailed to baseball@legion.org.

NOTE: The team roster will be downloaded from the national baseball website baseball.legion.org. Department Chairman will verify that the team manager and coaches have successfully passed mandated risk management requirements.

The Team Managers will hand carry and deliver to the onsite Regional Tournament Director the following forms:
1. For each Player, a state-issued driver’s license that complies with the Federal Real ID Law; or
   a. Original or State Certified Birth Certificate; or
   b. An American Legion Baseball ID card produced by Department Headquarters; or
   c. A military ID, dependent ID, a US passport.

2. Signed copies of each Player’s Emergency Information (Form #2).

3. Signed copies of applicable Player’s Form #76 or Form #77.

Failure to deliver the proper paperwork can disqualify a player and/or the team from competing in the regional tournament.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY PROTESTS

Eligibility protests of players involved in national tournaments must be in writing and provide proof of ineligibility. They must be filed with the National Tournament Director at each tournament site (Department, Regional, and World Series) no later than 9:00 a.m. local time on the first day of the tournament involved, except when there is a discovery of a rule’s violation. When a rules violation is discovered, the eligibility protest and a written description of the alleged violation must be filed immediately. (National Rule 9.D)

Should a player eligibility rule violation be discovered and confirmed after the first day deadline, that team manager/head coach in violation shall be suspended for the remainder of all post season tournament games.

All other protests concerning game situation shall be filed as specified in the Official Baseball Rules and National Rule #1.

GAME PROTESTS

Each tournament shall have a Tournament Rules and Protest Committee with at least three members. The Committee shall consist of the Tournament Director and two individuals, not affiliated with any team on the field. These members shall be appointed by the Tournament Director, who will chair the Committee. Protests will be handled and settled by the Tournament Rules and Protest Committee at the time they are lodged.

TOURNAMENT RULES and POLICIES

1. Teams competing in American Legion Baseball senior national tournaments must always have nine players available for participation at a national tournament. Teams with fewer than 12 players, are permitted to bring up players registered on their affiliated Junior American Legion Baseball team roster to the senior team to have 12 players but may not bring up a player to exceed 12 players. Any senior team that does not have nine players will forfeit its right to participate and the National Americanism Division, in consultation with the Department Baseball Chairman, shall determine a suitable replacement team. (National Rule 9.K.)

2. No team shall be required to play more than two games in one day.

3. Playing days may begin after 8:00 a.m. local time.

4. No tournament game shall start after 11:00 p.m. local time.

5. All State, Regional and World Series games are seven (7) innings. 10-Run mercy rule after five innings of play or 4 ⅜ innings if the home team has the lead.

6. All games shall be played in accordance with National Rule 1 of the American Legion Baseball Rulebook.
7. Designated Hitter (DH) Rule (pitcher only) – A hitter may be designated to bat for the starting pitcher and all subsequent pitchers in any game without otherwise affecting the status of the pitcher(s) in the game. **NOTE:** The American Legion shall continue to use the same Designated Hitter (DH) Rule as was in effect in 2021.

8. The American Legion does **NOT** permit any type of re-entry rule during tournament play.

9. The American Legion does **NOT** permit courtesy runners during tournament play.

10. The use of one-way electronic equipment in the dugout is prohibited. A tablet computer used for scorekeeping purposes **only** is permissible.

11. Suspended games will be completed from the point of suspension.
   a. A suspended game completed on a second day will not count toward the two games in one-day rule. Teams that complete a suspended game can still play an additional two (2) full games.
   b. Pitch Count Rule 1.S. applies to suspended games.

12. In the case of rain, games may be moved to other locations at the discretion of the Tournament Director on site. **Note:** American Legion tournaments have a time limitation, and Tournament Directors must make every effort to complete tournaments on time. The Tournament Director has additional instructions for rain delayed tournaments.

13. Teams will dress in the hotel or at home. No team shall dress at the ballpark unless dressing rooms are provided.

14. Any coach ejected from a game must leave the park and may not communicate in any form or manner with the team or return while the game is in progress. Any player ejected from a game must leave the dugout. The Tournament Director and umpire shall file an ejection report to the National Office.

15. Players removed from a game (other than ejection by an umpire) may be used as a base coach.

16. The Tournament Director must approve all batboys or batgirls.

17. At Regional and World Series competition, the National Headquarters appoints the official scorekeeper. **No team is permitted to have a scorekeeper in the dugout unless that person is in uniform and listed on the National Team Roster.**
   a. The only non-uniformed personnel permitted in the dugouts are certified medical trainers or a Legionnaire stationed in the dugout at the direction of the tournament director. Tournament Directors may, at their discretion, require the medical trainer provide a copy of their certification.

18. Once American Legion Baseball national tournaments begin (State Tournament through World Series play) no player can participate in another amateur baseball event. (National Rule 6.D.)

**HOME/VISITORS DETERMINATION**

**To determine Home/Visitors for double elimination and pool play games 1 through 12:**
1. A coin toss will determine Home/Visitors for all games. A daily coin flip will be conducted at the morning coaches meeting.

**To determine Home/Visitors for double elimination games 13 and 14, and pool play semifinals:**
1. The undefeated team in double elimination will have choice of Home/Visitors.
2. The divisional champion in each pool will have choice of Home/Visitors.

**To determine Home/Visitors for double elimination and pool play championship game 15:**
1. In double elimination play, a coin toss will determine the Home/Visitors.
2. If both semifinal winners are divisional champions, a coin toss will determine the Home/Visitors.
3. If both semifinal winners are divisional runners-up, a coin toss will determine the Home/Visitors.
4. If teams are from the same division in the championship game, the divisional champion will have the choice of Home/Visitors.

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENT - ON FIELD CONDUCT**

The umpires are instructed to monitor, promote, and enforce the following:

1. Only one on-deck batter will be out of the dugout. Other personnel are to remain in the dugout, bullpen, or coaches’ box. Umpires are also instructed to keep players off the dirt around home plate after a home run.
2. Except for lengthy delays, the pitcher will be limited to five (5) warm-up throws between innings.
3. When warming up a pitcher in the bullpen, the catcher (coach or player) must wear a mask and if needed, a third player must protect the bullpen from line drives and foul balls.
4. Shirttails are to be tucked in.
5. Do not “charge” an umpire.
6. List the first and last names along with uniform numbers of all players, including non-starters, on the line-up cards.
7. The umpires are expected to keep the games moving at all times, so expect verbal encouragement from them.
8. Any player, coach, manager, or party accompanying a team may be ejected for the remainder of the game from the time of the rule infraction if they:
   a. Use profane language in any manner.
   b. Make any unnecessary gestures or comments in protesting an umpire’s decision. (Only the team manager or coach may ask for a clarification of a rule, but never argue.)
   c. Throw bats or any other equipment.
   d. Make unnecessary gestures or comments to fans, opposing players or coaches.

If an umpire ejects a player or a coach from the game, the ejected person shall be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, unless reinstated by the Tournament Director.

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENT - CONDUCT OFF THE FIELD**

1. All persons traveling with an American Legion Baseball team are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will, at all times, reflect credit on their community, state, and the American Legion Baseball program.
   a. Any player, manager, or team official, whose conduct may be considered detrimental or injurious to others, or the program, may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament and returned home by means of the first available transportation. A parent, coach or other team official will escort offending player home. The Department Baseball Chairman will be notified of such action.
   b. If a team’s conduct creates an embarrassment to The American Legion, the Tournament Director has final authority to suspend the team and or the Team Manager for two or more games.
2. Team Manager/Head Coach will be required to house with their players at the host hotel as part of their team’s room block.
3. Team managers and coaches are responsible for player conduct at all times. Disrespect to facility staff and/or property, pushing, shoving or unnecessary playfulness in hotels, restaurants and other public areas will not be tolerated.

4. Teams are required to place a **security deposit of $200.00** with the hotel. (A check, cash, or credit card is necessary.)
   a. Any damaged or unclean rooms may cause their deposit to be forfeited. Hotel rooms are inspected prior to a team’s arrival. Rooms are checked for damages and cleanliness prior to the team’s departure. Discrepancies will be brought to the attention of the team manager.

5. Curfew will be 12:00 midnight, unless the team is involved in a late game, in which case the team will have two (2) hours after the completion of their game. Any player missing curfew may be sent home on the next available transportation at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Players must be always accounted for. Any player not with the team **OR** any player that must leave the immediate area must obtain prior permission from the Tournament Director. **(Teams must stay together and be under a coach’s supervision.)** The team will travel as a group. A release/waiver form must be completed by the Tournament Director if a player wishes to depart the tournament site early or separate from the team.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

1. While in uniform, team members are expected to keep as neat as possible. Shirts will be buttoned, zipped, and tucked in at waistline.

2. At the team orientation, each certified player and two coaches will be provided a souvenir shirt.

3. Dress Code: Tournament Hosts often host a banquet or picnic for players and coaches the first evening prior to tournament play. The banquet or pre-tournament picnic is the host’s option. The dress code is typically casual; however, teams are required to have dress or golf shorts of an appropriate length and clean athletic shoes. Most teams will be instructed to wear their baseball jersey to the pre-tournament social or banquet.

4. While in street clothes, players are encouraged to dress in a manner that would reflect credit upon their team, sponsor, and their community and the American Legion Baseball program.

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TIE BREAKER - Form #8**

1. The American Legion is committed to giving each participating team an equal opportunity to win the tournament on the field. However, over the past nine decades we have experienced several game delays.

2. Rain, fog, hurricanes, power outages and other acts of God have required The American Legion and tournament personnel assigned to the tournament to take extraordinary measures to ensure teams are given equal opportunity.

3. It must be understood that there are times in which a champion cannot be crowned on the field because of the weather. If rain or other acts of God cause a serious delay in a game(s) or tournament. The Tournament Director is authorized to:
   a. Change the schedule and require teams to play games at a back-up facility.
   b. Move the tournament to another community (and ballpark) to complete the tournament.

4. If unforeseen reasons we cannot crown a champion on the field of play or determine a “pool” winner, The American Legion will determine the winner by the following formula:

   If two teams remain:
   1. Head-to-head competition between teams
2. Fewest runs allowed overall
3. Most runs scored overall
4. A coin flip.

If three or more teams remain:
1. Fewest runs allowed overall
2. Most runs scored overall
3. Coin flip (first “odd-man” out wins)

**NOTE:** No team will be required to play three games in a day. The 11:00 p.m. “start time” may be suspended if all teams agree in writing to waive the “start time.”

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAM TRAVEL**

The National Headquarters will arrange transportation for teams traveling to and from the Regional and World Series National Tournaments.

   a. The local tournament host is required to provide local transportation at the tournament. Questions concerning local transportation need to be directed to the local host committee.

**NOTE:** Several teams in the Midwest, Northwest and Western United States will be required to fly to a regional tournament site by commercial airline. **Due to the Federal Aviation Administration security alert,** team members are required to show and present a PHOTO ID at check in.

The American Legion annually purchases 500 airline tickets to fly players and coaches to Regional and World Series Tournaments. These airline tickets are nonrefundable and expensive. Tickets are purchased for those players from the housing list submitted following the completion of the state tournament. Unfortunately, The American Legion National Headquarters has purchased airline tickets for players who sometimes choose not to attend the tournament. **The American Legion will no longer absorb this cost. The team will be responsible to reimburse The American Legion for any unused airline ticket(s).**

1. **Team Travel – 60-mile policy:**
   
   a. Participating out-of-state teams that live **within 60 miles** of the Regional or World Series Tournament site may be authorized housing but will be required to provide their own transportation.
   b. Participating teams that are required to fly to a national regional tournament must provide their own transportation to the airport.
   c. Any team **within a 60-mile** radius of the airport shall provide their own transportation to and from the airport and the team will not be reimbursed for mileage.
   d. Any team **outside a 60-mile** radius of the airport shall provide their own transportation. However, the Tournament Director shall reimburse the team for mileage at $1.50 per mile for a single round trip.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The American Legion will make every effort to return teams to the nearest major airport. HOWEVER, because many flights are often full it then becomes necessary to fly teams’ home to another nearby airport. Again, teams must make their own travel arrangements home from the airport.

2. **Team Travel:** The National Office shall determine the nearest airport for departure. Because of the high cost of airline tickets flying from small regional airports, The National Office shall determine the most economical airport for the transportation of teams to and from a national tournament.
a. The National Office may utilize commercial buses for transportation to the national tournament sites (Regional and World Series). Any team that wishes to use their own team bus shall be reimbursed at $3.00 per mile for a single round trip, if authorized by the National Office.

b. Each year, a few players must report directly to college from a national tournament. It is the parent’s or legal guardian’s responsibility to make transportation arrangements to the college.

c. National Headquarters is NOT responsible for team meals while traveling to or from the national tournament site.

3. Our liability insurance will not permit us to transport unauthorized team personnel. Only personnel listed on the National Team Roster, or those who have been approved by the National Headquarters, are permitted to be transported to the tournament site. Parents, batboys or batgirls, local Legion Officers, sponsors, scorekeepers, and wives etc., must make their own travel, housing, and meal arrangements. National Headquarters will not be financially obligated for any unauthorized personnel.

4. Meal allowances while at a national tournament will be:

   - Breakfast $6.00
   - Lunch $6.00
   - Dinner $6.00

5. The American Legion is not responsible for miscellaneous hotel charges such as movies, phone calls, meals, roll-away beds, etc. These charges will be the responsibility of the team.

6. Airline Luggage Reimbursement Policy: The American Legion’s policy for checked luggage and carry-on bags is as follows:

   a. Team members can check up to TWO BAGS per coach (two coaches only) and player listed on National Form 1 Roster. Example: 13 players and 2 coaches – 30 pieces of luggage; 18 players and 2 coaches – 40 pieces of luggage).
   b. The team is financially responsible for equipment bags and overweight items and will not be reimbursed.
   c. It is the participant’s responsibility to ensure that the luggage checked is within prescribed weight limits. The participant is responsible for paying any fee levied for their overweight bags. Please be sure to get receipts and provide those receipts to the tournament director at your regional site. Team will be reimbursed at the tournament site by the tournament director.
   d. It is the participant’s responsibility to ascertain what is allowed as a carry-on and to pack accordingly. Baseball bats are never permitted as carry-on luggage.

**AMERICAN LEGION FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The National Americanism Commission will arrange and be financially responsible for the certified players listed on the National Team Roster (not to exceed eighteen {18} players and two {2} adults traveling to and from national Regional and World Series tournaments).

   a. National Headquarters will be responsible for housing and meals while at the national tournaments (Regional and World Series).
   b. No substitutions of coaches are allowed, unless authorized by the National Office. Any substitute players, batboys/batgirls, official scorekeepers, or extra coaches traveling, collecting meal monies, or being housed at American Legion expense will disqualify your team from further competition.
   c. Teams are responsible for arranging additional accommodations, travel, and banquet tickets for the extra coaches, trainers, equipment managers, team scorers, batboys, or batgirls, etc.

**RULES AND POLICIES AUTHORITY**
In accordance with Resolution No. 7 of the National Executive Committee of the American Legion, May 2021, The American Legion reserves the right to temporarily amend, delay or suspend any established rule or policy of its national youth programs when a program is subject to the occurrence of a circumstance whose cause is beyond the control of The American Legion, thereby making it impossible, illegal, impracticable, or inadvisable for The American Legion to conduct a youth program in accordance with established rules or policies. You may read Resolution No. 7 in its entirety by clicking here or by accessing it from The American Legion Digital Archive at legion.org/archive.
Team Photos and Practices will be at KEETER STADIUM  *(Weather permitting)*

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American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard presents Rulon Award to Troy AL Post 70 catcher Brooks Bryan

For over 25 years, George W. Rulon was the heart and soul of the American Legion baseball program. For his dedicated and loyal service to the legion program, the legion’s Player Of The Year award has been named in his honor.

The announcement came from the legion’s national commander Dale L. Renaud in a surprise presentation during the pre-tournament Banquet of Champions prior to the 1986 American Legion World Series in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Rulon was very much surprised and somewhat emotional but not to those who follow youth baseball. It was a fitting tribute and honor to Rulon for a program he faithfully directed for a quarter century.

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The yearly recipient of the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year annually attends the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. The player is honored in the program he loved.

The selection of the Rulon award is made on the basis of sportsmanship and general good conduct.

The ALWS all-tournament committee selects the Rulon award from its all-tournament team members.

The 2022 recipient was Brooks Bryan from the championship Troy AL Post 70 club.

He becomes the 13th catcher (plus DH) in ALWS history to be selected as the Player Of The Year. He led the Series in hitting with a .500 average going 15-for-30.

Previous recipients:

1955 – Frank Birri, 3B, Cincinnati OH Post 216
1956 – Jim Harwell, P, New Orleans LA Post 345
1957 – Fred Fox, 3B, Cincinnati OH Post 50
1958 – Kiebler James, P/SS, Greenwood SC Post 20
1959 – Fred Bowen Jr., SS, Detroit MI Post 187
1960 – Dick Roniger, P, New Orleans LA Post 125
1961 – Jim Gerber, SS, Cincinnati OH Post 554
1962 – Bill Matan Jr., C, St. Louis MO Post 229
1963 – Dick Dash, 2B, Long Beach CA Post 27
1964 – Rollie Fingers, P/OF, Upland CA Post 73
1965 – Ken Fila, P, Omaha NE Post 1
1966 – Billy Parker Jr., OF, Tuscaloosa AL Post 34
1967 – Ray Larson, C, Northbrook IL Post 791
1968 – Donnie Castle, P/OF, Memphis TN Post 1
1969 – John Adeimy, SS, W. Palm Beach FL Post 12
1970 – Carroll Watts, SS, Tulsa OK Post 1
1971 – Randolph Haas, OF, West Covina CA Post 790
1972 – Michael Murphy, P/OF, Ballwin MO Post 611
1973 – Tucker Ashford, SS, Memphis TN Post 1
1974 – Edwin Lopez, OF, Rio Piedras PR Post 146
1975 – Dave Elder, P/OF, Yakima WA Post 36
1976 – Gus Malespin, OF, Metairie LA Post 175
1977 – Bill Schell, SS, South Bend IN Post 50
1978 – Ross Jones, 1B, Hialeah FL Post 32
1979 – Pat Allen, 2B, Yakima WA Post 36
1980 – Tom Gil, OF, Hialeah FL Post 32
1981 – David Magadan, 3B/P, W. Tampa FL Post 471
1982 – Ivan Snyder, OF/P, Boyertown PA Post 471
1983 – Mike Holloran, C, Edina MN Post 471
1984 – Jorge Robles, SS, Guayanabo PR Post 134
1985 – Tris Lipscomb, P/2B, Midlothian VA Post 186
1986 – Joe Grahe, P, Jensen Beach FL Post 126
1987 – Wilbur Stout, C, Boyertown PA Post 471
1988 – Mike Kessler, P, Boyertown PA Post 471
1989 – Del Marine, C, Woodland Hills CA Post 826
1990 – Mark Foster, P/O, May MD Post 226
1991 – Ryan Beeney, SS, Newark OH Post 85
1992 – David Lamb, SS, Newbury Park CA
1993 – Ben Thomas, 1B/P, Rapid City SD Post 22
1994 – Fernando Rodriguez, P, Miami FL Post 346
1995 – Jason Adaro, P/1B, Aiea HI
1996 – Christian Bourgeois, 1B, Gonzales LA Post 81
1997 – Nate Philo, CF, Medford OR Post 15
1998 – Chad Opel, SS, Edwardsville IL Post 199
1999 – Jeremy Roberts, OF, Rison AR Post 83
2000 – Josh Zender, P/OF, Blaine WA Post 86
2001 – Jay Threat, P/1B, Adrian MI Post 275
2002 – Ty Henkaline, P, Sidney OH Post 217
2003 – Jared Willis, 2B/SS, Logan WV Post 19
2004 – Nolan Gallagher, P, Red Lodge, MT
2005 – Fernando Irizarry, C, Cidra PR Post 76
2006 – Joseph Walsh, C, Weymouth MA Post 79
2007 – Blaine Drozd, P, Geona NE Post 263
2008 – Patrick Singletary, C, Henderson NC Post 77
2009 – Tyler Jacobson, IF/P, Pulaski WI Post 337
2010 – Charlie Drozd, C, Geona NE Post 263
2011 – Blake Schmit, SS, Eden Prairie MN
2012 – Emerson Gibbs, P, New Orleans LA Post 125
2013 – Anthony Harrold, 1B, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
2014 – Sean Breen, 2B, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
2015 – Justin Hawkins, SS, Chapin-Newberry SC
2016 – Will Smith, C, Texarkana AR
2017 – Shane Spencer, P, Henderson NV Post 40
2018 – Chris Ludman, P, Wilmington DE Post 1
2019 – Trevor Marsh, OF, Randolph County NC Post 45
2020 – no World Series played due to Covid-19
2021 – Nate Rose, SS, Idaho Falls ID Post 56 Bandits
2022 – Brooks Bryan, C/DH, Troy AL70
James F. Daniel Jr. Sportsmanship Award

This award was first presented at The American Legion World Series in 1956 and was named in honor of James F. Daniel in 1960. Daniel was the chairman of the Legion's Americanism Commission and was from Greenville, South Carolina.

The 2022 recipient was Deezil Luce from national runner-up Idaho Falls ID Post 56 Bandits. Luce pitched on the 2021 national championship team and was the closer in the title game against Hawaii.

Previous recipients:
1957 – Karl Haag, Portland OR Post 102
1958 – Scott Seger, Cincinnati OH Post 50
1960 – Robert Fry, Billings MT Post 4
1961 – Larry Staley, Phoenix AZ Post 1
1962 – John Matias, Honolulu HI Post 11
1963 – Oscar Brown, Long Beach CA Post 27
1964 – Joseph F. Moody III, Charlotte NC Post 9
1965 – William M. Oakley, Memphis TN Post 1
1966 – Buddy Plummer, Enid OK Post 4
1967 – Randall Ryan, Tuscaloosa AL Post 34
1968 – Lonnie Young, Timmonsville SC Post 47
1970 – Gil Stafford, Phoenix AZ Post 1
1971 – Michael L. Curran, Cedar Rapids IA Post 5
1972 – Mike Umfleet, Ballwin MO Post 611
1973 – Jose Ramon Lugo, Rio Piedras PR Post 146
1974 – Glenn Heard, Lake Oswego OR Post 92
1975 – Curtiss Becker, Cedar Rapids IA Post 5
1976 – Mike Boddicker, Cedar Rapids IA Post 5
1977 – Scott Benedict, West Palm Beach FL Post 12
1978 – John Maner, East Springfield MA Post 420
1979 – Steve Peterson, Barrington IL Post 158
1980 – Bob Melvin, Palo Alto CA Post 375
1981 – Keith Peterson, Bellevue WA
1982 – Mike Huffand, Kokomo IN Post 6
1983 – John Ludy, Boyertown PA Post 471
1984 – John McGettigan, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
1985 – Bobby Jones, Sacramento CA
1986 – Tom Griffin, Las Vegas NV Post 8
1987 – Brett Bleschmidt, Vancouver WA Post 176
1988 – Pete Rose Jr., Cincinnati OH Post 507
1989 – Andy Sheets, Gonzales LA Post 81
1990 – Ricardo Otero, Bayamon PR Post 48
1991 – Jason Williams, Gonzales LA
1993 – Chad Stevenson, Las Vegas NV Post 8
1994 – Erick Gomez, Chino CA Post 299

1995 – Woody Health, Bellevue WA
1996 – Andy Hoffman, Midland MI Post 165
1997 – Andy Neufeld, Sanford FL Post 53
1998 – Ralph Roberts, Cherryville NC Post 100
1999 – Timothy A. Brusseau Jr., Wood River Jct., RI Pt. 39
2000 – Julius Smith, Lewiston ID Post 13
2002 – Ronny Woods, Dothan AL Post 12
2003 – Michael Badger, Rochester MN Post 92
2004 – Ryan Reid, Portland ME Nova
2005 – Tyson Seng, Enid OK Post 4
2006 – Brady Shoemake, Terre Haute IN Post 346
2007 – Holden Killen, Columbia TN Post 19
2008 – Paul Sewald, Las Vegas NV Post 76
2009 – Garrett Yatch, Midland MI Post 165
2010 – Blake Schmit, Eden Prairie MN
2011 – Brandon Woodruff, Tupelo MS Post 49
2012 – Brett Tenuto, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
2013 – Robbie Prodrosky, Gonzales LA Post 81
2014 – Tanner Gross, Midland MI
2015 – Ben Hess, New Orleans LA
2016 – Logan Virdine, Texarkana AR
2017 – Will Hanafan, Omaha NE Post 1
2018 – Sam Goodman, Dubuque County IA Post 137
2019 – Alex Cortez, Idaho Falls ID Post 56
2020 – no World Series played due to Covid-19
2021 – Stone Collier, Tupelo MS Post 49
2022 – Deezil Luce, Idaho Falls ID Post 56

Bob Feller Pitching Award

The Bob Feller Pitching Award goes to the pitcher that records the highest number of strikeouts in national competition (national regional and World Series games). Feller was the first player inducted into the Baseball Hall Of Fame that played American Legion baseball.

The 2022 recipient was Merit Jones of Idaho Falls ID with 24 strikeouts in national competition.

Previous award winners:
1978 Glen Roe, Caldwell NJ ........................................ 15
1979 Brian Keith Reams, Norwalk CA .......................... 26
1980 Sid Fernandez, Honolulu HI ................................. 55
1981 Scott Anderson, Bellevue WA ................................ 44
1982 Rob Wassenaar, Edina MN .................................. 34
1983 John Ludy, Boyertown PA ..................................... 52
1984 Lino Rivera, Guaynabo PR ..................................... 35
1985 Gregg Olson, Omaha NE ..................................... 44
1986 Joe Grahe, Jensen Beach FL .................................. 52
1987 Stan Spencer, Vancouver WA ............................... 40
1988 Scott Klingenbeck, Cincinnati OH ......................... 36
1989 Jeff Thelen, Janesville WI .................................... 34
1990 Clifton Foster, Texarkana AR ............................... 32
1991 Bob Paithorpe, Union City CA ............................ 33
1992 Tighe Curran, Newbury Park CA .......................... 35
1993 Ben Thomas, Rapid City SD ................................. 27
1994 Lance Franks, Russellville AR ............................. 30
1995 Woody Heath, Bellevue WA ................................. 48
1996 Ben Sheets, Gonzales LA ..................................... 37
1997 Steve Becker, Medford OR .................................... 37
1998 Ralph Roberts, Cherryville NC ............................ 41
1999 Steve Grasley, New Brighton MN ......................... 43
2000 Ben Thurmond, Columbia SC ............................ 47
2001 Chad Billingsley, Napoleon OH ............................ 43
2002 (tie) Josh Johnson, West Point MS ....................... 34
(tie) Matt Skundrick, Medford OR .............................. 34
2003 Chris Mason, Cherryville NC ............................... 69
2004 Ryan Reid, Portland ME .......................... 29
Brooks Ryan from Troy, AL, was the 2022 recipient of the highest batting average in national competition since 1945. The award is based on the player compiling the highest .500 batting average going 15-for-30 in national play.

Previous award winners:
1927 no national tournament
1928 Elinor Sorenson, Oakland CA 500
1929 Billy Joyce, Buffalo NY 490
1930 Herbert Newburg, Baltimore MD 375
1931 Wally Holm, South Chicago IL 400
1932 Jimmie Frachie, New Orleans LA 450
1933 Ted Swed, Chicago IL 414
1934 Charley Clark, Cumberland MD 433
1935 Jerry Bertolini, Sacramento CA 365
1936 Pete Fowler, Spartanburg SC 550
1937 Ray Besson, East Lynn MA 555
1938 Charles Cudd, Spartanburg SC 444
1939 Eddie Goralski, Berwyn IL 500
1940 Clyde Dick, Albermarle NC 452
1941 Griff Hayes, San Diego CA 500
1942 John Mauch, Los Angeles CA 429
1943 Buzz Wheeler, Richfield MN 375
1944 Ralph Kraus, Cincinnati OH 412
1945 Lee Carrey, Tucson AZ 400
1946 Victor Kaufman, Cincinnati OH 467
1947 George Moeller, Cincinnati OH 500
1948 Don Hunter, Omaha NE 397
1949 J.W. Porter, Oakland CA 551
1950 J.W. Porter, Oakland CA 448
1951 Grover Jones Jr., White Plains NY 408
1952 Horace Tucker Jr., San Diego CA 452
1953 Charles Selinger, Winnetka IL 457
1954 (tie) Jim Galasso, San Diego CA 375
1955 Richard Hergenrader, Lincoln NE 375
1956 Lawrence Goudy, St. Louis MO 449
1957 Fred Fox, Cincinnati OH 412
1958 Kenneth Peters, Cincinnati OH 420
1959 Louis Webb, Phoenix AZ 478
1960 Robert Fry, Billings MT 417
1961 Kenneth McEwen, Omaha NE 548
1962 Fred Balmer, Hampton VA 553
1963 Jerry Mattingly, Evansville IN 413
1964 Rollie Fingers, Upland CA 450
1965 Roland Goulet, Berlin NH 542
1966 Ron Harris, Washington DC 406
1967 Joseph Cherico, Wilmington Manor DE 514
1968 M.A. Dominguez, San Antonio TX 409
1969 John Adeimy, West Palm Beach FL 513
1970 R.L. Brown, Phoenix AZ 429
1971 R.D. Walton, Phoenix AZ 548
1972 Keith Kaurez, Memphis TN 583
1973 Carlos Rodriguez, Rio Piedras PR 435
1974 Edwin Lopez, Rio Piedras, PR 433
1975 Annullo Camacho, San Juan PR 417
1976 David Stokes, Metairie LA 402
1977 Bill Schell, South Bend IN 441
1978 Doug Palmer, New Ulm MN 679
1979 Steve Wolff, Rapid City SD 423
1980 Cedric Gray, Palo Alto CA 567
1981 Roger Hulse, Tulsa OK 478
1982 Ivan Snyder, Boyertown PA 600
1983 Chito Martinez, New Orleans LA 566
1984 Jon Bradley, Millington TN 461
1985 (tie) Bobby Jones, Sacramento CA 500
1986 Mitch Hannans, Maynard OH 486
1987 Brad Dalejsi, Midwest City OK 432
1988 Scott Hughes, Cincinnati OH 465
1989 Del Marine, Woodland Hills CA 459
1990 Brett O’Dea, Mayo MD 514
1991 Bob Paithorpe, Union City CA 585
1992 (tie) Brannon Weigel, Fargo ND 448
1993 Ryan Merritt, Rapid City SD 490
1994 Bob Barth Jr., Brooklawn NJ 438
1995 Jason Adaro, Aiea HI 488
1996 Bryce Gehlen, Vancouver WA 514
1997 Nate Philo, Medford OR 520
1998 Chad Opel, Edwardsville IL 632
1999 Kenny Judd, Edmond OK 552
2000 Matt Ryan, Brooklawn NJ 541
2001 Richard Chinn, Danville CA 538
2002 Josh Sowell, Dothan AL 553
2003 Andy Console, Haddon Heights NJ 514
2004 Tommy Cauley, DeLand FL 500
2005 Mike Tamsin, Branford CT 538
2006 Brady Shoemaker, Terre Haute IN 523
2007 Kevin Hussey, Tucson AZ 533
2008 Brandon Bass, Omaha NE 586
2009 T.J. White, Las Vegas NV 559
2010 Jake Hager, Las Vegas NV 476
2011 Dylan Huskey, Gaffney SC 500
2012 Evan Ryan, Omaha NE 571
2013 Anthony Harrold, Brooklawn NJ 529
2014 Sean Breen, Brooklawn NJ 575
2015 Ben Hess, New Orleans LA 467
2016 Tyler Villaroman, San Mateo CA 475
2017 Jordan Patty, Midland MI 529
2018 Sam Link, Dubuque County IA 475
2019 Ron Franklin, Destrehan LA 600
2020 no World Series played due to Covid-19
2021 Kobe Seen, Fargo ND 542
2022 Brooks Bryan, Troy AL 500

Louisville Slugger Award

The batting champion of the American Legion World Series annually receives the Louisville Slugger Award. The Hillerich and Bradsby Company of Louisville have presented this award yearly since 1945. The award is based on the player compiling the highest batting average in national competition (national regional and World Series games). The 2022 recipient was Brooks Bryan from Troy AL with a lofty .500 average going 15-for-30 in national play.

2005 Tyler Cheney, Pasco WA 41
2006 Robby Broach, Metairie LA 30
2007 Aaron Davidson, Bryant AR 31
2008 Cade Lynch, Jonesboro AR 33
2009 Matt Stites, Festus MO 30
2010 Kevin Hill, Midwest City OK 35
2011 Colton Loomis, Midland MI 35
2012 Emerson Gibbs, New Orleans LA 26
2013 Mike Shawaryn, Brooklawn NJ 33
2014 Jake Meyers, Omaha NE 29
2015 Jordan Ragan, Medford OR 23
2016 Gerald Hein, Kennewick WA 24
2017 Jordan Patty, Midland MI 19
2018 Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV 25
2019 Randon Hostert, Idaho Falls ID 25
2020 no World Series played due to Covid-19
2021 Aaron Savary, Dubuque County IA 25
2022 Merit Jones, Idaho Falls ID 24
Dr. Irvin L ‘Click’ Cowger RBI Award

The Dr. Irvin L ‘Click’ Cowger RBI Award goes to the player compiling the most RBI in national competition (World Series and national regional tournaments). The award is named in honor of Dr. Irvin L. Cowger at the request of and donated by the Department of Kansas. The award is presented during post-tournament ceremonies at the American Legion World Series.

The 2022 recipients were Albert Garza, League City TX, Kyeler Thompson, League City TX and Nick Vaalentine, Chesapeake VA. Each picked up 12 rbi in national competition.

Previous award winners:

1970 John Dalton, Wilmington NC ........................................ 12
1971 Rod Walton, Phoenix AZ ........................................ 20
1972 Michael Murphy, Ballwin MO ..................................... 12
1973 Guillermo Bonilla, Rio Piedras PR .................................. 12
1974 Charles Johnson, Cheverly MD ................................... 10
1975 David Edler, Yakima WA ........................................... 19
1976 Gus Malespin, Metairie LA ........................................ 20
1977 Lee Wenzel Jr., Santa Monica CA .................................. 9
1978 Pete Kiumiea III, East Springfield MA .......................... 20
1979 Juan Cruz, Yakima WA ............................................... 30
1980 Howard Kapuniai, Honolulu HI ..................................... 17
1981 Victor Garcia, West Tampa FL ..................................... 21
1982 Ron DeLucchi, Lafayette CA ....................................... 19
1983 Chito Martinez, New Orleans LA ................................ 17
1984 Will Vespie, Brookfield NJ ......................................... 18
1985 Mike Musolino, Sacramento CA .................................. 20
1986 (tie) Danny Opperman, Las Vegas NV ........................ 19
(tie) Mike Tonucci, New London CT .................................... 19
1987 Greg Blevis, Midwest City OK .................................... 14
1988 Scott Hughes, Cincinnati OH .................................... 17
1989 Carl McFadden, Woodland Hills CA ............................ 21
1990 Luis Rosario, Bayamon PR ......................................... 16
1991 (tie) Bob Paulitthero, Union City CA ............................ 16
(tie) Ryan Beeny, Newark OH ............................................ 16
1992 Trent Martin, Newbury Park CA ................................ 17
1993 (tie) Allen Layman, Norman OK ................................. 16
(tie) Ben Thomas, Rapid City SD ....................................... 16
1994 Frank Hinjosa, Chino CA ........................................... 24
1995 (tie) Larry Lockridge, Columbia TN ......................... 15
(tie) Bobby Morgan, Columbia TN ...................................... 15
(tie) Dom Crisp, Bellevue WA ........................................... 15
1996 Christian Bourgeois, Gonzales LA ............................... 15
1997 Brian Fatchet, Medford OR ......................................... 21
1998 Chris Wright, State College PA ................................... 25
1999 Brian Paone, New Brighton MN ................................ 26
2000 Al Smith, Omaha NE ............................................... 22
2001 (tie) Josh Burton, Lewiston ID ..................................... 16
(tie) Josh O’Dell, Midwest City OK .................................... 16
(tie) Steve Larson, Omaha NE .......................................... 16
2002 Spencer Ingaldson, Rapid City SD .............................. 12
2003 (tie) Joey Briggs, Corvallis OR .................................... 17
(tie) Andy Console, Haddon Heights NJ ............................. 17
2004 Troy Peterson, Eden Prairie MN ................................. 20
2005 Zac Berg, Enid OK .................................................. 21
2006 Brady Shoemaker, Terre Haute IN ............................. 18
2007 Aaron Tapia, Tucson AZ .......................................... 22
2008 Max Garrett, Pasco WA ............................................. 17
2009 Kyle O’Boyle, Midland MI ......................................... 19
2010 Vince Ampil, Roseburg OR ....................................... 19
2011 Blake Schmt, Eden Prairie MN .................................. 18
2012 (tie) Matthieu Robert, New Orleans LA ........................ 16
(tie) Evan Ryan, Omaha NE ............................................. 16
(tie) Taylor Elam, Omaha NE ............................................ 16
2013 Robert Busse, Petaluma CA ....................................... 14
2014 Jordan Mopas, Waipahu HI ...................................... 13
2015 Justin Hawkins, Chapin-Newberry SC ....................... 12
2016 Angelo Bortolin, San Mateo CA ................................. 16
2017 Zack Luckey, Omaha NE .......................................... 13
2018 Bryce Marsh, Randolph County NC ........................... 15
2019 Ron Franklin, Destrehan LA ...................................... 15
2020 – no World Series played due to Covid-19
2021 Stone Collier, Tupelo MS ........................................ 13
Easton Hood, Tupelo MS ............................................... 13
2022 Albert Garza, League City TX .................................. 12
Kyeler Thompson, League City TX .................................. 12
Nick Valentine, Chesapeake VA ...................................... 12

Rawlings Big Stick Award

The Rawlings Big Stick Award goes to the player compiling the most total bases in national competition (World Series and national regional tournaments). The award is presented at the World Series ceremonies. The award is presented by the Rawlings Sporting Goods Company.

The 2022 recipient was Brooks Bryan, Troy AL with 24.

Previous award winners:

1972 Keith Kaurez, Memphis TN ........................................ 38
1973 Tucker Ashford, Memphis TN .................................... 34
1974 Greg Tooley, Rockport IN ......................................... 22
1975 Bill Wilson, Cedar Rapids IA .................................... 42
1976 Gus Malespin, Metairie LA ........................................ 41
1977 Doug Roberson, West Palm Beach FL ......................... 30
1978 Ivan Mesa, Hialeah FL ............................................. 39
1979 Juan Cruz, Yakima WA ............................................... 30
1980 Tomas Gil, Hialeah FL ............................................. 27
1981 Kevin Sickinger, Richmond VA .................................. 32
1982 Ron DeLucchi, Lafayette CA ..................................... 45
1983 Chito Martinez, New Orleans LA ............................... 44
1984 Jose Marzan, Guaynabo PR ....................................... 32
1985 Mike Musolino, Sacramento CA ................................. 40
1986 Danny Opperman, Las Vegas NV ................................ 44
1987 (tie) Tad Thompson, Vancouver WA ........................ 26
(tie) Jeff Seymour, Boyertown PA .................................... 26
1988 Scott Hughes, Cincinnati OH .................................... 30
1989 Del Marine, Woodland Hills CA ................................. 24
1990 Ricardo Otero, Bayamon PR ..................................... 37
1991 Bob Paulitthero, Union City CA ................................. 36
1992 Mike Harris, Brooklawn NJ ...................................... 29
1993 Allen Layman, Norman OK ...................................... 34
1994 Esteban Barrios, Miami FL ........................................ 35
1995 Jason Adaro, Alea HI ................................................ 29
1996 James Jarreau, Gonzales LA ...................................... 34
1997 Nate Philo, Medford OR .......................................... 44
1998 Ralph Roberts, Cherryville NC ................................. 34
1999 Brian Paone, New Brightton MN ............................... 48
2000 (tie) Al Smith, Omaha NE ......................................... 31
(tie) Mark Michael, Brooklawn NJ ................................... 31
(tie) Ryan Lymangrover, Danville CA ............................... 31
2001 Nate Martin, Lewiston ID ........................................ 34
2002 (tie) Josh Sowell, Dothan AL ...................................... 31
(tie) Corey Carter, West Point MS ................................... 31
2003 Joey Briggs, Corvallis OR ........................................ 41
2004 Steve Marquardt, Kennewick WA .............................. 29
2005 Zac Berg, Enid OK .................................................. 40
2006 Brady Shoemaker, Terre Haute IN .............................. 39
2007 Marc Damon, Tucson AZ .......................................... 46
2008 Max Garrett, Pasco WA ............................................ 38
2009 Kyle O’Boyle, Midland MI ......................................... 40
2010 Matt Halloran, Eden Prairie MN ............................... 34
2011 Tony Skjefte, Eden Prairie MN ......................45  
2012 Evan Ryan, Omaha NE ................................ 36  
2013 Anthony Bender, Petaluma CA ......................28  
2014 Sean Breen, Brooklawn NJ ..........................29  
2015 Justin Hawkins, Chapin-Newberry SC ..........31  
2016 Zach Luckey, Omaha NE ............................27  
2017 Jack Thomas Wold, Omaha NE .................29  
2018 (tie) Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE .......... 20  
2018 (tie) Dawson Painter, Randolph County NC ...20  
2019 Trevor Marsh, Randolph County NC ............26  
2021 Jackson McCoy, Tupelo MS .......................22  
2022 Brooks Bryan, Troy AL ...................24

Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award

National Commander Paul E. Dillard with winning manager Ross Hixon and coach D.J. Law

The winning manager and coaches of the American Legion World Series receive the Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award. The award is named in honor of the former adjutant of the Department of North Dakota. Williams, whose service to the legion spanned 49 years, stressed the importance of adult leadership with youth activities. This award is presented annually at the conclusion of the American Legion World Series.

Previous recipients
1970 – manager Don Sealy, coach Joe Opatkiewicz, West Covina CA Post 790.  
1972 – manager Bill Bullock, coaches Don Loehr; Bob Umfleet, Ballwin MO Post 611.  
1975 – manager Robert A. Garretson, coach Dale Ehler, Yakima WA Post 36.  
1976 – manager Al Montanari, coach Tom McCaffrey, Santa Monica CA Post 123.  
1977 – manager Mel Machuca, coach Bill Barcome, South Bend IN Post 50.  
1979 – manager Robert A. Garretson, coach Robert W. Garretson, Yakima WA P36  
1980 – manager Clyde Hayashida, coach Ronald Jacobs, Honolulu HI.  
1981 – manager Frank Permuy Sr., coach Frank Permuy Jr., W.Tampa FL P248  
1986 – manager Bob Shaw, coach Hondo Wilkes, Jensen Beach FL Post 126.  
1987 – manager Dave Specht, coach Rick Moatz, Boyertown PA Post 471.  
1988 – manager Dick Ludy, coach Dave Specht, Boyertown PA Post 471.  
1993 – manager Dave Ploof, coach Steve Wolff, Rapid City SD Post 22.  
1995 – manager Alan Higuchi, coaches Garrett Nago, Garrett Yukumoto, Aiea HI.  
1996 – head coach Meade Tenaglia and coaches Joe Ferraro and Paul Zavorski, Yardley PA Post 317  
1997 – head coach Rod Fergerson and coaches Jack Diemer and Kenne Brown, Sanford FL Post 53  
1998 – head coach Ken Schaeke and coaches Steve Haug, Keith Opel and Mike Schaeke, Edgewaterville IL Post 199  
1999 – head coach Jeff Larson and coaches Mark Paone, Mike Naslowski, New Brighton MN Post 513  
2000 -- head coach Don Johns and coaches John McGough, John Rodrigues, Pat Evans and Andy Faria, Danville CA Post 246  
2001 – manager Joe Barth Sr.; coaches Dennis Barth, Tim Gunn, Brooklawn P72  
2002 – manager Frank Porter; coach Tyler Bratton, W.Point MS Post 212  
2003 – Keith Kangas and Tony Beck, Rochester MN Post 92  
2004 – manager Mike D’Andrea; coaches Daniel McDuffie and Chris Grant, Portland ME Nova  
2005 – manager Bill Mayberry; coaches Chris Jensen, Butch Lingenfelter, Enid OK Post 4  
2006 – manager David Baudry and coaches Brad Benoit and Anthony Longo, Metairie LA Post 175  
2007 – manager Mickey McKeel and coaches Eddie Allred, Joel Kercado and Chris Ivie, Columbia TN Post 15  
2008 – manager Chris Sheff and coaches Scott Baker and Gino Campagna, Las Vegas NV Post 76  
2009 – manager Steven Cronkright, coaches Daniel Cronkright and Patrick Dawson; student coach Max Yatch, Midland MI Post 165  
2010 – manager Doug Weese, coaches Shane Hawk, Jerry Long and Derek Snell, Midwest City OK  
2011 – Head Coach Scott Hackett and assistant coaches Mike Halloran and John Buteyn, Eden Prairie MN
2012 – Manager Joe Latino and coaches Jeff Chappuis, Ken Goodlett and Joseph Licciardi, New Orleans LA Post 125.
2013 – Head Coach Joe Barth Sr., Associate Head Coach Dennis Barth and coaches Michael Brown, Josh Capskey, Bill Gore, Steve Modile and Mike Rucci, Brooklawn NJ
2014 – Head Coach Joe Barth Sr., Associate Head Coach Dennis Barth and coaches Michael Brown, Josh Capskey, Steve Modile and Mike Rucci, Brooklann NJ.
2015 – Head Coach Daniel Gregory and coaches David Coats, Michael Robertson and Marion Baker, Chapin-Newberry SC.
2016 – Manager Dane Peavy and coaches Jonathan Butcher, Steve Goodheart, Jonathan Orr and Reid Peavy, Texarkana AR.
2017 – Manager Scott Baker and coaches Tyler Baker, Essex Burton, Shawn Dickson, Jerahmie Libke and Roberto Persona, Henderson NV
2018 – Manager Brent Tremi, coaches Stephen Lex, Matt Schubert, Mark Wilhelm, Dane Walter.
2019 – Manager Kenneth Alexander, coaches Nathan Byram, Easton Dahlbert and Michael Webster.
2020 – No World Series played due to Covid-19
2021 – Manager Ryan Alexander and coaches Mike Webster, Thomas Alexander and Bruer Webster.
2022 – Manager Ross Hixon and coach D.J. Law.

**ALWS All-Tournament Team**

The American Legion World Series all-star squad is selected based on game performance during the American Legion World Series games only. The selections are chosen by a committee of knowledgeable officials. The committee watches every game and every pitch and meets daily to discuss the games. The committee meets on championship day early to make recommendations and then during the championship game, the final selections are made. Often, the final choices aren’t determined until the final out of the final inning.

**1995**
Bill Lockwood, catcher, Osseo MN; Jason Adaro, first base, Aiea HA; Greg Anderson, second base, Osseo MN; Davey Meguro, third base, Aiea HA; Lon Yamaguchi, shortstop, Aiea HA; Dom Crispo, outfield, Bellevue WA; Larry Lockridge, outfield, Columbia TN; Mike Wirnick, outfield, Bellevue WA; Bobby Morgan, utility, Columbia TN; Matt Erickson, pitcher, Osseo MN; Woody Heath, pitcher, Bellevue WA.

**1996**
Andy Fontenot, catcher, Gonzales LA; Christian Bourgeois, first base, Gonzales LA; Casey Lambert, second base, Gonzales LA; Bryce Gehlen, third base, Vancouver WA; Kevin Quinn, shortstop, Midland MI; Matt Madison, leftfield, Vancouver WA; John Wakely, centerfield, Yardley PA; Kip Harris, rightfield, Midland MI; James Jarreau, designated hitter, Gonzales LA; Travis Goins, utility, Rowan County NC; Ben Sheets, pitcher, Gonzales LA; Andy Hoffman, pitcher, Midland MI.

**1997**
Rick Dorman, catcher, Medford OR; Clyde Williams, first base, Sanford FL; Tim Raines Jr., second base, Sanford FL; Andy Neufeld, shortstop, Sanford FL; Brian Fachet, third base, Medford OR; Chris Louwsma, utility player, Sanford FL; Shawn Walker, designated hitter, Medford OR; Nate Philo, outfield, Medford OR; Bob Vanhoober, outfield, Rock Island IL; Paulo Silva, outfield, Sanford FL; Steve Becher, pitcher, Medford OR; Jeff Monaco, pitcher, Sanford FL.

**1998**
B. J. Vesce, catcher, Danville CA; Ryan Lee, first base, Las Vegas NV; Brad Lane, second base, Cherryville NC; Chad Opel, shortstop, Edwardsville IL; Matt Furman, third base, Brooklawn NJ; Justin Alumbaugh, outfield, Danville CA; Ralph Roberts, outfield, Cherryville NC; Dave Crouthers, outfield, Edwardsville IL; Chris Wright, designated hitter, State College PA; Josh Reynolds, utility, Jefferson City MO; James Hutton, pitcher; Edwardsville IL; Ben Hutton, pitcher, Edwardsville IL.

**1999**
Darren Osborne, catcher, Gallatin TN; Brian Paone, first base, New Brighton MN; Billy Schneider, second base, New Brighton MN; Tyrel Davis, third base, Kennewick WA; Andy Kranz, shortstop, Bloomington MN; Peter Wiedewitsch, outfield, New Brighton MN; Travis Lee, outfield, Edmond OK; Joel Keith, outfield, Bloomington MN; Dave Coogan, designated hitter, Kennewick WA; Anthony Aquilino, utility, Brooklawn NJ; Steve Grasley, pitcher, New Brighton MN; Ben Hendrickson, pitcher, Bloomington MN.

**2000**
Tim Gilhooly, catcher, Danville CA; Ryan Lymangrover, first base, Danville CA; Eddie Hannan, second base, Paducah KY; Mark Michael, third base, Brooklawn NJ; Adam Ricks, shortstop, Danville CA; Al Smith, outfield, Omaha NE; Matt Ryan, outfield, Brooklawn NJ; Kevin Flaherty, outfield, Danville CA; Geoffrey Kirksey, designated hitter, Paducah; Mike Rucci, utility, Brooklawn NJ; Matt Brown, pitcher, Danville CA; Mateo Marimontes, pitcher, Danville CA.

**2001**
Mike Rucci, catcher, Brooklawn NJ; Dayton Ries, first base, Midwest City OK; Brendan Winn, second base, Milford MA; Allen Balmer, third base, Lewiston ID; Joe Lamb, shortstop, Brooklawn NJ; John Devaney, outfielder, Danville CA; Joe Pietro, outfielder, Omaha NE; Nate Martin, outfielder, Lewiston ID; Josh O’Dell, designated hitter, Midwest City OK; Nate Schill, utility, Brooklawn NJ; Andrew Noe, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Julius Smith, pitcher, Lewiston ID.

**2002**
Spencer Ingaldson, catcher, Rapid City SD; Marcus McKenzie, first base, Excelsior MN; Cody Moser, second base, Rapid City SD; Andy Shepherd, third base, Rapid City SC; Pat Moran, shortstop, Rapid City SD; Josh Sowell, outfielder, Dothan AL; Jeff Engel, outfielder, Excelsior MN; Corey Carter, outfielder, West Point MS; Dustin Siner, designated hitter, West Point MS; Josh Johnson, utility, West Point MS; Jeff Shafer, pitcher, West Point MS; Brent Goble, pitcher, Medford OR.

**2003**
David Wise, catcher, Cherryville NC; Brett Brunner, first base, Corvallis OR; Chris Kunda, Corvallis OR; Justin Grant, third base, Rochester MN; Robert Marcial, shortstop, Northridge CA; Andy Console, outfielder, Haddon Heights NJ; Nathan Bowers, outfielder, Rochester MN; Joey Briggs, outfielder, Corvallis OR; Ted Garry, designated hitter, Rochester MN; Jay Heafner, utility, Cherryville NC; Chris Mason, pitcher, Cherryville NC; Michael Badger, pitcher, Rochester MN; Aaron Craig, pitcher, Rochester MN.

**2004**
Forrest Rice, pitcher, Kennewick WA; Mike Powers, pitcher, Portland ME; Nick Pugliese, pitcher, DeLand FL; Kody Gibson, first base, Edmond OK; Kody Gaiger, second base, Edmond OK; Shane Schoenberg, third base, Kennewick WA; Tommy Cauley, shortstop, DeLand FL; Sean Sloppy, catcher, Kennewick WA; Matt Cotellese, outfielder, Boyertown PA; Scott Brown, outfielder, Portland ME; Ryan Reid, outfielder, Portland ME; Steve Marquardt, utility, Kennewick WA.
2005
Jeremy Stumetz, pitcher, Pasco WA; Matt Peck, pitcher, Enid OK; Michael Tamin, first base, Branford CT; Adam Tussey, second base, Brooklawn NJ; Joe Bonfe, third base, Woodbury MN; Tyson Seng, shortstop, Enid OK; Schyler Burns, catcher, Enid OK; Kyle Conley, outfielder, Pasco WA; Paul Martin, outfielder, Pasco WA; Zac Berg, outfielder, Enid OK; Tyler Fleming, utility, Enid OK; Tyler Roberts, designated hitter, Twin Cities WA.

2006
Robby Broach, pitcher, Metairie LA; Cole Vicars, pitcher, Terre Haute IN; Daniel Gordon, first base, Sumter SC; Kevin Weidenbacher, second base, Metairie LA; Phil Cerretto, third base, Midlothian VA; Taylor Cole, shortstop, Las Vegas NV; Josh Phegley, catcher, Terre Haute IN; Grayson Tanner, outfielder, Sumter SC; Travis Winterspoon, outfielder, Sumter SC; Brady Shoemaker, outfielder, Terre Haute IN; Michael Liberto, utility, Metairie LA; Kirk Cunningham, DH, Metairie LA.

2007
Danny Miller, pitcher, Eden Prairie MN; Chris Moody, pitcher, Tucson AZ; Scott Beasley, pitcher, Columbia TN; Aaron Tapia, first base, Tucson AZ; Alan Kennedy, second base, Bellingham WA; Chris Lovett, third base, Columbia TN; Mike Olt, shortstop, Branford CT; Cody Pomeroy, catcher, Columbia TN; J.T. Canakes, outfielder, Eden Prairie MN; Holden Killen, outfielder, Columbia TN; James Balzano, outfielder, Branford CT; Kyle Geason, utility, Eden Prairie MN; Marc Damon, designated hitter, Tucson AZ; MVP – Danny Miller, Eden Prairie MN.

2008
Matt Price, pitcher, Sumter SC; Matt Hall, pitcher, Las Vegas NV; Blake Hauser, pitcher, South Richmond VA; Jeff Malm, first base, Las Vegas NV; Brittan Hammer, second base, Pasco WA; Scott Dysinger, third base, Las Vegas NV; Brad Shaban, shortstop, South Richmond VA; Max Garrett, catcher, Pasco WA; Travis Witherspoon, outfield, Sumter SC; Jamison Rowe, outfield, Pasco WA; Thad Thornburg, outfield, Jonesboro AR; Matt Talley, utility, Sumter SC; Sam Key, designated hitter, Sumter SC.

2009
Cad Mayle, pitcher, Midland MI; Bradey Shipley, pitcher, Medford OR; Michael Wacha, pitcher, Texarkana TX; Lewis Sebrell, catcher, Medford OR; Trey Holmes, first base, Rowan County NC; Johnny Field, second base, Las Vegas NV; Eric Dawson, third base, Midland MI; Jordan Dean, shortstop, Midland MI; Jake Matuszak, outfield, Berlin CT; Jake Ringold, outfield, MT; Aiyu MD; Kendrick Henderson, outfield, Texarkana TX; Matt Maurer, designated hitter, Medford OR; TJ White, utility, Las Vegas NV.

2010
Blake Schmit, utility, Eden Prairie MN; Alex Swim, catcher, Kernersville NC; Tanner Hessman, first base, Midwest City OK; Tony Skjefte, second base, Eden Prairie MN; Josh Halbert, third base, Midwest City OK; Jake Hager, shortstop, Las Vegas NV; Cameron Newell, outfield, Roseburg OR; Tim Miller, outfield, Eden Prairie MN; Turner Coon, outfield, Midwest City OK; Vince Ampi, designated hitter, Roseburg OR; Brandon Jackson, pitcher, Roseburg OR; Dalton Bernardi, pitcher, Midwest City OK; Kevin Hill, pitcher, Midwest City OK.

2011
Alex Rapanos, designated hitter, Midland MI; Erik VanMeetren, catcher, Las Vegas NV; Channing Nanney, utility, Tupelo MS; Tyler Peterson, first base. Eden Prairie MN; Tony Skjefte, second base, Eden Prairie MN; Blake Schmit, shortstop, Eden Prairie MN; TJ White, third base, Las Vegas NV; Dillon Palencia, outfield, Gaffney SC; AJ VanMeetren, outfield, Las Vegas NV; David Belusky, outfield, Eden Prairie MN; Kaleb Earls, pitcher, Gaffney SC; Will Cox, pitcher, Tupelo MS; Brandon Woodruff, pitcher, Tupelo MS.

2012
Emerson Gibbs, pitcher, New Orleans LA; Cody Brown, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Brandon Mahovlich, pitcher, Bellevue WA; Jimmy Sinatro, catcher, Bellevue WA; Luke Voiron, designated hitter, New Orleans LA; Taylor Elam, first base, Omaha NE; Joe Brooks, second base, Brooklawn NJ; Brent Tenuto, third base, Brooklawn NJ; Tony Fortier-Benson, shortstop, New Orleans LA; Evan Ryan, outfield, Omaha NE; Zach Shields, outfield, Florence SC; Pat Kane, outfield, Brooklawn NJ; Akeem Bostick, utility, Florence SC.

2013
Mike Shawaryn, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Jimmy Flatt, pitcher, Petaluma CA; Joe O’Donnell, pitcher, Wilmington NC; Austen Nagamine, catcher, Waipahu HI; Weston Bryan, designated hitter, Petaluma CA; Anthony Harrold, first base, Brooklawn NJ; Robbie Podrosky, second base, Gonzales LA; Nick Cieri, third base, Brooklawn NJ; Steven Linkous, shortstop, Wilmington NC; Ryan Walsh, outfield, Petaluma CA; Tanner Tokunaga, Waipahu HI; Collin Delaune, outfield, Gonzales LA.

2014
Tyler Modile, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Eric Schorr, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Evan Marquardt, pitcher, Midland MI; Anthony Harrold, first base, Brooklawn NJ; Sean Breen, second base, Brooklawn NJ; Tanner Gross, third base, Midland MI; Matt Waldron, shortstop, Omaha NE; Kamalu Neal, catcher, Waipahu HI; Kyle Pausche, designated hitter, Jacksonville FL; Jonathon Hentschel, utility, Midland MI; Tanner Tokunaga, outfield, Waipahu HI; Pete Farlow, outfield, Brooklawn NJ; Adam Fitzgibbon, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ.

2015
Anthony Harrold, first base, Brooklawn NJ; Peyton Spangler, second base, Chapin-Newberry SC; Hayden Fuentes, third base, New Orleans LA; Justin Hawkins, shortstop, Chapin-Newberry SC; Keke Rios, catcher, Waipahu HI; Micah Brown, utility, Medford OR; Ben Hess, designated hitter, New Orleans LA; Cole Brooks, outfield, Midland MI; Danton Hyman, outfield, Chapin-Newberry SC; Dyland Sugimoto, outfield, Waipahu HI; Cody Coggins, pitcher, Medford OR; Lucas Rollins, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Ryne Huggins, pitcher, Chapin-Newberry SC.

2016
Knick Knecht, first base, San Mateo CA; Tanner File, second base, Rowan County NC; Juan Garcia, third base, Rowan County NC; Zach Luckey, shortstop, Omaha NE; Will Smith, catcher, Texarkana AR; Felix Aberouette, utility, San Mateo CA; Jakob Shuler, utility, Rockport IN; Chris Wright, Cumberland RI, designated hitter; Tyler Villaroman, outfield, San Mateo CA; Blake Hall, outfield, Texarkana AR; Lee Poteat, outfield, Rowan County NC; Hunter Shepherd, pitcher, Rowan County NC; Austin Cross, pitcher, Texarkana AR; Sawyer Strickland, pitcher, Rowan County NC.

2017
Zach Luckey, designated hitter, Omaha NE; Jordan Patty, utility/athlete, Midland MI; Roger Riley, catcher, Henderson NV; Jack Thomas Wold, first base, Henderson NV; Peyton Williams, second base, Randolph County NC; Tom Steier, third base, Omaha NE; Will Karp, shortstop, Hopewell NJ; Will Hanafan, outfield, Omaha NE; Logan Allen, outfield, Bryant AR; AJ Light, outfield, Lewiston ID; Matt Sansky, Shrewsbury MA; Josh Culiver, pitcher, Omaha NE; Chance Spencer, pitcher, Henderson NV.
2018
Jack Merrifield, first base, Gonzales LA; Brayden Caskey, second base, Gonzales LA; Edarian Williams, third base, Las Vegas NV; Nate Thomas, shortstop, Wilmington DE; Parker Schmidt, catcher, Las Vegas NV; Sam Link, utility/athlete, Dubuque County IA; Eric Ludman, designated hitter, Wilmington DE; Austin Colmery, outfield, Wilmington DE; Jason Sharman, outfield, Las Vegas NV; Trevor Marsh, outfield, Randolph County NC; Jimmy Gamboa, pitcher, Las Vegas NV; Sam Goodman, pitcher, Dubuque County IA

2019
Blake Anderson, first base, Fargo ND; Bruer Webster, second base, Idaho Falls ID; Alex Cortez, shortstop, Idaho Falls ID; Ron Franklin, third base, Destrehan LA; Chandler Ibach, catcher, Fargo ND; Zach Kluvers, utility/athlete, Fargo ND; Zach Sandy, designated hitter, Fargo ND; Trevor Marsh, outfield, Randolph County NC; Andrew Gregerson, outfield, Idaho Falls ID; Kolby Bourgeois, outfield, Destrehan LA; Caden Christenson, pitcher, Idaho Falls ID; Stephen Klein, pitcher, Destrehan LA; Taylor Parrett, pitcher, Fargo ND

2020
No ALWS due to Covid-19 cancellation.

2021
Tate Gustafson, catcher, Fargo ND; Shawn Camron, first base, Ridge MD; Ty Yukumoto, second base, Honolulu HI; Mac Jephson, third base, Idaho Falls ID; Nate Rose, shortstop, Idaho Falls ID; William Foglietta, designated hitter, Beverly MA; Noah Foster, utility, Tupelo MS; Ky Howell, outfield, Idaho Falls ID; Brennan Frost, outfield, Beverly MA; Demetri Jamison, outfield, Beverly MD; David Oswalt, pitcher, Tupelo MS; Merit Jones, pitcher, Idaho Falls ID; Josh Aribal, pitcher, Honolulu HI.

2022
Jack Bakus, first base, Midland MI; Tanner Taylor, second base, Troy AL; Jamari Harris, third base, Camden SC; Zack Parker, shortstop, Midland MI; R.J Books, catcher, Idaho Falls ID; Elliott Peterson, utility/athlete, Omaha NE; Brooks Bryan, designated hitter, Troy AL; Cooper Newell, outfield, Chesapeake VA; Brandon Gibbs, outfield, Camden SC; Elliot Jones, outfield, Idaho Falls ID; Douglas Johnson, pitcher, Troy AL; Dax Whitley, pitcher, Idaho Falls ID; David Siciliano, Shrewsbury MA.
## The Championship Game

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*Bold indicates ALWS Champions*
Sectional Champions

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1928 - Oakland CA (W), Worchester MA (E).
1929 - New Orleans LA (W), Buffalo NY (E).
1930 - New Orleans LA (W), Baltimore MD (E).
1931 - South Chicago IL (W), Columbia SC (E).
1932 - New Orleans LA (W), Springfield MA (E).
1933 - Chicago IL (W), Trenton NJ (E).
1934 - New Orleans (W), Cumberland MD (E).
1935 - Sacramento CA (W), Gastonia NC (E).
1936 - Los Angeles CA (W), Manchester NH (NE).
1937 - Omaha NE (W), East Lynn MA (NE), New Orleans LA (SE).
1938 - San Diego CA (W), Detroit MI (NE), Spartanburg SC (SE).
1939 - Omaha NE (W), Passaic NJ (NE), Berwyn IL (SE).
1940 - San Diego (W), Albermarle NC (NE).
1941 - San Diego CA (W), Detroit MI (NE), Michigan (SE).
1942 - St. Louis MO (NW), Los Angeles CA (SW), Manchester NH (NE).
1943 - Richfield MN (NW), New Orleans LA (SW), Flint MI (NE), Springfield OH, Whiteville NC (SE).
1944 - Cincinnati OH (NW), Tucson AZ (SW), Brockton MA (NE), Albermarle NC (SE).
1945 - Oak Park IL (NW), Tucson AZ (SW), Trenton NJ (NE), Shelby NC (SE).
1946 - Trenton NJ (A), New Orleans LA (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Los Angeles CA (D).
1947 - Manchester NH (A), Little Rock AR (B), Cincinnati OH (C), San Diego CA (D).
1948 - Trenton NJ (A), Jacksonville (B), Belleville IL (C), Omaha NE (D).
1949 - Wheeling WV (A), Atlanta GA (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Oakland CA (D).
1950 - Bristol RI (A), Richmond VA (B), St. Louis MO (C), Oakland CA (D).
1951 - White Plains NY (A), Jacksonville FL (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Los Angeles (D).
1952 - Millford MA (A), Austin TX (B), Cincinnati OH (C), San Diego CA (D).
1953 - Millford WA (A), Cherryville NC (B), Winnetka IL (C), Yakima WA (D).
1954 - Baltimore MD (A), Gastonia NC (B), Maplewood MN (C), San Diego CA (D).
1955 - Washington DC (A), Salisbury NC (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Lincoln NE (D).
1956 - Yonkers NY (A), New Orleans LA (B), St. Louis MO (C), Roseburg OR (D).
1957 - Washington DC (A), Greer SC (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Portland OR (D).
1958 - Everett MA (A), Greenwood SC (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Billings MT (D).
1959 - West Hartford CT (A), Hampton VA (B), Detroit MI (C), Phoenix AZ (D).

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Scenes from Yesteryear…
American Legion Baseball + MLB success = Baseball Hall of Fame

The list just keeps growing for American Legion baseball alumni in the Baseball Hall of Fame. Scott Rolen and Fred McGriff are the newest to be inducted into the Hall in July in Cooperstown, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Rolen was chosen by the BBWAA receiving 297 votes or 76.3 percent while McGriff was selected in all 16 ballots on the Contemporary Baseball Era Players Committee.

Both had very impressive MLB careers.

Rolen was tabbed Rookie of the Year and played 17 seasons mostly with the Phillies and Cardinals. His position was the hot corner, third base and he played it well. He hit 316 home runs with a .281 average and 1,287 rbi. He was a seven time All-Star and led the Cardinals to the 2006 World Series title hitting .421.

McGiff played 19 seasons mostly with Toronto, Atlanta and Tampa Bay with a career average of .284 with 493 home runs and 1,550 rbi. He was three-time all-star at first base and played on the Atlanta Braves 1994 World Series winning team.

Rolen played American Legion baseball in Tampa while Rolen played in legion ball in Jasper, Indiana.

Legion alumni in the Hall of Fame

1962 – Bob Feller, pitcher
1966 – Ted Williams, outfielder
1968 – Joe Medwick, outfielder
1969 – Stan Musial, outfielder/first base
Roy Campanella, centerfield
1970 – Lou Boudreau, shortstop
1972 – Yogi Berra, catcher
Early Wynn, pitcher
1973 – Warren Spahn, pitcher
1975 – Ralph Kiner, outfielder
1976 – Robin Roberts, pitcher
Bob Lemon, pitcher
1978 – Eddie Mathews, third base
1980 – Al Kaline, outfielder
1981 – Bob Gibson, pitcher

1982 – Frank Robinson, outfielder
1983 – George Kell, third base
Brooks Robinson, third base
1984 – Don Drysdale, pitcher
Harmon Killebrew, first/third base
Pee-wee Reese, shortstop
1985 – Hoyt Wilhelm, pitcher
1986 – Bobby Doerr, second base
1987 – Jim ‘Catfish’ Hunter, pitcher
1988 – Willie Stargell, outfielder
1989 – Johnny Bench, catcher
Carl Yastrzemski, outfielder/first base
1990 – Joe Morgan, second base
Jim Palmer, pitcher
1991 – Gaylord Perry, pitcher
1992 – Rollie Fingers, pitcher
Hal Newhouser, pitcher
Tom Seaver, pitcher
1993 – Reggie Jackson, outfielder
1994 – Steve Carlton, pitcher
1995 – Richie Ashburn, outfielder
1996 – Jim Bunning, pitcher
Earl Weaver, manager
1997 – Phil Niekro, pitcher
Nellie Fox, second base
1999 – George Brett, third base
Robin Yount, shortstop/outfield
2000 – Sparky Anderson, manager
Carlton Fisk, catcher
2001 – Dave Winfield, outfielder
2003 – Gary Carter, catcher
Eddie Murray, first base
2004 – Paul Molitor, shortstop
2005 – Ryne Sandberg, second base
Wade Boggs, third base
2006 – Bruce Sutter, pitcher
2007 – Tony Gwynn, outfielder
2008 – Dick Williams, manager
2009 – Joe Gordon, second base
Jim Rice, leftfield
2010 – Whitey Herzog, manager
Doug Harvey, umpire
2011 – Roberto Alomar, second base
Bert Blyleven, pitcher
Pat Gillick, administrator
2012 – Ron Santo, third base
Barry Larkin, shortstop
2013 – Bobby Cox, manager
Tom Glavine, pitcher
Tony LaRussa, manager
Greg Maddux, pitcher
Joe Torre, manager
2016 – Mike Piazza, catcher
2017 – Jeff Bagwell, first base
Tim Raines, outfielder
John Schuerholz, executive
2018 – Chipper Jones, third base
Jack Morris, pitcher
Jim Thome, first-third base
Alan Trammell, shortstop
2018 – Trevor Hoffman, pitcher
2019 – Lee Smith, pitcher
Mike Mussine, pitcher
Roy Halladay, pitcher
Harold Baines, outfielder/DH
2020 – Ted Simmons, catcher/first base
2022 – Gil Hodges, first base/manager
Jim Kaat, pitcher
2023 – Scott Rolen, third base
Fred McGriff, first base

Shortstop Corey Seager is Legion Graduate of Year

Before earning MVP honors at the 2020 Major League World Series, shortstop Corey Seager was an MVP in American Legion baseball playing for Post 115 in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Seager is in his tenth season of MLB having played for the Los Angeles Dodgers seven seasons earning Rookie of the Year honors in 2016. The three-time All-star currently plays with the Texas Rangers.

Previous award recipients:
1958 – Sherman Lollar, White Sox
1959 – no award
1960 – Ted Williams, Red Sox
1961 – Stan Musial, Cardinals
1962 – Bobby Richardson, Yankees
1963 – Warren Spahn, Braves
1964 – Brooks Robinson, Orioles
1965 – Gene Fisher, White Sox
1966 – Frank Robinson, Reds
1967 – Carl Yastrzemski, Red Sox
1968 – Mickey Lolich, Tigers
1969 – Harmon Killebrew, Twins
1970 – Dave McNally, Orioles
1971 – Steve Carlton, Cardinals
1972 – Al Kaline, Tigers
1973 – Johnny Bench, Reds
1974 – Wilbur Woods, White Sox
1975 – Carlton Fisk, Red Sox
1976 – Rick Monday, Cubs
1977 – Dave Winfield, Padres
1978 – Ron Guidry, Yankees
1979 – Mike Flanagan, Orioles
1980 – George Brett, Royals
1981 – Gary Carter, Expos
1982 – Jim Sunberg, Rangers
1983 – Andre Thornton, Indians
1984 – Ryne Sandberg, Cubs
1985 – Jeff Reardon, Expos
1986 – Dale Murphy, Braves
1987 – Don Mattingly, Yankees
1988 – Roger Clemens, Red Sox
1989 – Alan Trammel, Tigers
1990 – Harold Reynolds, Mariners
1991 – Sid Bream, Braves
1992 – Terry Steinbach, A’s
1993 – Bill Swift, Giants
1994 – Greg Maddux, Braves
1995 – Bob Tewksbury, Padres
1996 – Paul Molitor, Twins
1997 – Mo Vaughn, Red Sox
1998 – Tony Gwynn, Padres
1999 – Steve Finley, Padres
2000 – Chipper Jones, Braves
2001 – Todd Stottlemyre, Diamondbacks
2002 – Luis Gonzalez, Diamondbacks
2003 – Jeff Bagwell, Astros
2004 – Darin Erstad, Angels
2005 – Scott Rolen, Cardinals
2006 – Albert Pujols, Cardinals
2007 – Chris Carpenter, Cardinals
2008 – Justin Verlander, Tigers
2009 – Lyle Overbay, Blue Jays
2010 – Brandon Inge, Tigers
2011 – Corey Hart, Brewers
2012 – Mark Ellis, Dodgers
2013 – Chad Billingsley, Dodgers
2014 – Michael Cuddyer, Rockies
2015 – Alex Gordon, Royals
2016 – Cliff Lee, Phillies
2017 – Brian Dozier, Twins
2018 – Brian Duensing, Cubs
2019 – Neil Walker, Pirates
2020 – no award
2021 – Jacob deGrom, Mets
2022 – Brandon Woodruff, Twins
2023 – Corey Seager, Dodgers/Rangers
World Series appearances (by states)

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Note: California and South Carolina played to a tie game as did Louisiana and Massachusetts.

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Note: Pennsylvania, Washington, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri and Puerto Rico tied with 3

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Note: Pennsylvania, Washington, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri

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Note: Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania tied with 4

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## Honoring Rick Cash

The American Legion World Series family lost a true baseball man with the death of Rickie J. Cash in December 2021.

Cash served the legion in many categories. He was assistant tournament director of the Series, served on the selection committee for the Player Of the Year, coached and served as chairman of Arkansas' legion program.

A U.S. Marine veteran, Cash served the Corps from 1968-72 as a sergeant received a Purple Heart while serving in Vietnam.

A true Christian family man, Rick was survived by his wife Jeris, son Mark and daughters Alyson and Sarah and eighth grandchildren. He was an ordained deacon and Bible Study leader in his church.

The Bible tells us that to be absent from the body is to be in the presence of the Lord. We can be assured that Rick resides in heaven with the Lord.

Rick’s family attended the 2022 Series as legion and Shelby, North Carolina officials dedicated the Rick J. Cash Memorial Leadership Wall at Keeter Stadium.

### Team App 1-2-3 W-L Years

**Columbia**
- App: 3
- 1-2-3: 1-0-0
- W-L: 7-5
- Years: 95-07-14

**Gallatin**
- App: 1
- 1-2-3: 0-0-1
- W-L: 2-2
- Years: 99

**Memphis**
- App: 6
- 1-2-3: 1-3-1
- W-L: 19-10
- Years: 63-65-67-68

**Millington**
- App: 1
- 1-2-3: 0-0-0
- W-L: 0-2
- Years: 84

**Nashville**
- App: 1
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- W-L: 0-2
- Years: 66

**TEXAS**

**Texas City**
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- W-L: 1-2
- Years: 00

**UTAH**

**Sandy**
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- Years: 96

**Taylorsville**
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**Chesapeake**
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- Years: 10

**Colonial Heights**
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- Years: 61

**Glen Allen**
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**Hampton**
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- Years: 59-62

**Leesburg**
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- Years: 16

**Midlothian**
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- W-L: 8-3
- Years: 85-06

**Norfolk**
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- Years: 72

**Richmond**
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- Years: 50-73-81

**South Richmond**
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- Years: 08

**WASHINGTON**

**Bellevue**
- App: 3
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- W-L: 10-6
- Years: 81-95-12

**Bellingham**
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- 1-2-3: 0-0-0
- W-L: 1-2
- Years: 07

**Kennewick**
- App: 3
- 1-2-3: 0-2-0
- W-L: 6-7
- Years: 99-04-16

**Pasco**
- App: 2
- 1-2-3: 0-2-0
- W-L: 7-4
- Years: 05-08

**Vancouver**
- App: 2
- 1-2-3: 0-1-0
- W-L: 4-4
- Years: 87-96

**Yakima**
- App: 5
- 1-2-3: 3-0-1
- W-L: 13-7
- Years: 53-75-76

**WEST VIRGINIA**

**Wheeling**
- App: 1
- 1-2-3: 0-0-1
- W-L: 1-2
- Years: 49

**WISCONSIN**

**Janesville**
- App: 1
- 1-2-3: 0-0-1
- W-L: 3-2
- Years: 89

**West Allis**
- App: 1
- 1-2-3: 0-0-0
- W-L: 1-2
- Years: 62

**WYOMING**

No team from Wyoming has appeared in the ALWS

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**Above**: Mrs. Rick Cash and family escorted by Military escort during special ceremony at Keeter Stadium

**Below**: Gary Stone with Rick Cash at the American Legion World Series.
ALWS all-time attendance records

SINCE 1926
LARGEST SERIES
ATTENDANCE
132,804 in 2022 at Shelby NC

SMALLEST SERIES
ATTENDANCE
4,200 in 1958 at Colo. Springs CO

LARGEST GAME ATTENDANCE
20,000 in 1936 at Spartanburg SC

SMALLEST GAME
ATTENDANCE
374 in 1984 at New Orleans LA (session 7)

LARGEST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
20,000 in 1936 at Spartanburg SC

SMALLEST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
524 in 1984 at New Orleans LA

SINCE CURRENT 8-team FORMAT LARGEST GAME
ATTENDANCE
10,672 in 2022 at Shelby NC (game 12)

Year by Year
1926 6,600
1928 6,500
1929 7,569
1930 7,782
1931 9,100
1932 31,555
1933 12,500
1934 17,500
1935 28,900
1936 60,000
1937 22,726
1938 48,500
1939 34,600

1940 42,500
1941 11,257
1942 17,595
1943 22,000
1944 28,000
1945 41,250
1946 19,150
1947 23,610
1948 18,500
1949 45,727
1950 34,775
1951 20,500
1952 20,565
1953 19,650
1954 40,269
1955 13,025
1956 16,000
1957 21,950
1958 4,200
1959 23,615
1960 29,144
1961 26,140
1962 20,200
1963 23,000
1964 16,500
1965 15,549
1966 19,248
1967 22,821
1968 17,743
1969 20,908
1970 22,379
1971 12,500
1972 24,817
1973 23,677
1974 30,182
1975 27,054
1976 32,740
1977 30,712
1978 24,605
1979 14,661
1980 18,892
1981 16,371
1982 34,023
1983 27,433
1984 7,765
1985 15,328
1986 16,190
1987 11,268
1988 19,423
1989 6,585
1990 31,580
1991 28,415
1992 27,055
1993 34,306
1994 21,466
1995 24,403
1996 38,836
1997 24,525
1998 22,015
1999 19,633
2000 13,731
2001 15,080
2002 13,487
2003 20,030
2004 11,905
2005 28,058
2006 18,082
2007 23,220
2008 37,701
2009 15,579
2010 13,000
2011 86,162
2012 101,925
2013 104,726
2014 110,036
2015 117,072
2016 121,127
2017 120,924
2018 128,307
2019 127,899
2020 No tourney
2021 117,911
2022 132,804
This record section includes traditional records (1926-2017) and New Era records (2018-current). In 2018, the American Legion national baseball committee reduced the number of innings played in national competition from nine innings to seven. To reflect the change, games in national play from 2018 will have separate record section called New era records. Tradition records in this section are highlighted in blue. New Era records are highlighted in red and General records are highlighted green.

Game (individual and team) records are compiled from World Series games. Tournament games where applicable are included from national competition (regionals and ALWS play).

For additional information, please contact JJ Guinozzo, scoring czar, ALWS since 1972.

### Game records

#### Individual, team, two-team

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### Offense

#### MOST AT BATS

**INDIVIDUAL**

- 7 by Dan Henning (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
- 7 by Rhett Fenton (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
- 7 by Taylor Schnec (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
- 7 by T.J. Fife (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
- 7 by Mike Ol (Branford CT v. Bellingham WA)—2007
- 7 by James Balzano (Branford CT v. Bellingham WA)—2007
- 7 by Doug Papuga (Branford CT v. Bellingham WA)—2007
- 7 by Andrew Johnson (Branford CT v. Bellingham WA)—2007
- 7 by Preston Young (Danville CA vs. Omaha NE)—2001
- 7 by Sean Yarbrough (Paducah KY vs. Omaha NE)—2000
- 7 by Eddie Hannan (Paducah KY vs. Omaha NE)—2000
- 7 by J.D. Merritt (Paducah KY vs. Omaha NE)—2000
- 7 by Al Smith (Omaha NE vs. Paducah KY)—2000
- 7 by Ryan Gilletland (Bedford VA vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1994
- 7 by Brandon Ingle (Bedford VA vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1994
- 7 by Glen Ambrosius (Brooklawn NJ vs. Bedford VA)—1994
- 7 by Ryan Rasmussen (Chino CA vs. Miami FL)—1994
- 7 by Jerry DeSimone (DesPlaines IL vs. Warwick RI)—1976
- 7 by John Rabel (West Quincy MA vs. Cheverly MD)—1975
- 7 by Mike Depolo (West Quincy MA vs. Cheverly MD)—1975
- 7 by John Matias (Honolulu HI vs. West Allis WI)—1962
- 7 by Ron Radlowski (South Chicago IL vs. Columbia SC)—1931
- 5 by Jake Brosius (Dubuque Co. IA vs. Idaho Falls ID)—2021
- 5 by Tucker Nauman (Dubuque Co. IA vs. Idaho Falls ID)—2021
- 5 by DJ Akiyama (Honolulu HI vs. Dubuque Co. IA)—2021
- 5 by Harrison Jackson, Randolph Co. NC vs. Shrewsbury MA – 2019
- 5 by Logan Spicer, Danville IL vs. Albuquerque NM — 2019
- 5 by TJ Thomas, Destrehan LA vs. Albuquerque NM — 2019
- 5 by Zach Klueva, Fargo ND vs. Shrewsbury MA — 2019
- 5 by Cole Hage, Fargo ND vs. Destrehan LA — 2019
- 5 by Blakr Anderson, Fargo ND vs. Destrehan LA — 2019
- 5 by Brydren Koenig, Fargo ND vs. Detrehan LA — 2019
- 5 by Brandt Kolpak, Fargo ND vs. Destrehan LA — 2019
- 5 by Kota Broeker, Danville IL vs. Idaho Falls ID — 2019
- 5 by Chase Rademacher, Danville IL vs. Idaho Falls ID — 2019
- 5 by Braydren Caskey, Gonzales LA vs. Wilmington DE — 2018
- 5 by Preston Thrash, Gonzales LA vs. Wilmington DE — 2018
- 5 by TJ Deardorff, Dubuque Co. IA vs. Braintree MA — 2018
- 5 by Landon Smith, Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV — 2018
- 5 by Trevor Marsh, Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV — 2018
- 5 by Jack Dubecz, Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI — 2018
- 5 by Tyler David, Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE — 2018
- 5 by Martin Money, Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE — 2018
- 5 by Seth Gower, Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE — 2018

**TEAM**

- 33 by Dubuque Co. IA vs. Braintree MA (seven innings)—2018

**TWO-TEAMS**

- 111 – Branford CT (56) vs. Bellingham W (55) (13 innings)—2007
- 72 – Wilmington DE (37) vs. Midland MI (35) (10 innings) —2018
- 65 – Fargo ND (37) vs. Destrehan LA (28) (seven innings) – 2019
- 63 – Fargo ND (32) vs. Ridge MD (31) (seven innings — 2021
- 57 – Dubuque Co. IA (33) vs. Braintree MA (24) (seven innings—2018

**MOST RUNS**

**INDIVIDUAL**

- 5 by Reid Akau (Waipahu HI vs. Wilmington NC)—2013
- 5 by Brian Kekee (Jefferson City MO vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1998
- 5 by Burke Eathorne (Bellevue WA vs. Columbia TN)—1995
- 5 by Dan Catlin (East Hartford CT vs. Medford OR)—1992
- 5 by Scott Hughes (Cincinnati OH vs. Kingston NY)—1988
- 5 by Mitch Hannahs (Maynard OH vs. Cedar Rapids IA)—1986
- 5 by Ron Ramie (Honolulu HI vs. West Allis WI)—1962
- 4 by Stephen Klein, Destrehan LA vs. Danville IL – 2019

**TEAM**

- 25 by Jefferson City MO vs. Brooklawn NJ (7 innings)—1998
- 23 by Yonkers NY vs. Pocatello ID—1926
- 23 by Omaha NE vs. Roseburg OR—1963
- 14 by Destrehan LA vs. Albuquerque NM – 2019

**TWO-TEAM**

- 34 – Oakland CA (22) vs. Bristol RI (12)—1950
- 20 – Destrehan LA (14) vs. Albuquerque NM (6) – 2019
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MOST HIT BY PITCH

INDIVIDUAL
2 by Bryan Kloetzke (Woodbury MN vs. Dothan AL)—2005
2 by Brock Alexander (Cherryville NC vs. Corvalis OR)—2003
2 by Dan Lyons (Roanoke MN vs. Corvalis OR)—2003
2 by Zach Marker (Corvalis OR vs. Whitehouse OH)—2003
2 by Matt Webb (Blue Springs MO vs. Northridge CA)—2003
2 by Jason Sparks (Whitehouse OH vs. Corvalis OR)—2003
2 by Lucas Ripa (Omaha NE vs. Kennewick WA)—2016
2 by Caleb Helms (Rockport IN vs. Kennewick WA)—2016
Also tied by 26 other players.
3 by Matthew Ploszay, Beveraly MA vs. Dubuque Co IA—2021
2 by Ernest Plummer, Danville IL vs. Destrehan LA—2019
2 by Braxton Mills, Meridian ID vs. Midland MI—2018
3 by Cole Smith (Dubuque Co IA vs. Idaho Falls ID)—2021
4 by Andrew Hoffman (Midland MI vs. Rockland CO NY)—1996
4 by Herb Dubler (Brooklawn NJ vs. Rockport IN)—1994
4 by Keith Ayers (Rockport IN vs. Millington TN)—1988
7 by Davie Moore (Sacramento CA vs. Bellevue WA)—1981
7 by Lake Oswego OR vs. Rockport IN—1974
7 by Rio Piedras PR vs. Metairie LA—1974
7 by Memphis TN vs. Klamath Falls OR—1968
2 by Danville IL vs. Albuquerque NM—2019
2 by Idaho Falls ID vs. Randolph Co. NC—2019
2 by Randolph Co. NC vs. Midland MI—2018
2 by Wilmington DE vs. Braintree MA—2018
2 by Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV—2018

TEAM
7 by Rowan County NC vs. San Mateo CA—2016
5 by Beverly MA vs. Dubuque Co IA—2021
4 by Destrehan LA vs. Fostus MO—2019
4 by Midland MI vs. Randolph Co. NC—2018

TWO-TEAM
7 by Rowan County NC vs. San Mateo CA (7)—2016
6 by Beverly MA (5) vs. Dubuque Co IA (7)—2021
6 – Midland MI (4) vs. Randolph Co. NC (2)—2018

MOST BASE ON BALLS

INDIVIDUAL
4 by Ryan Walsh (Petaluma WA vs. Brooklawn NJ)—2013
4 by Tyler Kipke (Woodbury MN vs. Branford CT)—2005
4 by Todd Haug (Edwardsville IL vs. Las Vegas NV)—1998
4 by Chris Streeter (Midland MI vs. Rockland CO NY)—1996
4 by Andrew Hoffman (Midland MI vs. Rockland CO NY)—1996
4 by Brian Ogle (Rapid City SD vs. Rockland CO NY)—1993
4 by Clyde Keller (Sacramento CA vs. Omaha NE)—1985
4 by Tim Gallagher (Brooklawn NJ vs. Rockport IN)—1984
4 by Herb Dubler (Brooklawn NJ vs. Rockport IN)—1984
4 by Keith Ayers (Rockport IN vs. Millington TN)—1984
4 by Darren Bren (Rapid City SD vs. Roseburg OR)—1984
4 by Keith Komeiju (Honolulu HI vs. New Orleans LA)—1980
3 by Cole Smith (Dubuque Co IA vs. Idaho Falls ID)—2021
3 by Jake Stipp, Danville IL vs. Albuquerque NM —2019
3 by Tristan Marsh, Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018

TEAM
17 by Petaluma WA vs. Brooklawn NJ—2013
17 by Maynard OH vs. Cedar Rapids IA—1986
10 by Danville IL vs. Albuquerque NM—2019
9 by Gonzales LA vs. Wilmington DE—2018
9 by Randolph Co NC vs. Las Vegas NV—2018

TWO-TEAM
26 – Maplewood MN (14) vs. San Diego CA (12)—1954
16 – Randolph Co. NC (9) vs. Las Vegas NV (7)—2018

MOST SACRIFICE HITS

INDIVIDUAL
2 by Trent Hulse (Enid OK vs. Brooklawn NJ)—2005
2 by Kenny Thorpe (Boytowntown PA vs. Eden Prairie MN)—2004
Also tied by 34 other players.
2 by Spencer Lanier, Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018

TEAM
6 by Lake Oswego OR vs. Rockport IN—1974
6 by Rio Piedras PR vs. Metairie LA—1974
6 by Memphis TN vs. Klamath Falls OR—1968
2 by Danville IL vs. Albuquerque NM—2019
2 by Idaho Falls ID vs. Randolph Co. NC—2019
2 by Randolph Co. NC vs. Midland MI—2018
2 by Wilmington DE vs. Braintree MA—2018
2 by Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV—2018

TWO-TEAM
7 –Sacramento CA (4) vs. Bellevue WA (3)—1981
7 – Lake Oswego OR (6) vs. Rockport IN (1)—1974
7 – Rio Piedras PR (6) vs. Metairie LA (1)—1974
3 – Randolph Co. NC (2) vs. Las Vegas NV (1)—2018

MOST SACRIFICE FLIES

INDIVIDUAL
2 by Juan Garcia (Rowan County NC vs. San Mateo CA)—2016
2 by Alex Rapanos (Midland MI vs. Eden Prairie MN)—2011
2 by Scott Brown (Portland ME vs. Boulder CO)—2004
2 by Kurt Wells (Whitehouse OH vs. West Deptford NJ)—2003
2 by Daryl Moore (Yakima WA vs. Moorhead MN)—1988
2 by David Virga (Sacramento CA vs. Owensboro KY)—1981
2 by Tony Andrea (Trumbull CT vs. W. Palm Beach FL)—1977
2 by Doug Hopper (Wilmington DE vs. Manchester NH)—1967
2 by Will Courtney, Dubuque Co. IA vs. Gonzales LA —2018

TEAM
4 by Midland MI vs. Eden Prairie MN—2011
2 by Idaho Falls ID vs. Fargo ND—2019
2 by Randolph Co. NC vs. Idaho Falls ID—2019
2 by Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI—2018

**TWO-TEAM**
4 by Omaha NE (2) vs. Brooklawn NJ (2)—2001
3 by Idaho Falls ID (2) vs. Fargo ND (1)—2019

**MOST STOLEN BASES**

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**TRIPLE STEAL**
1 by Metairie LA (sixth inning: Kevin Weidenbacher stole second, Tyler Koelling stole third and Brett Accardo stole home) vs. Midlothian VA—2007

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**Pitching**

**NO-HIT (complete) GAMES**
- Richard Schroeder (Santa Monica CA vs. Cedar Rapids IA)—1976 (Game went ten innings. Santa Monica won 1-0)
- Gene Guerriero (Staten Island NY vs. Springfield MA)—1968. Staten Island won 2-0
- none

**ONE-HIT (complete) GAMES**
- Kevin Eberwein (Las Vegas NV vs. Rockland CO NY)—1993. Las Vegas won 12-0.
- Clyde Keller (Sacramento CA vs. Midlothian VA)—1985. Sacramento won 1-0.
- Mike Innes (Tuscaloosa AL vs. Oakland CA)—1966. Tuscaloosa won 6-2.
- Steve Chamberlain (Portland OR vs. Berlin NH)—1965. Portland won 3-0.
- Bob Boyd (Charlotte NC vs. Upland CA)—1964. Charlotte won 2-0.
- Jim Harwell (New Orleans LA vs. Yonkers NY)—1956. New Orleans won 2-0.
- Boots Kent (Shelby NC vs. Oak Park IL)—1945. Shelby won 2-1 in 10 innings. Kent pitched nine innings of no-hit ball allowing a hit and run in tenth inning.
- Wes Kennerly (San Diego CA vs. Berwyn IL)—1941. San Diego won 1-0.
- Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV vs. Gonzales LA — 2018

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**MOST INNINGS PITCHED**

**INDIVIDUAL**
- 14 by Al Lawler (South Chicago IL vs. Columbia SC)—1931
- 14 by Kirby Higbe (Columbia SC vs. South Chicago IL)—1931
- 8 by Chris Ludman, Wilmington DE vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018

**TEAM**
- 14 by Brooklawn NJ vs. Bedford VA—1994
- 14 by West Covina CA vs. Manchester NH—1970
- 14 by Springfield OH vs. Omaha NE—1968
- 14 by Manchester NH vs. Nashville TN—1966
- 14 by Spartanburg SC vs. San Diego CA—1938
- 14 by South Chicago IL vs. Columbia SC—1931
- 10 by Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI—2018

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**MOST RUNS ALLOWED**

**INDIVIDUAL**
- 13 by Jonathon Kuetz (Excelsior MN vs. Las Vegas NV)—1998
- 9 by Jaydon Yancey, Meridian ID vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018

**TEAM**
- 14 by Albuquerque NM vs. Destrehan LA—2019
- 13 by Beverly MA vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021

**TWO-TEAM**
- 34 – Bristol RI (12) vs. Oakland CA (22)—1950
- 20 – Destrehan LA (14) vs. Albuquerque NM (6)—2019
- 16 – Las Vegas (10) vs. Randolph Co. NC (6)—2018
- 16 – Idaho Falls ID (3) vs. Beverly MA (13)—2021

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**MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED**

**INDIVIDUAL**
- 13 by Jonathon Kuetz (Excelsior MN vs. Las Vegas NV)—1998
- 8 by Jaydon Yancey, Meridian ID vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018

**TEAM**
- 18 by Bristol RI vs. Oakland CA—1950
- 13 by Albuquerque NM vs. Destrehan LA—2019
- 11 by Danville IL vs. Destrehan LA—2019

**TWO-TEAM**
- 28 – Bristol RI (18) vs. Oakland CA (10)—1950
- 18 – Albuquerque NM (13) vs. Destrehan LA (5)—2019
- 15 – Las Vegas NV (9) vs. Randolph Co. NC (6)—2018
MOST HITS ALLOWED

INDIVIDUAL
17 by Mark Pedersen (New Brighton MN vs. Sanford FL)—1997
11 by Ty Yukumoto, Honolulu HI vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021
11 by Colten Ame, Idaho Falls ID vs. Ridge MD—2019
10 by Josh MacCord, Destrehan LA vs. Fargo ND—2019
10 by Jaydon Yancey, Meridian ID vs. Las Vegas NV—2018
9 by Maxwell Coughlin, Midland MI vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021

TEAM
22 by Whitehouse OH vs. Corvallis OR—2003
22 by Chino CA vs. Edina MN—1983
22 by Manchester NH vs. Tulsa OK—1970
22 by Bristol RI vs. Oakland CA—1950
15 by Albuquerque NM vs. Destrehan LA—2019
12 by Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC—2018
12 by Tupelo MS vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021
12 by Fargo ND vs. Ridge MD—2021

TWO-TEAM
34 – Bristol RI (12) vs. Oakland CA (22)—1950
25 – Albuquerque NM (15) vs. Destrehan LA (10)—2019
22 – Ridge MD (10) vs. Fargo ND (12)—2021
20 – Las Vegas NV (12) vs. Randolph Co. NC (8)—2018

MOST STRIKEOUTS

INDIVIDUAL
19 by Dave Lemonds (Charlotte NC vs. Omaha NE)—1965
19 by Garry Hill (Charlotte NC vs. Omaha NE)—1965
19 by Dave McNally (Billings MT vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1960

SEVEN-INNING GAME STRIKEOUT
15 by Kevin Hill (Midwest City OK vs. Chesapeake VA)—2010
9 by Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV vs. Meridian ID – 2018
9 by Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV vs. Gonzales LA – 2018
8 by Stephen Klein, Destrehan LA vs. Festus MO—2019
8 by Mason Eckler, Danville IL vs. Idaho Falls ID—2019
8 by Aaron Savary, Dubuque Co. IA vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021
8 by Merit Jones, Idaho Falls ID vs. Honolulu HI—2021

TEAM
21 by Danville CA vs. Columbia SC—2000 (13 innings)
21 by West Covina CA vs. Manchester NH—1970 (14 innings)
27 by Billings MT vs. Brooklawn NJ—1960
12 by Destrehan LA vs. Festus MO—2019

TWO-TEAM
30 – Danville CA (21) vs. Columbia SC (9)—2000 (13 innings)
16 – Danville IL (9) vs. Idaho Falls ID (7)—2019
16 – Danville IL (11) vs. Festus MO (6)—2019
15 – Meridian ID (9) vs. Las Vegas NV (6)—2018
15 – Wilmington DE (9) vs. Midland MI (6)—2018

MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED

INDIVIDUAL
3 by Brian Monack (Branford CT vs. Tucson AZ)—2007
3 by Brett Brunner (Corvallis OR vs. Cherryville NC)—2003
3 by Alex DeAngelis (Corvallis OR vs. Cherryville NC)—2003
3 by Peter Nemeth (Midland MI vs. Rockland Co. NY)—1996
Note: Monack gave up three HRs in just one inning (4) pitched
3 by Gage Romack, Danville IL vs. Destrehan LA—2019

TEAM
7 by Branford CT vs. Tucson AZ—2007
7 by Corvallis OR vs. Cherryville NC—2003
4 by Danville IL vs. Destrehan LA—2019

TWO-TEAM
9 by Guaynabo PR (3) vs. Midlothian VA (6)—1985
4 by Danville IL (4) vs. Destrehan LA (0)—2019

MOST BASE ON BALLS ALLOWED

INDIVIDUAL
12 by Mike Patragowski (Manchester NH vs. Memphis TN)—1967
6 by Chase Vinson, Danville IL vs. Festus MO—2019
6 by JT Tomovich, Wilmington DE vs. Gonzales LA—2018
5 by Merit Jones, Idaho Falls ID vs. Honolulu HI—2021

TEAM
17 by Brooklawn NJ vs. Brooklawn NJ vs. Petaluma CA—2013
17 by Cedar Rapids IA vs. Maynard OH—1986
10 by Albuquerque NM vs. Danville IL—2019
9 by Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC—2018
9 by Dubuque Co. IA vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021
9 by Idaho Falls ID vs. Honolulu HI—2021

TWO-TEAM
26 – San Diego CA (12) vs. Maplewood MN (14)—1954
16 – Randolph Co. NC (9) vs. Las Vegas NV (7)—2018
16 – Las Vegas NV (9) vs. Randolph Co. NC (7)—2018

MOST WILD PITCHES

INDIVIDUAL
5 by Madison Boer (Eden Prairie MN vs. Boyertown PA)—2007
3 by Cory Cook, Destrehan LA vs. Festus MO—2019
3 by Brandon Bagon, Albuquerque NM vs. Danville IL—2019
3 by Bradley Thompson, Idaho Falls ID vs. Beverly MA—2021
3 by Josh Aribal, Honolulu HI vs. Dubuque Co. IA—2021
3 by Danny Witbeck, Midland MI vs. Dubuque Co. IA—2021
3 by Eli Green, Dubuque Co. IA vs. Beverly MA—2021

TEAM
8 by Texarkana AR vs Rowan County NC—2016 (12 innings)
7 by Danville CA vs. Lewiston ID—2001 (nine innings)
6 by Dubuque Co. IA vs. Honolulu HI—2021
4 by Danville IL vs. Festus MO—2019
4 by Albuquerque NM vs. Danville IL—2019
4 by Randolph Co. NC vs. Meridian ID—2018

TWO-TEAM
10 by Danville CA (7) vs. Lewiston ID (3)—2001
9 by Dubuque Co. IA (6) vs. Honolulu HI (3)—2021
6 – Randolph Co. NC (4) vs. Meridian ID (2)—2018

MOST HIT BATTERS

INDIVIDUAL
4 by Chad Billingsley (Napoleon OH vs. Lewiston ID)—2001
4 by J.P. George (Bloomington MN vs. Kennewick WA)—1999
4 by Pat Muncher (Bedford VA vs. Salem OR)—1994
4 by Bryce Marsh, Randolph Co. NC vs. Midland MI—2018
4 by Eli Green, Dubuque Co. IA vs. Beverly MA—2021
4 by Thomas Wolfe, Chesapeake VA vs. Idaho Falls ID—2022

TEAM
7 by Texarkana AR vs. Rowan County NC—2016
5 by Dubuque Co. IA vs. Beverly MA—2021
5 by Chesapeake VA vs. Idaho Falls ID—2022

TWO-TEAM
8 – by Rowan County NC (2) vs. Kennewick WA (6)—2016
6 by Randolph Co. NC (4) vs. Midland MI (2)—2018
6 by Dubuque Co. IA (5) vs. Beverly MA (1)—2021
Fielding

TOTAL PUTOUTS

INDIVIDUAL (first base)
19 by Travis Goins, Rowan County NC vs. Rapid City SD—1996 (10inn)
19 by Mike Bernard, Des Plaines IL vs. Warwick RI—1976 (13 innings)
13 by Bradley Thompson, Idaho Falls ID vs. Midland MI—2021

NINE INNING (regular game)
17 by Weston Bryan, Petaluma CA vs. Waipahu HI—2013
17 by Colin Dolan, Wilmington NC vs. Cranford CT—2013
16 by Eric Ludman, Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI—2018 (10)

INDIVIDUAL (infielder)
8 by Mike Ramseth, Edina MN vs. Grand Junction CO—1982
5 by Bruer Webster 2b, Idaho Falls ID vs. Danville IL—2019

INDIVIDUAL (catcher)
20 by Tim Gilhooly, Danville CA vs. Columbia SC—2000 (13 innings)
9 by Parker Schmidt, Las Vegas NV vs. Gonzales LA—2018
9 by Raymond Schlosser, Dubuque Co. IA vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021
8 by Stone Collier, Tupelo MS vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021
8 by RJ Woods, Idaho Falls ID vs. Tupelo MS—2021

INDIVIDUAL (outfielder)
8 by Pat Desimone, Des Plaines vs. Metairie LA—1976
7 by Hunter Sasaki, Honolulu HI vs. Dubuque Co. IA—2021
6 by Caden Headlee cf Fargo ND vs. Idaho Falls ID—2019

TEAM
52 by Brooklawn NJ and Bedford VA—1994
52 by West Covina CA and Manchester NH—1970
52 by Springfield OH and Omaha NE—1968
52 by Spartanburg SC and San Diego CA—1938
52 by South Chicago IL and Columbia SC—1931

Note: all games above went 14 innings
30 by Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI—2018 (10 innings)
30 by Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE—2018 (10 innings)

TWO-TEAM
104 – Spartanburg SC (52) vs. San Diego CA (52)—1938
Game ended in 8-8 tie after 14 innings.
104 by Brooklawn NJ and Bedford VA—1994
104 by West Covina CA and Manchester NH—1970
104 by Spartanburg SC and San Diego CA—1938
104 by South Chicago IL and Columbia SC—1931
60 by Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE—2018

TOTAL ERRORS

INDIVIDUAL (infielder)
4 by Casey Garven (2b) Bloomington MN vs. Portland MI—1999
4 by Harry Rivera (ss) East Hartford CT vs. Brooklawn NJ—1992
4 by Tony Aquino (ss) Las Vegas NV vs. Brooklawn NJ—1984
4 by Steve Routos (ss) Bellevue WA vs. Richmond VA—1981
3 by Brandon Bagot, Albuquerque NM vs. Destrehan LA—2019
2 by Eli Mach (3b) Fargo ND vs. Honolulu HI—2021
2 by Eli Mach (3b) Fargo ND vs. Tupelo MS—2021

INDIVIDUAL (outfielder)
2 by John Ivice, Columbus TN vs. Eden Prairie MN—2007
2 by Matt Webb (Blue Springs MO vs. Haddon Heights NJ—2003
1 by Caden Headlee (cf) Fargo ND vs. Idaho Falls ID—2019
1 by Mason Ecker (cf) Danville IL vs. Albuquerque NM—2019
1 by Roy Jennings (cf) Albuquerque NM vs. Destrehan LA—2019
1 by Issiah Gonzales (lf) Albuquerque NM vs. Destrehan LA—2019
1 by Tyler Hopping (rf) Shrewsbury MA vs. Fargo ND—2019
1 by Brayden Koenig (cf) Fargo ND vs. Destrehan LA—2019
1 by Jon Goiebiowski (lf) Wilmington DE vs. Dubuque Co. IA—2018
1 by Riley Harrison (rf) Meridian ID vs. Las Vegas NV—2018
1 by Jackson Duffy (cf) Braintree MA vs. Dubuque Co. IA—2018
1 by Spencer Lanier (lf) Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV—2018
1 by Easton Hood (rf) Tupelo MS vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021
1 by Nolan Sanders (cf) Midland MI vs. Dubuque Co. IA—2021
1 by Avain Rivera (lf) Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV—2018
1 by Brennan Frost (rf) Beverly MA vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021
1 by Ethan Claus (cf) Fargo ND vs. Ridge MD—2021
1 by Jerin Po’Opaa-Adaro (lf) Honolulu HI vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021
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TOTAL ASSISTS

INDIVIDUAL (infielder)
10 by Ray Pendleton (ss) Dothan AL vs. Excelsior MN—2002
7 by Nate Thomas (ss) Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI—2018 (10)
7 by Chris Ludman (3b) Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI—2018 (10)
6 by TJ Thomas (ss) Destrehan LA—1994
5 by Tristan Marsh (ss) Randolph Co. NC vs. Midland MI—2018
5 by Nolan Freeman (3b) Braintree MA vs. Wilmington DE—2018
5 by Ty Yukimoto (cf) Honolulu HI vs. Fargo ND—2021

INDIVIDUAL (outfielder)
3 by Mike Sinclair (Detroit MI vs. Hampton VA)—1959
3 by Zach Sandy (lf) Fargo ND vs. Shrewsbury MA—2019
2 by Marquez Munoz (lf) Albuquerque NM vs. Danville IL—2019
2 by Zach Sandy (lf) Fargo ND vs. Randolph Co. NC—2019

INDIVIDUAL (catcher)
3 by Jerry Vaughn (Tulsa OK vs. Yakima WA)—1979
3 by Fred Combs (Phoenix AZ vs. Cincinnati OH)—1961
4 by Chandler Ibach (Fargo ND vs. Idaho Falls ID)—2019

INDIVIDUAL (pitcher)
**INDIVIDUAL (catcher)**

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**Individual, team, two-team Tournament records (national regional and ALWS)**

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MOST TWO-BASE HITS

INDIVIDUAL
11 by Nate Philo, Medford OR—1997
6 by Trevor Marsh, Randolph Co. NC—2019
5 by Nate Thomas, Wilmington DE—2018

TEAM
41 by Chino CA—1994
23 by Idaho Falls ID—2021
19 by Fargo ND—2019
19 by Wilmington DE—2018
19 by Las Vegas NV—2018

MOST THREE-BASE HITS

INDIVIDUAL
5 by Bill Wilson, Cedar Rapids IA—1975
5 by Horace Tucker, San Diego CA—1952
1 by Tate Gustafson, Fargo ND vs. Tupelo MS—2021
1 by Griffin Clark, Midland MI vs. Beverly MA—2021
1 by Cole Smith, Dubuque Co IA vs. Midland MI—2021
1 by Demetri Jamison, Ridge MD vs. Fargo ND—2021
1 by Stephen Klein, Destrehan LA vs. Albuquerque NM—2019
1 by Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE vs. Gonzales LA—2018
1 by Edarian Williams, Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC—2018

TEAM
12 by San Diego CA—1954
4 by Las Vegas NV—2018

MOST HOME RUNS

INDIVIDUAL
9 by Marc Damon, Tucson AZ—2007
3 by Ron Franklin, Destrehan LA—2019
2 by Stephen Klein, Destrehan LA—2019
2 by Patrick Boudreaux, Destrehan LA—2019
2 by Andin Johnson, Tupelo MS—2021

TEAM
36 by Tucson AZ—2007
7 by Destrehan LA—2019
7 by Tupelo MS—2021
4 by Wilmington DE—2018

MOST EXTRA BASE HITS

INDIVIDUAL
14 by Nate Philo, Medford OR—1997
Note: 11 doubles, 2 triples, 1 home run
7 by Nate Thomas, Wilmington DE—2018
Note: 5 doubles, 1 triple, 1 home run

TEAM
57 by Medford OR—1997 (35—2B, 4—3B, 18—HR)
26 by Wilmington DE—2018 (19—2B, 3—3B, 4—HR)
25 by Idaho Falls ID—2021 (23—2B, 0—3B, 2—HR)
25 by Tupelo MS—2021 (17—2B, 1—3B, 7—HR)

MOST TOTAL BASES

INDIVIDUAL
48 by Brian Paone, New Brighton MN—2019
22 by Jackson McCoy, Tupelo MS—2021
20 by Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE—2018

TEAM
258 by Medford OR—1997
135 by Idaho Falls ID—2021
129 by Tupelo MS—2021
122 by Las Vegas NV—2018

MOST RBI

INDIVIDUAL
30 by John Cruz, Yakima WA—1979
15 by Bryan Marsh, Randolph Co. NC—2018
13 by Stone Collier, Tupelo MS—2021
13 by Easton Hood, Tupelo MS—2021

TEAM
120 by Tucson AZ—2007
72 by Tupelo MS—2021
58 by Las Vegas NV—2018

MOST BASE ON BALLS

INDIVIDUAL
14 by Matt Sinatro, Bellevue WA—2012
10 by Tristian Marsh, Randolph Co. NC—2018

TEAM
95 by Brooklawn NJ—1984
47 by Las Vegas NV—2018
41 by Tupelo MS—2021

MOST STRIKEOUTS (by hitter)

INDIVIDUAL
15 by John Engers, Danville CA—2000
15 by Clyde Williams, Sanford FL—1997
11 by Philip McCarthy, Ridge MD—2021
8 by Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE—2018

TEAM
95 by Lewiston ID—2001
55 by Wilmington DE—2018
53 by Ridge MD—2021

MOST STOLEN BASES

INDIVIDUAL
14 by TJ White, Las Vegas NV—2011
14 by Brian Musselman, Boyertown PA—1986
14 by Tomas Gil, Hialeah FL—1978
14 by Rene White, Memphis TN—1973
8 by Khi Holliday, Tupelo MS—2021
7 by Jack Dubecq, Wilmington DE—2018

TEAM
56 by Midwest City OK—2010
56 by Boyertown PA—2004
32 by Idaho Falls ID—2021
29 by Tupelo MS—2021
22 by Wilmington DE—2018

MOST SACRIFICES

INDIVIDUAL
10 by Kyle Geason, Eden Prairie MN (7F/3H)—2007
4 by Mike Cautillo, Wilmington DE (4H)—2018

TEAM
24 by Eden Prairie MN—2007
11 by Midland MI—2021
11 by Idaho Falls ID—2021
7 by Wilmington DE—2018
**HIGHEST BATTING AVERAGE**

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**LOWEST ERA (min. 20 innings)**

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<td>Alex Nielebeck, Meridian ID</td>
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**LOWEST ERA (min. 9 innings)**

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**Pitching**

**MOST APPEARANCES (starter/reliever)**

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**MOST STRIKEOUTS (1960 and 8-team format)**

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Fielding

MOST PUTOUTS

INDIVIDUAL
122 by Geoffrey Kirksey (1B), Paducah KY—2000
87 by Eric Ludman, Wilmington DE—2018
56 by Stone Collier, Tupelo MS—2021

TEAM
318 by Enid OK—2005
218 by Midland MI—2018
210 by Honolulu HI—2021

MOST ASSISTS

INDIVIDUAL
41 by Andy Neufeld (SS), Sanford FL—1997
41 by Brandon Sullivan, Boyertown PA—2007
26 by Hunter Hirayama, Honolulu HI—2021
24 by Mike Cautillo, Wilmington DE—2018

TEAM
144 by Gonzales LA—1996
104 by Wilmington DE—2018
93 by Midland MI—2021

MOST ERRORS

INDIVIDUAL
13 by Todd Bramble (SS), Salem OR—1994
6 by Mac Jephson, Idaho Falls ID—2021
6 by Lee Pacheco, Beverly MA—2021
3 by Isaiah Vega, Meridian ID—2018

TEAM
38 by Bellevue WA—1995
23 by Tupelo MS—2021
19 by Beverly MA—2021
15 by Idaho Falls ID—2021

FEWEST ERRORS

TEAM
6 by Chapin Newberry SC—2015
6 by New Orleans LA—2012
4 by Ridge MD—2021

MOST DOUBLE PLAYS

TEAM
18 by Texarkana AR—2016
13 by Midland MI—2021

MOST TRIPLE PLAYS

TEAM – 1
Deland FL—2004
Rockland County NY—1996
Wilmington Manor DE—1967
Enid OK—1966
Cincinnati OH—1957
Oakland CA—1949

HIGHEST FIELDING PCT.

INDIVIDUAL (min. 100 chances)
1.000 by John Brue (1B), Brooklawn NJ—2012
1.000 by Russell Bourland (1B), West Point MS—2002

HIGHEST FIELDING PCT.

INDIVIDUAL (min. 50 chances)
.986 by Jackson Bennett, Dubuque Co. IA—2018 (72-0-1)

TEAM
.978 by New Orleans LA—2012
.978 by Cherryville NC—2003
.984 by Ridge MD—2021 (65-76-4)
.971 by Dubuque Co. IA—2018 (179-92-8)

General records

MOST RUNS (inning)

TEAM
13 by Cincinnati OH vs. Kingston NY—1988 (third inning)

TWO-TEAM
15 by Las Vegas NV (8) vs. Excelsior MN (7)—1998 (fourth inning)

MOST HITS (inning)

TEAM
10 by Sanford FL vs. Medford OR—1997 (sixth inning)

TWO-TEAM
13 by Sanford FL (10) vs. Medford OR (3)—1997 (sixth inning)

LONGEST GAME (innings)
14 by Brooklawn NJ beat Bedford MA, 5-4 in 1994
14 by West Covina CA beat Manchester NH, 1-0 in 1970
14 by Springfield OH beat Omaha NE, 3-1 in 1968
14 by Manchester NH beat Nashville TN, 9-8 in 1966
14 by Spartanburg SC and San Diego CA tied 8-8 in 1938
14 by South Chicago IL beat Columbia SC, 1-0 in 1931
13 by Eden Prairie MN beat Tupelo MS, 5-4 in 2011

SHORTEST GAME (inning)
5 by Yonkers NY beat El Dorado KN, 18-1 in 1926 (parade)
5 by Las Vegas NV beat Meridian ID, 10-0 in 2018 (run rule)

LONGEST GAME (time)
4:40 – Spartanburg SC vs. San Diego CA—1938 (14 innings)
2:53 – Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV—2018
2:48 – Tupelo MS vs. Idaho Falls ID—2021

SHORTEST GAME (time)
1:29 – Cincinnati OH vs. West Hartford CT—1973
1:19 – Gonzales LA vs. Brantree MA—2018
1:28 – Dubuque Co. IA vs. Midland MI—2021

MOST APPEARANCES (team)
17 by Omaha NE
Note: Omaha entries are multiple teams

MOST APPEARANCES (individual)
3 by Mike Boddicker, Cedar Rapids IA (1974-1975-1976)
3 by Dave McNally, Billings MT (1960-1961-1962)
CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCES

MOST TIMES IN FINALS
11 by metro New Orleans LA (includes Metairie)
1929-1930-1932-1934-1937-1946
9 by Cincinnati OH

MOST CHAMPIONSHIPS
7 by Cincinnati OH

CONSECUTIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS
2 by Brooklawn NJ in 2013-2014
2 by Rio Piedras PR in 1973-1974
2 by West Covina CA in 1970-1971
2 by Cincinnati OH in 1957-1958
2 by Oakland CA in 1949-1950

MOST TOURNAMENT GAMES
75 by metro New Orleans LA in 18 tournament appearances
69 by Brooklawn NJ in 14 tournament appearances

MOST TOURNAMENT GAMES WON
44 by Brooklawn NJ (44-25) in 16 tournament appearances

MOST TOURNAMENT GAMES LOST
31 by metro New Orleans LA (43-31-1) in 18 tournament appearances

MOST WINS BY CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB
75 by Las Vegas Bishop Gorman (75-7) in 2008
71 by Mayo MD (71-7) in 1990

MOST LOSSES BY CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB
22 by Yakima WA (52-22) in 1975

FEWEST WINS BY CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB
19 by Oakland CA (19-0) in 1928

FEWEST LOSSES BY CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB
0 by Oakland CA (19-0) in 1928
0 by Yonkers NY in 1926

HIGHEST WIN PCT. CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB
1.000 by Oakland CA (19-0) in 1928
1.000 by Yonkers NY in 1926 at 1,000

LOWEST WIN PCT. CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB
.898 by Upland CA (37-16) in 1964

MOST RUNS SCORED (alws only)
282 in Las Vegas NV—1998 (15 games)
137 in Shelby NC—2021 (15 games)
109 in Shelby NC—2018 (15 games)

FEWEST RUNS SCORED (alws only)
79 in Memphis TN—1967 (15 games)
109 in Shelby NC—2018
137 in Shelby NC—2021

MOST TWO-BASE HITS (alws only)
187 in Rapid City SD—1997 (15 games)
37 in Shelby NC—2018
30 in Shelby NC—2021

MOST TRIPLES (alws only)
25 in Fargo ND—1995 (15 games)
4 in Shelby NC—2021
2 in Shelby NC—2018

MOST HOME RUNS (alws only)
46 in Bartlesville OK—2007 (15 games)
3 in Shelby NC—2021
3 in Shelby NC—2018

MOST ONE-RUN GAMES (alws only)
10 in Shelby NC—2015 (15 games)
7 in Shelby NC—2018

MOST SHUTOUTS (alws only)
5 in Memphis TN—1967 (15 games)
5 in Little Rock AR—1964 (15 games)
5 in Hastings NE—1960 (15 games)
4 in Shelby NC—2018

FEWEST SHUTOUTS (alws only)
0 in Shelby NC—2015 (15 games)
0 in Spokane WA—2010 (15 games)
0 in Bartlesville OK—2007 (15 games)
0 in Bartlesville OK—2003 (15 games)
0 in Middletown CT—1999 (15 games)
0 in Las Vegas NV—1998 (15 games)
0 in New Orleans LA—1984 (15 games)
0 in Ely MN—1980 (15 games)
0 in Yakima WA—1978 (14 games)
0 in Billings MT—1957 (6 games)
0 in Yakima WA—1954 (7 games)
0 in Los Angeles CA—1947 (6 games)
0 in Charlotte NC—1945 (6 games)
0 in Minneapolis MN—1944 (7 games)
0 in Miles City MT—1943 (9 games)
0 in Albermarle NC—1940 (5 games)
0 in Omaha NE—1939 (4 games)
0 in Spartanburg SC—1938 (5 games)
0 in Spartanburg SC—1936 (5 games)
0 in Gastonia NC—1935 (3 games)
0 in Chicago IL—1934 (3 games)
0 in New Orleans LA—1933 (2 games)
0 in Manchester NH—1932 (4 games)
0 in Memphis TN—1930 (2 games)
0 in Louisville KY—1929 (3 games)
0 in Philadelphia PA—1926 (5 games)
1 in Shelby NC—2021 (15 games)

MOST EXTRA INNING GAMES (alws only)
4 in Bartlesville OK—2007 (15 games)
2 in Shelby NC—2018

MOST SACRIFICES IN ONE INNING
INDIVIDUAL
2 by Brett Casey (Corvallis OR vs. Rochester MN)—2003
Note: one sac bunt and one sac fly in third inning

Robbie Podrosky of Gonzales LA set an ALWS record
stealing second, third and home all in the same inning. The
all-star second baseman was also selected as the recipient
of the James F. Daniel Sportsmanship Award.
JJ Guinozzo (in red) and Joanne McClellan (in black) have been the ALWS official scorers since Series moved to Shelby NC.

William Dunn of Gonzales LA and family enjoying pre-tourney uptown party celebration in Shelby NC.

Nick Muzzi gives thumbs up on winning ALWS.

2017 rain delay at the ALWS in Shelby.
Last year (2017) Allyson Coryell, assistant coach for Hopewell NJ became the first female coach in ALWS history.

Cooper Lund of Lewiston ID pitches against Hopewell NJ in 2017 ALWS
ALWS highlights, scores, 1926-present

1926 – Yonkers NY Post 321

PHILADELPHIA PA – Yonkers NY Post 321 won the American Legion’s first World Series baseball championship with a resounding victory over runner-up Pocatello ID, 23-6.

The tournament was held in conjunction with the legion’s national convention in Philadelphia, Oct. 11-13. The finals matched unbeaten teams with Yonkers prevailing. Major League baseball commissioner Judge K. M. Landis was in attendance of 3,000 in Sesquicentennial Stadium.

Jack ‘Babe’ McCormick was the hero of the tournament going 7-for-12 and a .583 average. Yonkers banged out 17 hits with McCormick hitting a home run (third in the Series).

Joining Yonkers and Pocatello in the tournament were El Dorado KN and Springfield OH.

52,000 boys participated in the legion’s first year of national competition.

1927

There was no national tournament in 1927 although legion baseball continued on local level.

1928 – Oakland CA Post 5

CHICAGO IL – Oakland CA Post 5 capped an undefeated season as the Golden State champion sweeping Worchester MA, 2-games-to-0 to win the American Legion World Series championship.

Coach Leroy Sharpe’s chargers dominated rivals all season, outscoring opponents, 186-6 including 14 shutout victories.

Charles Hardt and Al Silva shared pitching duties. Hardt, a hard throwing southpaw won a record six games in national competition and allowed only three runs in 77 innings. Silva gave up just two runs in 67 innings.

Oakland’s hitting star was third baseman Einar Sorensen. He hit .422 during the season and .500 in the Series. He went 3-for-4 in the championship game as Oakland ended its all winning season at 19-0.

1929 – Buffalo NY Post 721

LOUISVILLE KY – Credit team captain Bill Joyce for winning the 1929 American Legion World Series for Buffalo NY Post 721.

The multi-talented athlete led the Bisons to a 2-game-to-1 series triumph over the New Orleans White Sox. He tossed a complete game victory on opening day and then came back to win the third and deciding game. He was a big hit offensively also going 2-for-5 in the championship game.

He went 14-0 on the season and a recording setting 6-0 in national competition as Buffalo finished at 25-1. The only setback was New Orleans game two win, 16-9. New Orleans set a record with 20 hits in that game.

Baseball commissioner Judge Kenesaw Landis praised the play of the Bisons in the post-game awards.
1930 – Baltimore MD Post 81

MEMPHIS TN – Baltimore MD Post 81 swept New Orleans LA to win the ALWS 2-games-to-0 at Russwood Park.

It was another disappointment for New Orleans as the Crescent City entry finished second for the second consecutive season.

Baltimore won the open in 10 innings, 5-4 pushing across the winning run on a squeeze bunt by Bill Stiner. He laid down a perfect bunt scoring Andy Bolognese.

In the finals, Herbert Newberg and Norman Weiner each picked up three rbi and two hits to give Clarence Koslowski the victory on the mound.

1931 – South Chicago IL Post 493

HOUSTON TX – The championship game of the 1931 American Legion World Series will always go down in the books as “the classic game” with South Chicago IL Post 493 defeating Columbia SC.

The Illini won the series 2-games-to-0.

The “classic game” in the championship finale pitted So. Chicago’s Al Lawler and Columbia’s Kirby Higbe.

The old fashioned pitching duel lasted 14 innings and when the dust had settled, Lawler prevailed, 1-0. He fanned a tournament record 17 strikeouts while Higbe fanned 10.

Wally Holem scored the game’s lone run in top of the 14th. It would be another 87 years until another championship thriller would end in 1-0 game (2018).

1932 – New Orleans LA Post 132

MANCHESATER NH – New Orleans, twice the bridesmaid but never the bride, finally broke into the winners circle claiming the 1932 American Legion World Series title.

The Zatarain Papooses from Post 132 rallied twice edging Springfield MA, 2-games-to-1. One game ended in a tie.

It was first or nothing for captain Jimmy Fraiche as the spunky little shortstop played flawless on defense and was a big hit at the plate to earn instant hero status in New Orleans.

In the championship, Fraiche singled home the winning run with a two-out ninth inning rally.

The entire series was marked with close games including the Series first time game in history, 5-5 in12 innings.

1932 – Chicago IL Post 467

NEW ORLEANS LA – Future Major Leaguer Phil Cavaretta led Chicago IL Post 467 to the American Legion World Series title.

Chicago swept Trenton NJ, 2-games-to-0.

Cavaretta won the series opener with a complete game 14-5 victory and then came back in relief to win the championship game, 7-6.

He fanned five and gave up just one hit in the finals.

Dan Krause scored from first in the bottom of the ninth on a Ted Swed’s two-out single off the rightfield wall.

Swed’s winning blast came on a 0-2 count.
1934 – Cumberland MD Post 13

CHICAGO IL – Cumberland MD Post 13 rallied from a 1-0 series deficit to beat New Orleans, 2-games-to-1 for the 1934 American Legion World Series.

Chicago’s Major League ballparks – Wigley Field, home of the Cubs and Comiskey Park, home of the White Sox served hosts to the ALWS.

New Orleans won the opener at Comiskey Park followed by a win by Cumberland at Wigley Field.

Back at Comiskey Park for the deciding game, Cumberland’s Roland Triplett went the distance handcuffing New Orleans, 6-1. He fanned nine and tossed a three-hitter.

Team captain Charley Clark, the series top hitter had two hits including a triple and scored twice.

1935 – Gastonia NC Post 23

GASTONIA NC – Gastonia NC Post 23 gave its hometown fans something to cheer about as they became the first team to win the American Legion World Series while playing on home turf.

The Eastern Sectional champions swept the Western champion San Diego CA, 3-games-to-0.

The Series format switched from the best-of-three to best-of-five in 1935 and the site would be at either the home of the eastern or western winner.

13,000 fans attended the clincher as Gastonia won 12-8 behind 16-hit attack.

28,900 fans attended the series.

1936 – Spartanburg SC Post 28

SPARTANBURG SC – An all time record crowd of 60,000 turned out in this tiny South Carolina hamlet to witness the 1936 American Legion World Series.

Home-standing Spartanburg SC Post 28 beating visiting Los Angeles CA, 3-games-to-2.

The championship game at Duncan Park was played before a record crowd of 20,000 mostly partisan fans.

Pepper Martin (three hits) and Pete Fowler (three rbi) propelled Spartanburg to the 8-1 victory.

For Spartans hit over .500 in national competition. Fowler hit .550 while Martin, Pedro Mahaffey and Roy Prince each hit .500. The team blistered opponents with a .317 average.

1937 – East Lynn MA Post 291

NEW ORLEANS LA – Domination was the word during the 1937 American Legion World Series as East Lynn MA Post 291 swept home standing New Orleans LA, 3-games-to-0.

The eastern champion made it simple outsoring the western champion, 30-6.

The series clincher was a 13-5 victory in which East Lynn collected 17 hits. 8,438 fans in Heinman Park watched in disbelief.

Ray Bessom was the hitting and pitching star for the winners. He hit .555 in the tournament.

On the mound, he picked up victories in the games one and two in the series and came back in the championship game to register a save. He fanned 55 in national competition and finished the season at 28-0.

East Lynn sported a near perfect 38-1 record on the season.

With the loss, New Orleans record in the World Series stands at 1-4 having won in 1932 and finished second in 1929, 1930, 1934 and 1937.
1938 – San Diego CA Post 6

SPARTANBURG SC – San Diego CA Post 6 returned the American Legion World Series title back to sunny California for the first time since 1928 as the Golden State champions slipped past host Spartanburg SC.

The series was the most evenly matched in ALWS history. San Diego won 3-games-to-2 with one tie (the second in series history).

The opener lasted 14 innings (longest in ALWS history) and settled absolutely nothing as the teams battled to 8-8 tie.

With the series knotted at 2-2, the championship game featured a pitching duel between San Diego’s Chet Kehn (10 strikeouts and four hits allowed) and Spartanburg’s Charlie Cudd (seven strikeouts and no walks).

Fernando Paredes’ two rbi single gave San Diego the edge and the victory. Kehn, a lanky right-hander retired the final eight batters to secure the title.

1939 – Omaha NE Post 1

OMAHA NE – Omaha NE Post 1 became the third team since 1935 to win the American Legion World Series while playing at home.

The Nebraskans methodically rolled over visiting Berwyn IL, 3-games-to-1.

Bud Blessie was the pitching star going 5-0 in national play. He posted a pair of victories in the series.

Berwyn’s Eddie Goralski led the series in hitting with a nifty 8-for-16 .500 average.

12,800 in Fontenelle Park saw the finals with Omaha prevailing 6-2.

1940 – Albemarle NC Post 76

ALBEMARLE NC – In one of the greatest comebacks in sports, Albemarle NC Post 76 won the 1940 American Legion World Series beating long time power San Diego, 3-games-to-2.

And they did it the ward way. Albemarle lost the first two games but roared back to win the fifth and deciding game before a happy home gathering.

The eastern champion Albemarle had to squelch a ninth inning rally to preserve the victory.

The final out was made on an attempted squeeze play. Albemarle catcher Hoyle Boger called for a pitchout. The call was right as a surprised San Diego runner was nailed down at the plate.

J.W. ‘Lefty’ Lisk picked up his 22nd victory of the season in the championship game. Teammate Clyde Dick hit .452 in the national competition as Albemarle ended its most successful season at 31-7.

1941 – San Diego CA Post 6

SAN DIEGO CA – Bouncing back from the disaster of 1940, San Diego CA Post 6 shutdown Berwyn IL, 3-games-to-0 to win the American Legion World Series championship.

By erasing the pain of 1940, San Diego’s victory marked the first time a team has won two ALWS crowns. San Diego also won the 1938 championship.

The San Diego success was mainly attributed to the pitching and fielding of Bob Usher.

Usher picked up the victory in game one limiting the visitors to three hits via an 8-0 shutout. He came back with his defensive skills during game two with a diving game ending (and game saving) catch in the ninth inning with the bases loaded to preserve a 1-0 victory.
In the championship game, he combined his pitching and hitting. He went 3-for-3 at the plate and picked up a save with two hitless innings and three strikeouts.

1942 – Los Angeles CA Post 357

MANCHESTER NH – California laid claim to baseball supremacy in amateur baseball ranks during 1942 as Los Angeles CA Post 357 won the American Legion World Series, 3-games-to-0 over host Manchester NH.

It was California’s second straight national title and fourth in legion in history.

Bob Moore, a 6-0 hard throwing pitcher mastered the eastern champions on four hits in the championship game. He fanned seven and walked one.

Pitching was Los Angeles’ strongpoint as Dan Brown and Tom Radcliff joined Moore with complete game victories in the series.

1943 – Richfield MN Post 435

MILES CITY MT – A new format and a new champion was introduced to American Legion baseball fans during the 1943 season.

The new format called for a double-elimination tournament between all sectional champions.

In the inauguration event, Richfield MN outlasted four opponents to win the title. The championship game saw Richfield beat Springfield OH, 3-2 before 4,000.

Roger Brown’s double off the right field wall scored Paul Otness with the game winning run in the sixth inning. The Richfield victory overshadowed a fine pitching performance by Springfield’s Harry Amato. He fanned 11 and walked two in the losing effort.

1944 – Cincinnati OH Post 50

MINNEAPOLIS MN – Cincinnati OH won the first of a record seven national championships during the 1944 American Legion World Series as Post 50 coached by veteran Joe Hawk beat Albemarle NC, 3-2.

Ralph Kraus used his pitching and hitting in the championship victory. As a pitcher, he fanned four and scattered nine hits in the complete game win. At the plate, he contributed offensively going 2-for-4.

Albemarle did not go away easy by forcing a second championship game beating previously unbeaten Cincinnati in the double-elimination series.

1945 – Shelby NC Post 82

CHARLOTTE NC – Playing in front of a home state friendly crowd, upstart Shelby NC Post 82 upended pre-tourney favorite Trenton NJ, 4-2 to capture the American Legion World Series championship.

Shelby swept through the double-elimination tournament unbeaten (3-0).

Shelby capitalized on five Trenton errors in a come-from-behind victory.

Harry McKee, the ace of the staff picked up the win and limited Trenton to four hits.

Shelby’s Boots Kent pitched nine innings of no-hit ball against Oak Park IL only to lose the gem and shutout in the 10th inning. Kent settled for a 2-1 extra inning win.

10,250 attended the finals and 41,500 turned out for the tournament.
1946 – New Orleans LA Post 125

CHARLESTON SC – New Orleans LA Post 125 used a brilliant pitching performance from Gus Riordan to capture the 1946 American Legion World Series championship.

Looking nothing like a champion on opening night, the Jesuit High School Blue Jays were shutout. Facing an early exit from the double-elimination tourney, New Orleans got on track and won four straight including a pair of victories over pre-tournament favorite Trenton NJ.

In the finals, Riordan mastered Trenton giving up two hits and fanned six in the 3-1 victory.

It was New Orleans second ALWS title matching San Diego with two as the most in legion baseball.

1947 – Cincinnati OH Post 50

LOS ANGELES CA – Cincinnati OH Post 50 joined an elite club by capturing the 1947 ALWS.

With the win, Coach Joe Hawk’s club joins New Orleans and San Diego as the only two-time ALWS champions.

And it is Hawk’s second national title as coach.

Cincinnati went unbeaten in the series and clinched the title with a 3-2 victory over Little Rock AR.

George Moeller, a centerfield/pitcher won the batting crown going 20-for-40 and .500 average during national competition.

1948 – Trenton NJ Post 93

INDIANAPOLIS IN – For 17 seasons, Trenton NJ Post 93 had one goal: the American Legion World Series championship.

Finally, after three runner-up finishes when favored each time, Trenton marched into the winner’s circle by winning the 1948 crown.

The eastern regional and sectional champions were led by Don Minnick, a lanky slingshot of a pitcher. He pitched the championship game with a 4-1 win against Jacksonville FL.

Minnick was matched with Leon Millington to give Trenton a powerful 1-2 punch on the mound.

The two limited opponents to four runs and 18 hits in the series.

1949 – Oakland CA Post 337

OMAHA NE – Playing in the American Legion World Series for the first time since 1928, Oakland CA Post 337 won the 1949 championship in newly constructed Municipal Stadium in Omaha.

45,358 showed up in the new ballpark as Oakland knocked off Cincinnati OH in the finals, 8-6.

Captain and shortstop Ray Herrera was selected as the first recipient of the American Legion Player of the Year.

Teammate J.W. Porter claimed the batting title with a .551 clip going 27-for-49 in national play.

The championship game featured a trip that started with Herrera that ignited Oakland’s drive to the title.

1950 – Oakland CA Post337

OMAHA NE – Powerful Oakland CA Post 337 steamrolled over all opposition to win its second straight American Legion World Series championship.

It marked the first time in legion history that a team had won back-to-back national crowns and it gave Oakland a record third national title (1928-1949-1950).
Oakland’s all-star catcher J.W. Porter set national records as well. The Player of the Year retained the Louisville Slugger award with his batting average ranked highest in national play.

His three-hit outburst in the finals led Oakland to an 11-0 rout of St. Louis while pitcher Vern Killburg limited St. Louis to four hits while picking up the shutout.

1951 – Los Angeles CA Post 715

DETROIT MI – Los Angeles CA Post 715 kept the American Legion World Series championship in California for the third straight year with an 11-7 victory over White Plaines NY.

Detroit’s Tiger Stadium was the site of the tourney that saw future Baseball Hall of Fame inductee in the lineup. A spunky California player named Sparky Anderson played for the winners.

Anderson would return many years later to lead the Tigers to a Major League World Series as manager. He also won a World Series crown while leading the Cincinnati Red during the mid-1970s.

Individual honors during the ALWS went to White Plaines’ Grover Jones. He was picked as the American Legion Player Of The Year while hitting .408.

1952 – Cincinnati OH Post 50

DENVER CO – Cincinnati OH Post 50 won a record 53 games in 1952 and joined Oakland CA in the American Legion record book by winning its third ALWS championship.

Crafty coach Joe HawK’s troops nipped San Diego CA, 5-2 in the championship game on a night that was more suited for football or ice hockey. Game time temperature hovered at the 42 degree level and got lower as the game progressed.

Cincinnati’s Russell Nixon claimed top honors as the American Legion Player OF The Year recipient. San Diego’s centerfielder Horace Tucker won the batting honors with a .452 clip in national competition.

Howie Whitson, ace of the Cincinnati staff picked up the tourney opener on a 3-0 shutout and then came back to win the finals.

1953 – Yakima WA 36

MIAMI FL – Yakima WA Post 36 gave the American northwest region its first national championship with a 4-1 victory over Winnetka IL.

Tom Gibson fired a three-hitter in the finals as well as picking up three rbi on two hits as a hitter. It was Gibson’s second victory in three days against runner-up Winnetka. He tossed a five-hit complete game victory over the Illinois champions earlier in the tournament.

Versatile Chuck Linstrom of Winnetka was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year. Linstrom won a pair of games as a pitcher and played well defensively at second base.

1954 – San Diego CA Post 492

YAKIMA WA – Call them the “Cinderella team” or “a team of destiny” but whatever you call them, please include the following: 1954 American Legion World Series champions.

San Diego CA Post 492 rallied from an opening day setback to win out from the elimination bracket to capture the national championship.

The Southern California champions clipped Gastonia NC twice to win the crown. The first match up lasted 11 innings with San Diego prevailing 3-2. In the finals, San Diego scored seven runs over the first three innings and cruised to a 7-2 championship victory.

Lawrence Elliott’s two rbi single with the bases loaded was all Ron Wilkins needed as the big lefthander fanned 11. Wilkins entered the game as reliever in the first inning after two batters.
1955 – Cincinnati OH Post 216

ST. PAUL MN – The city of Cincinnati won its fourth American Legion World Series as Post 216 downed Washington DC, 10-4 in the finals.

With the win, Cincinnati moved ahead of San Diego CA and Oakland CA for the most ALWS titles.

Bill Beck’s victory over Washington in the finals was sweet revenge. Beck was beaten by that same team on opening day. In the championship game, he fanned 15 and limited Washington to five hits.

Third baseman Frank Birri was picked as the American Legion Player Of The Year as Cincinnati closed its record setting championship season at 36-4.

1956 – St. Louis MO 245

BISMARCK ND – Hard throwing Bob Miller picked up six victories in national competition including three at the World Series as St. Louis MO Post 245 battled opponents and Mother Nature along the way to the national championship.

The double-elimination tournament was a grueling affair for all teams but the two days of postponement and near freezing playing conditions didn’t stop the Missourians.

Miller opened the tourney with a 10-0 shutout of Roseburg OR and then handed powerful New Orleans LA a pair of setbacks (winning 7-3 and 8-3). In the championship game against New Orleans he fanned six to raise his national record at 6-0 with 40 strikeouts.

Teammate Lawrence Goudy led all hitters with a .449 average.

1957 – Cincinnati OH Post 50

BILLINGS MT – Cincinnati OH picked up its fifth American Legion World Series championship as Post 50 overcame a stubborn Portland OR club, 10-6 in the finals.

Cincinnati, undefeated in the double-elimination tournament, edged Portland twice to win the title as Coach Joe Hawk’s charges added another national title to Cincinnati’s record number of legion crowns.

Pitching was the key as Hawk used three complete game victories by Scott Seger, Jerry Drew and Tom Tiettmeyer.

Tom Weber, who got a key three-run double in the eighth inning of the championship game, led the tourney in hitting with a .412 average.

Fred Fox, the American Legion Player Of The Year excelled on defense throughout the tournament as he assisted on a triple play. It was the ALWS’ second triple play in tournament history.

1958 – Cincinnati OH Post 50

COLORADO SPRINGS CO – For 21 seasons, Joe Hawk coached Cincinnati OH Post 50 to many championships but the one team, the one season he might remember the most was the 1958 club that produced a second straight ALWS.

For starters, the championship was the first back-to-back national titles in the ALWS since Oakland turned the trick in 1949-50.

And secondly, Hawk had to rebuild his club from the ground up. Only five players returned for action from his 1957 national championship club.

Southpaw Scott Seger tossed two complete game victories including the 12-1 rout of Everett MA in the championship.
1959 – Detroit MI Post 187

HASTINGS NE – Sparked by the all-around play of 5-6 shortstop Fred Bowen, Detroit MI Post 187 won the American Legion World Series championship.

The Michigan champion had to overcome an opening day setback to advance through the elimination round to win the title. It was a remake of regional and sectional playoffs as Detroit rebounded in both of those tournaments after early round losses to come back and win.

Detroit won the title with a pair of victories over previously unbeaten Hampton VA winning 5-3 and 11-4. Detroit managed only five hits in the championship game but Hampton committed a record 10 errors. Two of the Detroit hits came from catcher John Hansen.

Bowen was chosen the American Legion Player Of The Year while Phoenix’s Louis Webb had the highest average at .478.

1960 – New Orleans LA Post 125

HASTINGS NE – Increasing the tournament field from four to eight regional champions did little to hamper New Orleans LA Post 125 in its quest for the American Legion World Series championship.

The Crescent City entry whipped pre-tournament favorite Billings MT in the finals, 9-3. The ALWS title was New Orleans’ third since 1932.

The winners used a big seven-run sixth inning to rout Billings pitching ace Dave McNally, who walked 10 batters. McNally registered 68 strikeouts in national competition.

Outdueling McNally in the finale was Dick Roniger, who was the recipient of the American Legion Player Of The Year award. He limited Billings to six hits and he fanned 8.

1961 – Phoenix AZ Post 1

HASTINGS NE – Phoenix AZ, a newcomer to the American Legion World Series, taught tourney veteran Cincinnati OH a lesson in baseball to win the 1961 title.

Coming out of the elimination round, Phoenix Post 1 edged Cincinnati twice, 2-0 and 4-1 in claiming the crown.

Back-to-back triples in the eighth inning by Gary Wolf and Larry Martin broke open a tight championship showdown and lifted the Westerners to the title.

Phoenix pitcher Dan Dwingle struggled early against Cincinnati with seven walks but came on strong and finished with a pair of strikeouts to end the game with 10.

Cincinnati’s James Gruber was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

Also, during the 1961 tourney, George W. Rulon began his leadership role as head of the American Legion national baseball program. He would hold that position with the legion until his retirement in 1986.

1962 – St. Louis MO Post 299

BISMARCK ND – St. Louis MO Post 299 handed Honolulu HI its only losses of the season in winning the American Legion World Series.

It was a return to glory for St. Louis as the Missourians and the legion tournament returned to Bismarck. It was in Bismarck at the 1956 ALWS that St. Louis won its first legion championship.

In the finals, St. Louis exploded for seven runs in a wild seventh inning. Jerry Mueller hit a home run and a single while teammate Harold Wetich added a pair of doubles and a single.

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1964 – Upland CA Post 73

LITTLE ROCK AR – Upland CA Post 73 rode the hitting and pitching of Rollie Fingers to win the American Legion World Series.

Fingers, who later would be a standout in the Major League World Series, won a pair of victories in tourney and hit a blistering .450 against some tough national competition.

He was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

Upland and runner-up Charlotte NC staged a donnybrook mini-series within the series as the formidable foes met three times with Upland winning two of three.

Fingers fired a three-hitter in the first meeting as Upland won 3-1.

Charlotte countered with a 2-0 shutout by Bob Boyd. Fingers broke up Boyd’s bid for a no-hitter with a single.

In the finale,

And in the finals, Fingers had a masterful game limiting Charlotte to just two hits in the 3-1 Upland victory.

1965 – Charlotte NC Post 9

ABERDEEN SD – Charlotte NC Post 9 didn’t let a light shower or cold weather dampen the party as the Tar Hills won the American Legion World Series with a 2-1 victory over Omaha NE.

The championship game was played on a cool drizzling Labor Day evening.

It was a step up from the previous season when Charlotte finished second to Upland CA.

The Region Three champion went through the double-elimination tournament with only a loss to Memphis TN.

Pitcher Ken Fila of Omaha was nabbed as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

1966 – Oakland CA Post 337

ORANGEBURG SC – Not since the glory days of 1949-50 has Oakland CA enjoyed success on the American Legion national baseball scene.

Then came 1966 and as Oakland Post 337 made it four-for-four in winning the American Legion World Series title. Oakland has now made it to four ALWS championship games and has won all of them. They came in 1928, 1949, 1950 and 1966.

The winners clipped Tuscaloosa AL in the finals 4-1.

Butch Vargas was the star of the series as he tossed a four-hitter against Tuscaloosa in the championship game.

He picked up three wins at the series and posted a perfect 6-0 in national competition. Both marks are records.

Supporting Vargas in the national finals was Albert Strane. he connected with a home run and triple.

1967 – Tuscaloosa AL Post 34

MEMPHIS TN – Opening and closing the American Legion World Series with the same opponent, Tuscaloosa AL Post 34 won the championship with a nail-biting 1-0 win over Northbrook IL.

Tuscaloosa also won the tourney opener against Northbrook winning 3-0. Northbrook did manage to squeeze one win away from Tuscaloosa when Paul Brubaker pitched a two-hit 5-0 game. He fanned 14.

Tuscaloosa countered when it counted -- the championship game -- when John Rushing tossed a three-hit 1-0 win. He registered eight strikeouts.

The lone run in the finale came in the seventh inning when Bo Baughman doubled, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Woody Sexton’s infield single.
The winners completed the season at 40-5.

The tournament was noted for tight pitching and defense with three games being one-run affairs and five games being shutouts.

1968 – Memphis TN Post 1

MANCHESTER NH – Coach Tony Gagliano’s Memphis TN Post 1 used text book baseball in winning the 1968 American Legion World Series championship. It was Tennessee’s first national legion crown.

The finale, a 4-3 victory over Klamath Falls OR saw Memphis win with pitching, running and bunting.

With the game knotted at 3-3 and heading into the ninth inning, Memphian Charlie Blanchard led off with a line drive single. Winning pitcher Ross Grimsley then bunted to third. The throw by Mike Keck in an attempt to force Blanchard was late. Al Andre followed with another perfect bunt as losing pitcher Mike Allred mishandled the ball for an error.

With the bases loaded, Klamath Falls and most of the 2,350 in attendance were expecting another Memphis bunt were surprised. After an 0-2 count with two fouls, Terry Dan laid down a perfect bunt as Blanchard raced home with the eventual winning run.

The defense on the 0-2 count went back to normal playing depth. On the next pitch, Dan came through with another perfect bunt that caught Klamath Falls napping as Blanchard raced home with the leading and eventual winning run.

Donnie Castle, the hitting and pitching hero for Memphis was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

Memphis finished strong, winning 38 straight games and ended the season at 52-5.

Another highlight during the 1968 ALWS came when Gene Guerriero of Staten Island NY no-hit Springfield MA, 3-0. It was the first complete no-hit game in ALWS history.

1969 – Portland OR Post 105

HASTINGS NE – Don Oja and Tim Wise combined for a two-hit shutout to give Portland OR Post 105 the American Legion World Series title beating Towson MD, 4-0.

The championship game was the third meeting between the clubs during the double-elimination tournament.

Oja worked 5.2 innings and gave up two hits while fanning 11. Wise, in relief, came on strong with four strikeouts and not giving up a hit. Wise also was productive at the plate with a pair of hits.

West Palm Beach’s John Adeimy was picked as the American Legion Player Of The Year while winning the batting title with a lofty .583 average in national competition.

Mother Nature played havoc with the series with a record 6.5 inches of rain falling on the tournament.

It was the fourth time that Hastings has hosted the ALWS.

1970 – West Covina CA Post 790

KLAMATH FALLS OR – West Covina CA Post 790 unloaded its heavy hitters on a shell-shocked Levittown PA in winning the American Legion World Series, 10-0.

The Californians had earlier pounded the Pennsylvanians, 7-0 in the double-elimination tournament.

In the title mismatch, Doug Lyons blasted a three-run homer to highlight a six-run third inning. Teammate Mike McManus collected four hits while winning pitcher Coley Smith only gave up four hits.

1971 – West Covina CA Post 790

TUCSON AZ – West Covina CA Post 790 joined a select circle of winners by repeating as American Legion World Series champions.

With the 1971 and 1970 titles in house, West Covina joins Oakland CA (1949-50) and Cincinnati OH (1957-58) as repeat champions.

It almost didn’t happen. The Westerners lost on opening day by one run, a 3-2 decision to Lincoln Park MI.

Facing the uphill battle and unbeaten Cedar Rapids on the final day, West Covina needed a pair of victories. The
results were resounding to the way of a 16-4 and 16-1 beat downs.

Outfielder Randolph of West Covina was picked as the legion’s Player Of The Year.

1972 – Ballwin MO Post 611

MEMPHIS TN – With a little luck and an assist from Mother Nature, Ballwin MO Post 611 stormed out of the elimination bracket to stop home standing Memphis TN for the American Legion World Series championship.

Gaining an extra day of rest due to heavy storms that washed out one day of activity, Ballwin’s pitchers shutdown Memphis winning 7-4 and 3-2 in the championship game.

Dave Tuttle over came early inning jitters (tied 2-2 after four), came on strong to limit Memphis to just four hits while striking out nine.

The winning run came on a suicide squeeze bunt with two outs in the eighth inning.

Ballwin’s Charles Murphy, a pitcher/outfielder was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year as the Missourians ended a successful season at 44-8.

1973 – Rio Piedras PR Post 146

LEWISTON ID – It took one extra inning to do it but for Rio Piedras PR Post 146, it was worth the wait.

The Islanders stopped Memphis TN in the championship game of the American Legion World Series, 10-6 in 10 innings.

It was Memphis’ second straight runner-up finish.

Luis Ferrer copped the extra inning with a three-run inside-the-park home run. Oscar Negron picked up the victory before a packed crowd of 4,437 at Lewiston’s Bengal Field.

Led by Carlos Rodriguez, who hit .435 in national competition, Rio Piedras went through the tournament unbeaten. The team dedicated the season to Pittsburgh Pirate Hall Of Famer Roberto Clemente.

The winners traveled over 6,600 miles to get to Lewiston.

1974 – Rio Piedras PR Post 146

ROSEBURG OR – On a misty cool Oregon evening, Rio Piedras PR Post 146 won its second straight American Legion World Series championship.

The Islanders edged home state favorite Lake Oswego OR, 4-3 in the finals before 5,194 screaming fans.

It marked the fourth time in legion history that a team has repeated as champions. Rio Piedras joins West Covina CA (1970-71), Cincinnati OH (1957-58) and Oakland CA (1949-50) as repeat champs.

Edwin Lopez, the Rio Piedras sharp hitting outfielder was selected the American Legion Player Of The Year. He also won the Louisville Slugger batting award with a .433 average.

Down 3-0 in the first inning, winning southpaw pitcher Arnulto Comacho settled down and limited Lake Oswego to one hit.

30,102 fans witnessed the tournament as Rio Piedras ended the season with a 34-8 mark.

1975 – Yakima WA Post 36

RAPID CITY SD – Yakima WA Post 36 claimed its second national championship since 1954 by winning the 50th anniversary American Legion World Series.

The championship game victory, an 8-4 decision over Cedar Rapids, capped an uphill effort by Yakima. The eventual champions lost on opening day before bouncing back through the elimination bracket.

David Elder, the American Legion Player Of The Year, was the winning pitcher in the finals. He fanned 11 and also hit a home run. He also won the rbi award and tied for the total bases award.

The tournament, under perfect weather conditions, attracted over 27,000 fans.

Yakima ended the season with a 52-22 record.
1976 – Santa Monica CA Post 123

MANCHESTER NH – Santa Monica CA Post 123 stole the spotlight from Cedar Rapids IA in winning the 1976 American Legion World Series championship.

The Californians upset pre-tournament favorite Cedar Rapids on the way to the title.

One of the most exciting moments in ALWS history came in the second round when Santa Monica’s Rick Schroeder no-hit Cedar Rapids, 1-0 in 10 innings. Losing pitcher Mike Boddicker only gave up two hits.

The championship game featured Santa Monica and Des Plaines IL. Schroeder came back from his no-hit performance to scatter seven hits in a 7-6 victory. He fanned eight.

Gus Malespin of Metairie LA was chosen the American Legion Player Of The Year while Boddicker, a three-year participant in ALWS play, was picked for the James F. Daniel Sportsmanship award.

1977 – South Bend IN Post 50

MANCHESTER NH – Bill Schell’s hitting and Gregg Heyde’s pitching carried South Bend IN Post 50 to the American Legion World Series championship.

South Bend beat a scrappy Hattiesburg MS club, 3-1 in the finals.

Schell, the American Legion Player Of The Year, was the series top hitter with a .441 average. He went 2-for-4 including a triple in the championship game while Heyde gave up seven hits and fanned three for the victors.

Defending champion Santa Monica CA failed to repeat losing out finishing fourth.

Coach Mel Machuca’s championship club finished the season with a 41-6 record.

1978 – Hialeah FL Post 32

YAKIMA WA – Running Hialeah FL Post 32 raced through the American Legion World Series in capturing Florida’s first legion national championship.

The Floridians posted an unbeaten slate in the double-elimination tourney by outscoring its opponents, 49-15. The team had 20 stolen bases in the series.

First baseman/pitcher Ross Jones was tabbed as the American Legion Player Of The Year while third baseman Ivan Mesa picked up the award for total bases.

In the championship game, Hialeah stole nine bases in the 7-4 victory. MVP Jones picked up three hits and three rbi.

Sowing some offensive power, Doug Palmer of New Ulm MN set an ALWS record hitting a blistering 679 (19-of-28) in national competition.

1979 – Yakima WA Post 36

GREENVILLE MS – Yakima WA Post 36 won its second national title in four years and its third in history on a hot humid day in the dusty Mississippi delta.

The winners unloaded a five-run outburst in the first inning and never looked back in thumping Barrington RI, 13-6.

The game was played in nearly 100 degree heat and thick humidity. Yakima’s uniforms were right for the occasion. The team played in short pants.

Pitcher Bruce Dunn gave up 10 hits while Juan Cruz and Doug Geefe supplied the offens.
Cruz popped a three-run home run while Geefe scored four runs and went 4-for-4. Throughout the entire tournament, teams, fans and game officials were hampered by the intense heat and humidity. During some of the mid-afternoon games, two sets of umpires were used to prevent heat fatigue with one set working the first four innings and another set working the final five innings.

1980 – Honolulu HI

ELY MN – Long shot Honolulu HI upended Boyertown PA, 5-4 to claim the 1980 American Legion World Series in this outdoor sports town of Ely, at the top of Minnesota. Chubby Sid Fernandez won a pair of games and fanned 55 in national competition as the Islanders posted a 24-5 record. He later would be a steller pitcher in the Majors.

The championship game was a see-saw affair until Lance Belen sent a 1-2 pitch well over the left field that sent the Islanders to a 5-4 championship victory. The shot measured 390 feet.

Thomas Gil of Hialeah FL was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

1981 – West Tampa FL Post 248

SUMTER SC – Sparked by the all-around play of David Magadan, West Tampa FL Post 248 captured the American Legion World Series.

Magadan, the Player Of The Year connected on a pair long ball hits, a pair of doubles with three rbi in the championship game to rally the Floridians from a 4-0 deficit to a 6-5 victory over Richmond VA.

Noel Alfonso picked up the win in relief as he fanned six. Magadan got the save pitching the final 2/3 inning.

Tulsa’s Roger Hulse, a rugged hard hitting first baseman picked up the Louisville Slugger award with a .478 average. Scott Anderson of Bellevue WA won the Bob Feller pitching award with 44 strikeouts.

West Tampa ended its most successful season with a 38-5 record.

1982 – Boyertown PA Post 471

BOYERTOWN PA – The home-standing Boyertown Post 471 Bears became the first team in 41 years to win the American Legion World Series championship while playing before the home town fans.

The highly spirited Bears whipped Lafayette CA in the finals, 14-8 in front of 6,563 delirious cheering rabid fans.

With the victory, it marked the first time since San Diego won at home in 1941 that a home team had captured the series title.

The 34,023 was the highest since the legion went to its current 8-team double-elimination tournament format.

The heroes were plentiful for the home faithful to cheer for. Ivan Snyder, the American Legion Player Of The Year became the second player in ALWS history to hit over .600 in national competition. He hit an even .600. He went 4-for-6 in the title game. He also recorded a complete game shutout earlier in the tourney.

Other standout included John Ludy (18-0 with 180 strikeouts on the season), Durrell Schoenly (a crafty southpaw pitcher who went 7-0) and Scott Gilbert. Gilbert tied an ALWS tournament record with 19 runs scored in national competition.

Boyertown finished the season with a 54-3 record and a storybook championship.

1983 – Edina MN Post 471

FARGO ND – In the most exciting finish ever, Edina MN Post 471 won the 1983 American Legion World Series in a “see it to believe” ninth inning rally. And the victory came over defending national champion Boyertown PA.

The Mid-Westerners shared the spotlight with New Orleans’ Chito Martinez. The all-around athlete claimed the batting champion (.566), rbi (17) and total bases (44) awards in shattering several tournament records.

In the classic championship game, Boyertown defended its title gamely with an early 4-0 lead and looked as though
a repeat title was in reach. The on-charging Edina team cut the lead to 4-3 with a three run outburst in the eighth inning.

Then came the unexpected.

Edina scored the winning runs in the top of the ninth when Boyertown outfielders collided on a routine fly ball.

Unbeaten Rob Wassenaar (12-0) came on in the ninth and fanned the final batter to give Edina the national championship.

Edina’s catcher Mike Halloran was picked as the American Legion Player Of The Year as the Minnesota champion ended the year at 45-7.

1984 – Guaynabo PR Post 134

NEW ORLEANS LA – Guaynabo PR Post 134 downed Brooklawn NJ twice on championship day to claim the 1984 ALWS crown.

The winning run was scored in the bottom of the ninth inning with a two-out, bases loaded walk.

Earlier in day, Guaynabo won 5-2 forcing a deciding game fifteen for the title.

The strategy backfired for runner-up Brooklawn when the New Jersey champion intentionally walked Jorge del Toro setting up a force at any base.

It didn’t work as pitcher Steve Mondile walked Jorge Hernandez on a full-count pitch forcing pinch runner Teofilo Serra home with the winning tally.

Jorge Robles earned the American Legion Player Of The Year award. He went 5-0 including a pair of saves in national competition.

In the finale, Midlothian held 2-0 and 3-1 leads before stopping the Californians ninth inning rally.

Rick Jarvis scattered six hits in relief and picked up the victory while Lipscomb (who could not pitch due to legion pitching regulations) contributed at the plate going 1-for-3 including a sacrifice fly.

The comeback by Midlothian was the second in national competition as the Virginians was forced to come from behind in regional play to advance to the ALWS.

1985 – Midlothian VA Post 186

KOKOMO IN – If you enjoy baseball, you would have loved the 1985 American Legion World Series.

The 60th anniversary tournament staged in Kokomo’s Highland Park Stadium had great hitting, pitching, fielding, disappointment and happiness.

1986 – Jensen Beach FL Post 126

RAPID CITY SD – Jensen Beach FL Post 126 formula was simple in winning the 1996 American Legion World Series.

Manager Bob Shaw, a former Major Leaguer and World Series participant, mixed solid pitching with fundamental defense and a surprising offense to roll over all opposition to win title.

The Floridians went unbeaten in the tournament and became the first team to do that since 1978. Down-state rival Hialeah turned the trick in winning the 1978 title.

As expected, Jensen Beach set an ALWS record in team ERA with a near perfect 1.50 mark. The pitching performance and the tight defense were expected but the big surprise came when Jensen Beach broke a 36-year old hitting record set by Oakland during the 1950 series.

The Floridians blistered opponents pitching to the tune of a .347 team batting average.

Pitcher Joe Grahe set the tone early with an 18-strikeout performance against New London CT. The strikeout mark was one off the national record of 19.

He finished the tourney with 52 strikeouts in 35.2 innings pitched. He also went 4-0 and 1 save plus hitting .436 while at the plate. He received the George Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year award.

Jensen Beach stopped a very good Las Vegas NV club, 8-2 with Grahe picking up championship game victory.

The 1986 tourney marked the end of a quarter-century career by American Legion baseball director George W. Rulon. As a tribute to the man that guided the nation’s largest youth baseball program, the legion renamed the player of the year award to the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year award.
1987 – Boyertown PA Post 471

STEVENS POINT WI – In the most balanced tournament in recent years, Boyertown PA Post 471 captured the American Legion World Series.

Simply stated, the tournament was played in ideal weather with the exception of a late afternoon shower on championship day.

The Pennsylvanians regrouped after an early tournament setback to roared back to bounce r Vancouver WA in the finals, 12-6.

The Bears were led by catcher Willie Stout. He earned American Legion Player Of The Year honors.

In the finals, Boyertown scored five runs in the fourth inning to put the game on ice for the champions. The Bears ended the year at 60-13.

And Iowa legionnaire James Quinlan began his tenure as head of the American Legion national baseball program.

1988 – Cincinnati OH Post 507

MIDDLETOWN CT – Move over Boyertown, Cincinnati is back. It was the newcomer on the block against the old guard.

The 1988 American Legion World Series matched long time legion kingpin Cincinnati (the ALWS leader in games played, games won, World Series appearances and most championships) against Boyertown PA, a dominant newcomer to legion baseball (six ALWS appearances and two national titles in the 1980s).

When the dust had settled in Middletown, Cincinnati had prevailed in winning a record seventh ALWS championship. The score was 7-0 as a crowd of 3,759 and a national ESPN-TV audience looked on.

Mike Kessler was selected as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year. He hit .459 in national play (17-for-37) and scored 16 runs. He also picked up 24 total bases.

Lance Gibson and Pat Treend posted impressive wins on the mound. Treend opened and closed the ALWS with strong performances against Guaynabo as he finished national play at 3-0 and 1.77 ERA.

Gibson, son of team manager Gary Gibson was also 3-0 during national competition. His ERA was 1.62.

The championship game was played on a hot and humid evening that was more suited for misquotes.

Woodland Hills completed the season at 39-7.

1989 – Woodland Hills CA Post 826

MILLINGTON TN – While the American Legion World Series concluded a decade of success, California’s entry Woodland Hills erased more than a decade of drought by winning the 1989 championship.

Woodland Hills Post 826 beat Guaynabo PR, 11-5 in the finals to become the first California team to win the ALWS since Santa Monica won it in 1976.

Heading up the Woodland Hill attack was a nifty catcher named Del Marine. The 6-0, 185 pounder was chosen as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year. He hit .459 in national play (17-for-37) and scored 16 runs. He also picked up 24 total bases.

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1990 – Mayo MD Post 226

CORVALLIS OR – On paper, the Mayo MD Post 226 club looked impressive.

The Region Three and three-time Maryland state champion entered the American Legion World Series in
Corvallis with a remarkable 66-6 overall record and had outscored its regional tournament opponents, 68-13. With those stats, no one argued that Mayo was the pre-tourney favorite. But the winning wasn’t easy. It took Mayo three come-from-behind victories and a team effort to do it. The final comeback came on championship day with a 7-6 victory over Bayamon PR. Mayo scored runs in the seventh, eighth and ninth for the wins. Mark Foster picked up the victory against Bayamon on the mound as well as being productive at the plate going 2-for-4 and 3 rbi. He was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year. Mayo completed its most successful season ever with a 71-7 ledger. The 71-victory mark is an ALWS record for victories by a winning team.

1991 – Brooklawn NJ Post 72

BOYERTOWN PA – For 72-year-old Joe Barth Sr., the dream of winning the American Legion World Series became reality in 1991. The 40-year career coaching legend finally picked up top honors as his Brooklawn NJ Post 72 club overcame a sluggish start to upend Newark OH 5-3 in the championship game. 3,752 fans watched Brooklawn finally reward Barth with the national crown as the victory erased three previous and painful ALWS appearances.

The Garden State champions won the title with pitching as Brooklawn posted a 1.82 team ERA. It was third best ERA in ALWS history. Scott Lavender (2-0, 1.81 ERA) and Brent Laxton (3-0, 1.84) led the attack followed by Brian McGettigan (2-1, 0.84 ERA) and Bryan Wilson (1-0, 1 save and 1.58 ERA). Newark’s Ryan Beeney was selected as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year. The slick fielding shortstop led Newark in hitting at .444 and was co-winner of the rbi award with 16.

Bob Paulthorpe won or shared all four ALWS statistical awards. He blitzed opposing pitchers for a .585 batting average (24-for-41). He got 36 total bases and 16 rbi. On the mound, he registered 33 strikeouts.

In the championship game, Brooklawn overcame a 3-0 Newark lead with a big four run rally in the sixth inning. Brooklawn added an insurance run in the seventh to make it 5-3. Lavender, who shutdown Newark earlier in the tournament, came on in relief and retired the side in order in the ninth inning to give Barth the championship he richly deserved.

1992 Newbury Park CA

FARGO ND – Call them bold, call them brash and call them Champs! That’s the best way to describe the 1992 American Legion World Series champion Newbury Park CA. Coach Chuck Fick’s troops stormed back from an opening day loss to capture the championship with a pair of shutouts over defending champion Brooklawn NJ and against Arlington Heights IL in the championship game.

Heading into championship day play, the Oaks need a pair of wins to claim their first national title and California’s 16th since 1928. They got it with spectacular pitching performances from Adam West and Jim Naster. The southpaw West nailed Brooklawn, 3-0 limiting the defending champs to five hits.

In the finals, Naster held Arlington Heights to five hits. He fanned six as Ryan Kritscher, Robert Fick, David Lamb and Jim Chergey each got three hits for the victors exploding for a 17-hit win. It was the most hits by a winning club in a championship game since Yonkers’ 17-hit outburst during the first ALWS in 1926.

Newbury Park finished the year at 40-3.

1993 – Rapid City SD Post 22

ROSEBURG OR – Rapid City SD Post 22 had all the qualifications of a champion. Their stats were impressive. The record entering the American Legion World Series stood at 66-4. They won the state and regional titles and produced a lineup that would be the envy of any coach anywhere.

But they were not “pre-tournament favorites” according to media, scouts and college coaches covering the tournament. The favorites were Las Vegas NV and Fairfield CA.

In the end, however, it was Rapid City standing alone atop the standings as 1993 American Legion World Series champions.
Manager Dave Ploof and coach Steve Wolff relied on a balanced team effort that had a fine mixture of both offense and defense.

Ben Thomas, a first baseman/pitcher earned the American Legion Player Of The Year.

He hit .435 in national play as well as posting a 3-0 record and 0.33 ERA. He registered 27 strikeouts won him the Bob Feller pitching award. He tied for the rbi award with 16.

Joining Thomas in the spotlight was Ryan Merritt, who won the batting crown with a .490 average (24-for-49).

In the championship, Rapid City edge Las Vegas, 7-4 as Bill Freytag went the distance to pickup his third victory in national play.

The tournament drew 34,306 fans to set a modern ALWS attendance record (since the current 8-team format began in 1960).

1994 -- Miami FL Post 346

BOYERTOWN PA – Miami FL Post 346 rode the perfect pitching of Fernando Rodriguez to capture the 1994 American Legion World Series.

Rodriguez, the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year winner masterfully shutdown Chino CA with a 9-0 championship game victory.

He completed national competition with a perfect 4-0 record and 0.00 ERA in 32.1 innings pitched. In the finals he walked one and fanned six.

Roy Muro (3-for-4 and 2 rbi) led the parade of hitters for Miami. Jose Zabalta, Luis Cabral and Rodriguez each picked up a pair of hits against Chino in the finals.

Chino had earlier embarrassed Miami, 19-9 and the championship victory was sweet revenge for the Floridians (36-7 on the season).

As a consolation, Chino set ALWS tournament records for most hits (148) and doubles (41) and finished third in all-time team average (.347).

1995 – Aiea HI

FARGO ND – Injured but not out, Jason Adaro spearheaded Aiea HI to the 1995 American Legion World Series championship.

Hampered by a nagging hamstring injury earlier in the tournament, Adaro pitched a four-hit 2-0 shutout victory over Bellevue WA.

The finale was witnessed by 3,546 at Fargo’s Jack Williams Stadium and a national ESPN-TV audience.

The masterful performance by Adaro was his second shutout in series play.

His pitching (4-0, 0.90 ERA) and hitting (.488 highest in national competition) earned him the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year award.

Portland ME earned that state’s first appearance in the ALWS.

1996 – Yardley PA Post 317

ROSEBURG OR – Yardley PA Post 317 surprised the field in the 1996 American Legion World Series by winning the championship.

The Pennsylvania state runner-up won the regional title and played a brand of baseball combining key hits, sturdy defense and crafty pitching to upset the field and won the crown.

Yardley bounced Gonzales LA, 6-3 before 4,089 in the championship game.

Christian Bourgeois of Gonzales LA was selected the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year while Andy Hoffman of Midland MI earned the James F. Daniel Jr. Memorial Sportsmanship Award. Yardley finished its championship season with a 48-11 record.

Sandy UT became the first team from that state to play in the ALWS.

Another first came when Kip Harris of Midland MI got the first hit as a designated hitter in ALWS history. It was a double in the ninth inning against Rowan County NC.

The attendance of 38,836 set a tournament record under the current 8-team tournament format that started in 1960. It broke their own record set in 1993 with 34,306.

1997 – Sanford FL Post 53
RAPID CITY SD – A Hollywood writer could not have written a better script for the 1998 American Legion World Series staged at Fitzgerald Stadium. It was a scene right out of an old western shoot’em up movie.

There were fireworks galore. There was even a stampede on the record book.

When the dust had settled, Sanford FL Post 53 had the championship in hand by beating Medford OR, 11-8 in a title game that was shorten by legion officials due to incoming inclement weather. It marked the first time a championship game did not go the standard nine innings.

In the finale, Tim Raines, son of Major League standout Tim Raines Sr., sparked a rally that saw Sanford erase a 8-2 deficit with a seven-run sixth inning explosion. Raines, junior that is, belted a pair of home runs to tie the ALWS record in leading the come-from-behind.

Sanford ended the season at 48-13.

The tournament was a wild one from start to finish as 19 records were broken or tied. Among the most notable were runs scored in the series (273) and fewest shutouts (0). The offensive record surpassed the old record of 222 that was also set in Rapid City. The no-shutout figure tied the record set in 1978, 1980 and 1984.

Although the tournament will always be known as the shootout out west, one notable defensive play was made by Bristol’s Mike Rose. Rose made an excellent diving catch while crashing into the right field wall to preserve Bristol’s 3-2 victory over Tulsa OK.

**1998 – Edwardsville IL Post 199**

LAS VEGAS NV – Beating the odds is very difficult. Especially in a city like Las Vegas. But Edwardsville IL Post 199 did it and the reward was the 1998 American Legion World Series championship.

In an all-new, Olympic-type tournament format, Edwardsville overcame a scrappy Cherryville NC Post 100 club, 9-4 in the finals.

Opel, the recipient of the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year, led the parade of stars. Opel became only the third player in ALWS history to hit over .600 in national competition. He hit .632 (second only to Doug Palmer of New Ulm MN in 1978) and played brilliantly at shortstop.

The 22,000 plus fans in Las Vegas’ Cashman Field (home of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League Las Vegas Stars) saw the tournament switch from the conventional 15-game double elimination tournament to a two division 15-game affair. The top two clubs in each division would square off in semifinal action after three days of round-robin divisional play. The winners of the semifinal game then played in a one-game national title game.

The intense heat during the five-day tournament saw the temps exceed 100 each day.

**1999 – New Brighton MN Post 513**

MIDDLETOWN CT – New Brighton MN Post 513 gave the state of Minnesota its third national championship with a 11-5 victory over Kennewick WA in the 1999 American Legion World Series.

The championship game was played before 2,691 fans in Middletown and before an ESPN-TV tape-delayed national broadcast.

In the finale, third baseman Brad Baglien became the first player to go 5-for-5 in a championship game. Erick Lodgaard went the distance to pick up the victory. He scattered six hits and fanned six.

Peter Wiedewitsch hit .511 (third in the ALWS hitting) going 23-for-45 and was selected the American Legion Player Of The Year.

New Brighton finished the season with an outstanding 64-5 record.

**2000 – Danville CA Post 246**

ALTON IL – Using a pitching staff that any Major League club would love to have, Danville CA Post 246 won the 2000 American Legion World Series.

The championship, a 2-1 thriller over Paducah, Kentucky gave California its 17th overall ALWS title since 1928. For retiring ALWS tournament staff member and California baseball director Harold Hall, the victory was a sweet retirement gift.

Pitching was the key to Danville’s success. Check these stats:

- Brown tossed three complete game victories in national competition and did not allow an earned run in 27 innings. He posted a 3-0 record and 0.00 ERA.
- Miramontes also went 3-0 in national tournament play while posting a 1.59 ERA.
- Three other Danville pitchers (Justin Allred, Dane Dobrinich and Brian Roberson) all posted 0.00 ERA marks while John Williams (1-0) and Colin Stock (1-0) rounded out the stellar Danville pitching staff.

A record six Danville players picked up all-tournament recognition as the Hooters closed their record setting year with a 53-12 record.
In a category normally reserved for California teams, New Jersey sent two representatives to the American Legion World Series. Coach Joe Barth’s Brooklawn team made its record-tying third straight appearance in the 2000 tourney while Hamilton Square, New Jersey played in its first ALWS. California and Minnesota are the only other states to send two teams to the ALWS in the same year.

2001 – Brooklawn NJ Post 72

YAKIMA WA – Played under ideal weather in this beautiful northwest Washington community (and Apple capital of the world), the 2001 American Legion World Series will go down in the books as a tournament filled with anniversaries, awards, record-setting performances.

For starters, the 2001 tournament was the 75th anniversary of the American Legion World Series (76th year of American Legion baseball). Then, Brooklawn’s long time coach Joe Barth celebrated his 50th season in legion baseball.

Thirteen records were broken or tied during the five-day run including Brooklawn’s string of four consecutive trips to the ALWS and team captain Mike Rucci’s fourth straight appearance in ALWS by an individual player.

Brooklawn produced an amazing five come-from-behind victories.

The semifinal rally was a classic. Or at least it was for the Brooklawn faithful as Barth’s chargers erased an 8-5 Omaha NE lead with four runs with two outs in the ninth inning.

In the championship finale against Lewiston ID, Rucci capped a brilliant four-year legion career with a two-run sixth inning home run to break a 2-all tie to send Brooklawn past Lewiston, 5-2 in front of 2,688 fans at historic Parker Field.

Rucci was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year. Rucci hit .410 in national competition going 16-for-39. He picked up 12 rbi and 25 total bases.

While Brooklawn was stealing the spotlight with its championship play and record-setting achievements other standout performances were also recorded.

2002 – West Point MS Post 212

DANVILLE VA – The heat was intense and the rain was annoying but in the end, West Point, Miss. Post 212 survived both to win the 2002 American Legion World Series. It was Mississippi’s first national championship in legion baseball.

The five-day tourney was overshadowed by the weather. The three days of pool play saw scorching heat and high humidity while the semifinals and championship was plagued by rain. In fact, legion officials were searching as far west as West Virginia and far south as South Carolina for a possible alternate site the morning of the championship game.

The Series opening ceremonies was very hot and humid day as several players were overcome by the heat but for West Point, it was a typical day on the ball field. Mississippi like southern Virginia has the same summer-type hot, humid weather.

While the weather wasn’t its best, West Point’s Josh Johnson was.

In the championship game, against Excelsior, MN, Johnson scattered seven hits, walked two and fanned 11 in the 4-0 shutout victory. He also contributed offensively with an rbi sacrifice fly.

Johnson, a pitcher-third baseman played near perfect baseball throughout the tournament and was picked as the recipient of Most Valuable Player award. He was flawless on defense as a third baseman and hit .469 in national competition (fourth best in individual batting).

The usual on-the-field post-championship game awards ceremony was moved indoors to the local American Legion Post home as rain intensified from light showers to near-heavy downfall at game’s end.

Coach Frank Portero’s club finished its championship season with a 47-13 record.

2003 – Rochester MN Post 92
BARTLESVILLE OK – Rochester MN Post 92 withstood a scorching Oklahoma heat wave to capture the 2003 American Legion World Series crown.

It was Minnesota’s fourth national title.

Temperatures in Bartlesville reached 100 or more during each day of the five-day tournament equaling a record for heat set in Las Vegas during 1998.

Rochester’s national championship game victory over Cherryville NC Post 100, 5-2 before 2,990 at Bill Doenges Memorial Stadium capped a banner season for Coach Keith Kangas and his team. The team won the state high school championship, the state legion crown, the Region Six Central Plains title and the World Series. Their record was a sparkling 52-5.

Twenty-four records were either broken or tied.

Cherryville’s all-purpose athlete Chris Mason set one record and tied another. As a hitter, he belted a pair of home runs in one game tying a record but his expertise was pitching. He established a ALWS record with 69 strikeouts. In the ALWS, he had 10-or-more strikeouts in the two starts and one relief appearance. He was 5-0 in national competition and was tabbed as the MVP of the Series.

2004 – Portland ME

CORVALLIS OR – Tabbed as the “most likely” team NOT to win the American Legion World Series, Portland (Nova Seafood) Maine used a mixture of key hitting, defense and nearly perfect pitching to capture the 2004 championship. The championship was Maine’s first and the first time for New England since East Lynn MA turned the trick in 1937.

Portland’s championship game was a masterful job in pitching as starter Mike Powers shut down a powerful Kennewick WA club, 2-0. He allowed only one hit and fanned seven in eight innings worked. Ryan Reid, the tourney’s top strikeout artist picked up the save in the ninth striking out the sides.

Portland’s Scott Brown was the Series MVP. He hit .417 going 20-for-48 with 10 runs scored and 14 rbi. He was also 1-0 with 1 save in national competition.

Reid went 5-0 and one save and a 1.27 ERA with 29 strikeouts.

With three teams remaining, Nova won an exciting 4-3, 10-inning victory over Boyertown eliminating the legion powerhouse from Pennsylvania. Ryan Placentini scored on Brown’s rbi single in the bottom of the tenth. Brown also picked up the victory in relief striking out two in two innings pitched.

Deland FL completed the ALWS’s sixth triple play.

2005 – Enid OK Post 4

RAPID CITY SD – In a bizarre ending to an extraordinary tournament, Enid, Oklahoma Post 4 captured the 2005 American Legion World Series.

The Majors won America’s premier youth baseball championship in a very unusual way. It wasn’t a walk-off home run or bases loaded walk or even by an miscued error. Enid won the title with a two-out bases loaded balk in the bottom of the ninth inning over Twin Cities of Pasco, Washington.

The score was 7-6 and was played before a packed house of 3,116 in Rapid City’s Fitzgerald Stadium.

Zac Berg earned the George Rulon American Legion Player of the Year award while Seng (who became the first player in a dozen years to steal home) was selected as the James F. Daniel Sportsmanship Award recipient.

In the finale, Enid jumped off to an early lead by scoring six runs in the third inning including five runs scored after two outs.

Washington mounted a comeback to tie the game in the eight to setup the unexpected ninth inning.

With the bases loaded and two outs, Pasco pitcher Jeremy Stumetz made a false attempt at first and all six umpires called balk an Tyler Fleming skipped home with the winning run and national championship.

Enid ended their successful season at 61-11.

Attendance was a sparkling 28,058 in Rapid City. It was most since 1996 in Roseburg, Oregon.

Rapid City earned a spot in the tournament field and became the eighth team to play in the Series at home.

2006 – Metairie LA Post 175

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA – Pre-tournament favorite Metairie LA Post 175 sparked by tourney MVP Mike Liberto won the 2006 American Legion World Series with a multiple come-from-behind effort victories.

Champion Metairie and runner-up Terre Haute played three times in the Series with Terre Haute winning on opening day and Metairie bouncing back to win a “must win or go home” game and then winning the finale.

During the three come-from-behind wins, Metairie executed to perfection a triple steal against Midlothian VA. It came in the sixth inning when Kevin Weidenbacher stole
second, Tyler Koelling stole third and Brett Accardo stole home.

In the championship game, Metairie rallied in the eighth inning to forge ahead 6-4 and in the ninth inning with the tying run at the plate, the Metairie defense ended the game with a 3-6-3 double play and the title.

Metairie (a suburb of New Orleans) finished the season at 45-7 and with the title, gave the Crescent City four American Legion World Series titles. Other titles came in 1932, 1946 and 1960.

2007 – Columbia TN Post 19

BARTLESVILLE, OK – While the focus was on the home runs flying out of Doenges Memorial Stadium in record numbers, Columbia TN Post 19 went about its business of winning the American Legion World Series championship.

The Region Three champions brought home to Tennessee the national championship for the first time since Memphis captured the 1968 crown.

Columbia's first two outings in the Series resulted in walk-off home runs for victories. The first was three-run shot in the bottom of the ninth inning by Chris Lovett to give Columbia a 7-4 win over Rockport IN.

In Columbia's second outing, Cody Pomeroy's solo home run in the bottom of the 11th inning propelled the winners to a 9-8 victory over Branford CT.

Columbia bounced Eden Prairie MN in the finals 11-4.

For the home runs, Tucson AZ set or tied home runs in national competition and home runs in a game with designated hitter Marc Damon’s 3 homers breaking an 81-year-old record.

And for the record, the ALWS saw a record 46 round-trippers fly out of the Bartlesville ballpark. And, the Series saw at each one home run hit in 14-of-15 games played.

Pitching had its moment in the Series too. Although the Series produced no shutouts, fans did witness the Series’ 11th all-time one-hit complete game pitching performance. And it came from Tucson’s Chris Moon. He fanned 10 and walked two in beating Bryant AR, 6-1. The lone hit came in the form of a pinch-hit solo home run by Kaleb Jobe in the sixth inning.

Columbia finished its outstanding season with a 57-11 record.

2008 – Las Vegas NV (Gorman) Post 76

SHELBY, NC – Las Vegas NV Post 76 (Bishop Gorman) won a record 75 games during the 2008 season with victory number 75 coming in the championship game of the 2008 American Legion World Series.

Pitcher/first baseman Jeff Malm was perfect and earned the tourney's MVP award. He was perfect on the mound logging a 0.00 ERA in national competition and posted a 1-0 record with five saves. The ERA mark tied an ALWS record and the five saves set an ALWS record. He also tied the record for fielding with a 1.000 mark in 98 chances at first base. Offensively he hit a solid .300 and scored 14 runs, second highest in the tourney.

Regardless of the one day delay, Las Vegas claimed the title beating Pasco WA, 5-1. It was Las Vegas’ first national championship after finishing runnerup in 1986 and 1993.

Manager Chris Sheff’s club ended the season by winning its final 21 games and posted a 75-7 record.

Attendance was the second highest under the present 8-team double-elimination format with 37,701.

2009 -- Midland MI Post 165

FARGO, ND – On a sun-splashed afternoon that felt more like an autumn college football Saturday, Midland, Michigan Post 165 won the 2009 American Legion World Series championship.

It was a perfect ending to an otherwise imperfect tournament due to inclement weather. In fact, seven of the tourney’s 14 games were seven inning affairs instead of the normal nine-inning games due to the weather.

In the end it was Midland, Michigan claiming the national championship beating Medford, Oregon Post 15, 11-4 in front of 1,867 at Newman Outdoor Stadium on the campus of North Dakota State University.

Defending champion Las Vegas returned to defend its title and was the pre-tourney choice to repeat but just prior to the start of the Series, Jeff Malm, the MVP in ’08 signed
a Big League contract. Midland, the only other returning team from 2008 field was then installed a slight favorite to claim the crown. Midland did not disappoint its fans by going 5-0 at the ALWS.

The mainstay was tourney MVP Jordan Dean. Dean, shortstop, anchored a defense that turned 12 double plays.

Perhaps one of the wildest games in American Legion history saw Midland eliminate Rowan County NC, 15-14. Midland was cruising with a 12-0 margin going into the sixth inning when North Carolina exploded for eight runs. Midland countered with three runs in the seventh before North Carolina scored five in the seventh. In the bottom of the ninth, North Carolina scored again to cut the margin to one and the game ended that way.

The championship game was exciting as Midland jumped off to an 8-0 lead and coasted to the win.

Midland ended its most successful season at 54-7 record.

2010 – Midwest City OK Outlaws

SPOKANE WA – Facing elimination after one day of World Series tournament play, Midwest City OK Outlaws regrouped and reloaded to capturing the 2009 American Legion World Series. On championship day, Manager Doug Weese’s club used its strong hitting to knock off previously tourney unbeaten Eden Prairie MN, 11-6 and 10-1.

The number one team was led by the tourney’s #1 player in MVP Dalton Bernardi. (uniform #1) In the championship game he went 3-for-5 and 3 rbi and a pair of stolen bases. To squelch any rally by Eden Prairie, he finished the game pitching striking out three in two and third innings worked.

In tournament competition, Bernardi, an outfielder/pitcher, he hit .420 including 21 hits, 14 runs scored and 15 rbi. He was a perfect 12-for-12 stealing bases and as a pitcher, he finished with a 3-0 record in 21 and 2/3 pitched. He struck out 20 and produced an 0.83 ERA.

Strong points on the winning Oklahoma entry include a team batting average of .346 with 142 hits and 102 runs scored and 28 two-base hits. Adding to the arsenal of offensive weapons for Midwest City include 56 stolen bases. The 56 stolen bases ties the all-time ALWS tournament record.

Midwest scored 10-or-more hits in each of its games.

And, not all the talent was on the championship club. Runner-up Eden Prairie MN was also full of talented stars.

Sportsmanship Award winner Blake Schmit led the field of players in national competition in hits (22) and runs scored (18) and was third in total bases (30). He hit .431 (fifth ranked).

SCHMIT (shortstop) teamed up with Tony Skjefte (second base) for nine double plays in the tourney. Skjefte hit a solid .373.

Midwest City finished the season at 66-10. It was Oklahoma’s second national championship in the 2000s. Enid won the 2005 ALWS.

2011 – Eden Prairie MN

SHELBY NC – What a difference a year makes. Just ask the Eden Prairie MN American Legion baseball team.

In 2010, Eden Prairie was one victory away from a national championship but lost twice on championship day and finished with a runner-up trophy.

In 2011, Eden Prairie entered the Series as the favorite to win it all but lost on opening day and it wasn’t even close, losing 14-3 In a 10-run game.

What happened next is amazing. “Unbelievable” said Blake Schmit, the American Legion George W. Rulon Player Of Year.

Eden Prairie then reeled off consecutive victories including two of the most exciting games in ALWS history.

With Tupelo MS awaiting the winner for all the marbles, Eden Prairie and Las Vegas NV (the 2008 national champion) squared off in an afternoon game that would send the winner into the finals. Eden Prairie beat Las Vegas, 2-1.

Eden Prairie jumped off to an early second inning 2-0 lead. Schmit trying to beat out a base hit tripped at first base and received a severe ankle injury. But a quick thinking game-saving trainer taped Schmit’s swollen ankle and he remained in the game.

In the championship game, Tupelo scored four in the first inning and Eden Prairie’s chances of winning seemed remote at best.

Eden Prairie then chipped away with two runs in the second, one in the fifth on a Schmit home run and one in the eighth when Skjefte raced home on a rbi double by Peterson.

The winners picked up a run in the 13th inning on a fielders choice.

Tupelo didn’t go down quietly much to the delight of the 5,896 fans in the park.

With one out, back-to-back singles put Tupelo in position to tie and maybe win the championship.

Schmit, the defensive captain of the team called for a pickoff play at second. It was a perfect throw by winning pitcher Lance Tonvold to Schmit, who made the tag with the pickoff.

It was a most successful tournament for Shelby, which became the home of American World Series. A record 86,162 fans cheered every pitch. The previous record was 60,000 at the 1936 ALWS played south of Shelby in Spartanburg, SC.

Several records were broken in the tournament.
Blake Schmit became the first player in American Legion baseball history to win two major awards. In 2010, he was the recipient of the James F. Daniel Jr. Sportsmanship and in post-game ceremonies in this tournament, he was the picked as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year.

Assistant coach Mike Halloran celebrated his second national title. He was the Player of the Year in 1983 when he was the catcher on the national championship team from Edina, MN.

And for airline bonus miles, the winner goes to Waipahu, Hawaii. The Islanders broke Bayamon, Puerto Rico’s record of most miles traveled to a World Series. Waipahu’s epic journey totaled 9,608 miles.

Other highlights of the 2011 ALWS include:
- Erik VanMeetren of Las Vegas joined an elite group of legion players to have played in three World Series tournaments. He played in 2008, 2009 and 2011.
- Eden Prairie became the third team in ALWS history to finish runner-up one year and then return to win the national championship the following year.
- Tupelo Coach Kirk Presley is the cousin of national icon Elvis Presley.

2012 – New Orleans LA Post 125

SHELBY NC – “An experience like no other” and “something I have dreamed about” were just a few comments made by tradition-rich New Orleans Post 125 (Jesuit High School) after capturing the club’s third American Legion World Series national championship at Shelby’s Veterans Field-Keeter Stadium. Other titles came in 1946 and 1960.

Powered by the strong arm of pitcher Emerson Gibbs, the 2012 recipient of the George W. Rulon Player Of The Year and the stellar play from the entire lineup, New Orleans won with defense (led the tournament in team fielding), tough pitching and timely hitting.

On opening day, Brady Williamson’s two-run home run in the eleventh inning propelled New Orleans to a victory over spunky Milford CT.

Against Omaha, New Orleans found themselves down 7-1 going into the seventh inning. NOLA picked up two runs in the seventh and then exploded for five runs in the eighth. The big hit was a bases clearing double down the leftfield line by Jonathan Lee. Tony Fort-Bensen scored all the way from first to give New Orleans its first lead of the game. The play of the game and perhaps play of the tournament came in the ninth inning Taylor Elman singled to right and Omaha’s Jon Hechtner was sent home from second. Mitch Alexander made a perfect one hop throw from the rightfield to catcher Matthieu Robert who made the tag on the sliding Hechtner to end the game.

Robert described the play this way: “most games only end like this in dreams. I could see that the runner was being sent home (from second) Rightfielder Mitch Alexander fields the ball and makes the throw. The time between Mitch throwing the ball and the ball hitting my mitt seemed to be in slow motion. He (Mitch) made a perfect, one-hop throw and I caught it, blocked the plate, and tagged (the runner) I knew it; we had him out. The umpire shouts “out” and everything was a blur from that point on” Exultation reined as the team poured on to the field celebrating.

In the championship game and rematch with Brooklawn, Coach Joe Latino picked Gibbs to pitch.

Gibbs responded with a 4-0, three-hit complete game shutout victory. He retired the first 13 batters until Brett Tenuto of Brooklawn broke-up the no-hit game with a hard single to short. Gibbs retired the sides in seven of the nine innings. Matthieu Robert supplied the offense going 1-for-3 and three rbi including two rbi double and a sac fly. Mitch Alexander went 2-for-4.

New Orleans ended the year at 41-7 and pre-tourney favorite Brooklawn finished at 59-5.

Gibbs added that the ALWS “was an experience like no other. It was absolutely surreal. As soon as I saw the ball hit my catcher’s mitt for the final strike, it was this overwhelming feeling that everything we worked for I had paid off.”

On being picked as the MVP – Rulon Player of the year, Gibbs was stunned. “when my name was called, I was surprised and extremely honored”.

And for the third time in three series, host Shelby shattered the ALWS attendance record. Over 100,000 fans turned out to see ALWS action despite the inclement weather.

2013 – Brooklawn NJ Post 72

SHELBY NC – Notre Dame has it’s “win one for for the Gipper” so it is fitting that Brooklawn has it’s “win for for the Skipper”. The skipper was long-time legion coach Joe Barth Sr.

It worked to perfection as Brooklawn NJ Post 72 won the national championship in quick fashion beating Petaluma CA, 10-0 in a game shorten from nine innings to seven due to the “mercy” rule. It marked the first time the mercy rule was used in an ALWS championship game.

Filling in for ailing Bart Sr. was his son and coach, Dennis Barth.

The tourney in its final year of a double-elimination format and played in Shelby NC for the third successive year was a hit for the beginning.

For starters, 104,726 filled Keeter Stadium at Veterans Field breaking the all-time attendance record set the previous year.

On opening day, fans enjoyed an inside-the-park home run by Petaluma’s catcher Ryan Haug, a record steal of second, third and home in the same inning by Gonzales second baseman Robbie Podrosky and a upside-down jubilation of a unusual play with an extra inning game heroics.

And that was just on opening day.

Inclement weather which has hampered previous World Series in Shelby (in 2008, 2011 and 2012) was again trying to play havoc during the ’13 Series but without too much success.
Rain hampered play during six games with light-to-moderate showers throughout the opening rounds that made playing conditions soggy.

With its 2012 championship loss still fresh, Brooklawn entertained Petaluma in the championship.

2013 would be different however. Brooklawn scored early and often to end the game and rout of Petaluma.

Pitcher Mike Shawarn was masterful limiting California to just four hits. He fanned eight and did not walk a batter.

Brooklawn banged out 17 hits (one shy of the championship game record of 18) as every position player collecting a hit. Four players picked up two hits each while Nick Cieri and John Theckston picked up three hits each.

Anthony Harrold was selected as the George Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year award. He also won the Louisville Slugger Award as the top hitting in national competition. He hit .529 (18-for-34).

Brooklawn finished the year at 47-8 to cap a two-year run with a 106-13 record that included two regional championship, a national championship and national runner-up.

And for Mike Rucci, the only player to have played in four consecutive World Series (1998-2001) returned to the Series as a coach for Brooklawn.

2014 – Brooklawn NJ Post 72

SHELBY NC – In one of the most dominating performances in American Legion World Series championship game history, Brooklawn New Jersey Post 72 won its second straight national championship with an over powering victory over Midland MI, 18-0 in a seven inning affair. It was Brooklawn’s second consecutive 10-run victory in championship games.

The 18-run decision was the most lopsided victory in the finals and the largest shutout in championship play. Only Yonkers NY scored more runs in a ALWS championship and that was way back during the legion’s first tournament in 1926. The New Yorkers scored a 23-6 win over Pocatello ID in the legion’s inaugural title matchup.

The victory was bittersweet for Brooklawn. Its long time skipper and founder Joe Barth Sr. passed away prior to the start of the season.

His son Dennis Barth, an associate head coach under his dad stepped in as the top man and continued his dad’s success with the championship.

In a rematch and playing for the championship, Brooklawn wasted little time against Michigan scoring four in the first, one in the second and five in the third for a 10-0 advantage. As if that wasn’t enough, the champions score eight more runs in the sixth before the game ended after seven innings. Tyle Mondile scattered five hits in the shutout and struck out five to pick-up the win. Five players in the Brooklawn lineup collected two hits or more

The championship game attendance set a modern record of 7,907. Brooklawn ended the season at 54-7 record. Midland finished at 50-8.

2015 – Chapin-Newberry SC

SHELBY NC – Winning championships need a combination of a solid defense, strong pitching and timely hitting. It also helps to have a bit of luck. For Chapin-Newberry, the luck came in the form of three come-from-behind victories in their march to the 2015 American Legion World Series championship.

The title game was a 9-2 decision over New Orleans before the largest championship game attendance (8,826) since 1949.

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Justin Hawkins, a stellar shortstop was named to the all-tournament team and was the recipient of the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of The Year.

Perhaps one of the best games in the Series was the semifinal encounter between New Orleans and two-time defending champion Brooklawn.

Brooklawn scored a run in the top of the tenth inning and was still in contention for a possible three-peat performance but New Orleans had other plans.

The Crescent City entry scored twice in the bottom of the tenth to deny Brooklawn’s chances. Mason Mayfield won the game in relief as pinch runner Connor Maginnis raced
home from second beating the throw at the plate for the victory.
The New Jersey team was led by former MVP first baseman Anthony Harrold. He became the first player in ALWS to earn a spot on the all-tournament in three consecutive years.
The tourney set a record with ten one-run decision while C-N’s 32-1 record was the best since East Lynn MA went 38-1 in 1937.

2016 – Texarkana AR

SHELBY NC – Texarkana AR endured a hostile North Carolina state entry and overcame a four-run deficit to win the 2016 American Legion World Series championship.
It also took extra innings and extra time in doing so.
The championship battle with Rowan County, North Carolina was a matchup made in heaven for legion officials, a national television audience and the loyal fans of Shelby, North Carolina and Cleveland County.
Keeter Stadium/Veterans Field is 82.4 miles from the Rowan County courthouse so thousands of Rowan fans flooded the ballpark on Championship Tuesday.
It was definitely a home crowd environment for the North Carolina champion.
A crowd of 8,496 packed the rafters in the title game with Rowan County jumping off to a 4-0 lead against Texarkana after four innings.
Texarkana rebounded in the fifth tying the game and that was all the scoring for the remaining regulation nine-inning game.
In extra innings, Texarkana exploded for four runs in the twelfth and seemingly had the game won.
Backed by the largely dominant North Carolina fans, Rowan rallied with two in the bottom of the twelfth and had the bases loaded when the final out was made.
Score it: Texarkana AR—8, Rowan County NC—6.
The twelve innings was the third longest in championship game history and the time of 3:25 was the second longest behind the epic 13-inning championship in 2011 between Eden Prairie MN and Tupelo MS. That game went 3:31.
It was Texarkana (42-5) and the state of Arkansas’s first legion World Series championship and denied North Carolina’s quest for a fifth national title.
Texarkana’s all-purpose athlete (catcher/first base) Will Smith was chosen as the recipient of the American Legion George Rulon Player Of The Year. He hit .361 in 10 national playoff games including a pair of key hits in the championship game.
Teammate Logan Vidrine (pitcher/infielder) was the recipient of the James Daniel Sportmanship Award.
Vidrine put Arkansas in the championship game with a pitching gem in the semifinals beating Rockport, 3-1 scattering three hits.

And for the sixth straight year (all in Shelby), the attendance was shattered with 121,127 fans packing the ballpark.

2017 – Henderson NV

SHELBY NC – Surrendering a near record number of hits (21, the record is 22) on opening day, Henderson NV looked nothing like a national champion.
ALWS MVP Shane Spencer changed all that leading Henderson to the 2018 American Legion World Series championship with his stellar pitching performances.
Surprising everyone in attendance except his teammates and fans, Spencer led the comeback with two complete game victories.
After that disastrous opening day loss, Spencer got Henderson in the win column with a one-hit 1-0 victory.
Teammate Ryne Nelson came back in Henderson’s next outing with a one-hit outing but Henderson bats fell quiet and the team lost 1-0.
Due to the tiebreaker procedure in tournament pool play, Henderson advanced to the semifinals despite its 1-2 record.
Surviving pool play with a second-place finish, Henderson moved into the championship game with a 7-3 extra inning victory over Bryant AR (the other pool play’s divisional winner).
In a rematch with Omaha for the championship, Henderson went to Spencer for the win.
In a reversal of the earlier meeting, Spencer shut down the Omaha bats giving up just three hits and striking out six as Henderson (a suburb of Las Vegas) captured the national crown.
The score was 2-1 with winning run coming in the sixth inning on Nick Thompson’s rbi sacrifice fly scoring JJ Smith.
Henderson (56-10 on the season) became only the eighth team since the current 8-team ALWS format to lose on opening day and come back and win it all. Texarkanna did it last year.
If a Spirit award had been presented, Lewiston’s Chris Powell certainly would have walked away with the award.
The talented outfielder made a diving catch in Lewiston’s opening game against Bryant AR. The result was a separated shoulder and he went on the DL for remainder of the Series.
The upbeat youngster vowed to return to play later in the tournament but doctors and family over-ruled that possibility.
After six straight years of recorded increased attendance, only 120,924 attended the 2018 Series. The main reason – as always – inclement weather conditions.
**2018 – Wilmington DE Post 1**

SHELBY NC – In 92 American Legion World Series tournament, fans have enjoyed many memorable games, exciting finishes, heart-stopping action but none can match the finals of the 2018 ALWS finals between tradition-rich Las Vegas NV and upstart Wilmington DE.

Wilmington Post One gave the state of Delaware its first national championship with a 1-0 extra inning victory over Las Vegas.

The game was intense and tight as neither team gained an offensive advantage through seven scoreless innings.

Las Vegas opened the eighth with a lead-off single but Wilmington’s Chris Ludman retired the next three batters.

Michael Cautillo walked full count pitch. Ludman advanced Cautillo to second with a perfect bunt.

And then Austin Colmery connected on the biggest hit of his life up the middle sending Cautillo from second for the game winner. The throw from the outfield was late as Cautillo slid safely across the plate.

The overflow capacity crowd of 8,350 roared with approval as the Wilmington celebrated wildly on the field.

Ludman was selected the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year.

In the championship game, he tossed a complete extra inning complete game victory. He threw 99 pitches giving up just four hits and striking out three.

Colmery was the offensive standout going 2-for-4 and the game winning rbi. He also was the leader in total bases with 21.

Dubuque County’s Sam Goodman received the Sportsmanship Award.

Wilmington finished its most successful season at 38-4.

Despite rain and lightning delays in game seven and eleven, Shelby broke the ALWS attendance record (again) with a 15-game attendance of 128,307.

**2019 – Idaho Falls ID Bandits**

SHELBY NC – The Bandits from out west stormed into Keeter Stadium-Veterans Field and captured the 2019 American Legion World Series giving Idaho its first national championship in ten appearances at the ALWS. Pocatello in 1926 and Lewiston in 2001 finished as national runner-up.

Led by James F. Daniel Sportsmanship and all-tournament recipient Alex Cortez, Idaho Falls downed another western team, Fargo ND Post 2 in the championship finale.

The tournament was plagued by rain with the championship game being delayed a day by serve weather in the Shelby area. The finals were played Wednesday morning after the game was halted Tuesday evening in the second inning.

When the rains fell in the second inning and the tournament officials suspended play, Fargo ND (54-8) led 2-1. When play resumed the following morning, Idaho Falls scored three in the second inning behind hits and rbi from Cortez and Tavyn Lords.

Reliever Andrew Gregerson pitched six innings with six strikeouts and limiting Fargo to one one on five hits.

Standout second baseman Bruer Webster, pitcher Caden Christenson joined Cortez and Gregerson on the all-tournament team.

The Bandits finished the year at 61-6 and enjoyed a trip to the nation’s capitol to see the MLB World Series between the Astros and Nationals.

**2020**

SHELBY NC – Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, The American Legion World Series scheduled for Shelby NC was cancelled.

It was only the second time in the history of the ALWS that the annual tournament was not played.

In early years of the ALWS, the tourney was held during the annual convention. The convention in 1927 was held in Paris, France.

Logistic problems prohibited the tournament being played in France due to travel by ship as well as students missing academic time from school.
2021 – Idaho Falls ID Bandits

SHELBY NC – Idaho Falls Post 56 Bandits won the American Legion World Series back-to-back the hard way.

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 ALWS due to Covid-19, the Bandits were denied a back-to-back year repeat but when the Series resumed in 2021, the Bandits were back in Shelby to defend its title.

And, indeed they did. Not over-powering as the 2019 championship team that went through the tourney unbeaten, the Bandits did rise to the occasion to down a pesky Honolulu HI team in the finals, 6-1.

The team stumbled early in the Series losing to Dubuque County IA in pool play but advanced to the final round by finishing second.

In semifinal action pitting first vs. second in the Stars and Stripes Division, Idaho clipped Tupelo 9-3 setting up a battle with Honolulu for the championship.

Honolulu entered the ALWS with an undefeated record lost to Tupelo in pool play and like Idaho, made it to the semifinals as runnerup. The Islanders beat Dubuque County, 9-1 in a semifinal action.

The championship matchup between the Region Seven (Idaho) and Region 8 (Hawaii) was delayed due to a torrid rain storm on Championship Tuesday.

Rain played havoc with the Series as several games were delayed.

Championship Tuesday became Championship Wednesday with Idaho scoring six runs in the fifth inning stopping Hawaii to take the trophy by to Idaho.

Merit Jones pitched 6.1 strong innings allowing one run and striking out eight. He was relieved by Deezil Luce in the seventh due to the legion’s pitch count restriction.

The only returning player from the 2019 team Nate Rose was the recipient of the George W. Rulon Player Of the Year. The MVP was joined by Jones, Mac Jephson and Ky Howell on the all-tournament team.

2022 – Troy AL Post 70

SHELBY NC – In one of the most shocking upsets in American Legion World Series highlighted the 2022 ALWS.

Upstart Troy AL Post 70 claimed the championship with a come-from-behind victory over two-time defending champion Idaho Falls ID Bandits.

Idaho Falls had won in 2019 (no tournament due to Covid in 2020) and repeated in 2021 and were favorites to become the first team in Series history to win three straight. Note Brooklawn NJ won back-to-back titles in 2013 and 2014 but lost 2015 in the semifinals.

The route to the finals was difficult for Troy as well as for Idaho Falls.

Troy opened the Series with a convincing 13-1 rout of Shrewsbury MA followed by a loss to Camden SC, 6-3.

With a must win situation in the final game of pool play, Troy overcame a 3-0 deficit to League City TX to win the Stars Division title, 4-3.

Idaho Falls was ambushed on opening day losing to a strong Omaha NE team 7-3. The Bandits faced an uphill struggle from that point to advance out of pool play for any chance of a three-peat.

Idaho responded with a pair of wins over Chesapeake VA and Midland MI to win the division.

Troy downed former champion Midland MI, 5-3 while Idaho Falls stopped a surprising Shrewsbury MA club, 5-4 to match in the championship finale.

The 2023 title matchup between Idaho Falls and Troy started like it was going to be history making in favor of the Bandits.

Idaho Falls scored five runs in the second inning off five hits, an error, a walk and a balk. The key hit was a two RBI double by Ryan Horvath.

A determined Post 70 squad rebounded in the top of the third scoring three runs on a couple of hits. Idaho Falls squashed the rally forcing a pop up, line out and a caught stealing.

The game remained at 5-3 until fireworks erupted in the seventh inning.

Down to its last out, Troy led off the inning with a walk by leadoff hitter Darryl Lee followed by a single by Brooks Bryan. With one out, Idaho’s starting star pitcher Merit Jones was replaced by reliever Jaxon Grimmett. Jones had reached the limit of pitches due to pitching regulations.

Shelton Arroyo laced a rbi single scoring Lee and advancing Bryan to third. Grimmett got designated hitter Douglas Johnson to strike out on a full count pitch for the second out.

Idaho Falls was one out away from history and earning its third straight national title but it was not to be.
The capacity crowd erupted when Tanner Taylor's singled to right scoring Brooks tying the game at 5-5.

On a 2-2 pitch and one strike away from history, Arroyo scored the eventual winning run on a wild pitch.

The inning ended on the following play but Troy accomplished its goal and led 6-5.

Idaho Falls ignited a rally in the bottom of seventh.

With one out, the Bandits loaded the bases on a walk, and two hit batters.

Reliver Press Jeffcoat overcame the excitement and regrouped and struck out the final two hitters sending Troy Post 70 and its fans into a joyous celebration, winning 6-5.

Brooks Bryan, the catcher/designated hitter was selected as the George Rulon Player of the Year and MVP. Joining Bryan on the ALWS all-tournament squad included second baseman Tanner Taylor and pitcher Douglas Johnson.

Runner-up Idaho Falls place three on the elite all-star squad with catcher R.J. Woods, pitcher Dax Whitley and outfielder Elliott Jones while teammate Deezil Luce earned the James F. Daniel Jr. Memorial Sportsmanship Award.

Bryan took home the Louisville Slugger batting award going 15-for-30 at .500 as well as the Rawlings Big Stick RBI award with 24.

Merit Jones of the Bandits won the Bob Feller Strikeout Award with 24 strikeouts and the Dr. Irvin L. 'Click' Cowger RBI award was shared by Albert Garza, League City TX, Nick Valention, Chesapeake VA and Kyeler Thompson, League City TX. Each picked up 12 RBI.

Manager Ross Hixon and coach D.J. Lloyd received James Williams Memorial Leadership Award.

After two years of slight decline in attendance mainly due to rain, the ALWS set an all-time record high of 132,804 and with a crowd of 10,672 for game, it was the highest attendance for a single game since 11,168 saw witnessed the finals in Omaha in 1949.