



VOICES

"Whatever you do, be part of something bigger than you."

*-Wake Forest University baseball coach Tom Walter,
in remarks Aug. 9 to players and volunteers at the American Legion World Series*



\$1,551,631

Amount – an all-time high – delivered Aug. 29 by the American Legion Riders to the 104th American Legion National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., for the American Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund, which provides college money for the children of veterans and military personnel who died on duty or became 50% or greater disabled for service-connected conditions.



1st

Standing in points with two races to go in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES of Chip Ganassi Racing's Alex Palou after driving The American Legion No. 10 Be the One car to a seventh-place finish Aug. 27 at the Bommarito 500 in Madison, Ill. Palou would go on to win Sept. 3 at the BITNILE.COM Grand Prix of Portland to lock up the series championship.



.346

Batting average of Texas Rangers All-Star shortstop Corey Seager, who on Aug. 16 was named American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year; he played Legion ball for Post 115 in Kannapolis, N.C.



1,128

Number of registered attendees of the 2023 Sons of The American Legion National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., Aug. 25-31, including 998 delegates, 22 alternates and 108 guests.



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Hits allowed by left-handed pitcher Jacob Cyr of League City, Texas, Post 554, in the opening game of his team's march to the American Legion World Series championship Aug. 15. Cyr threw a five-hit shutout in the 1-0 finale against Lincoln, Neb., Post 3. Having pitched only the third no-hitter in the history of the ALWS, Cyr received the George W. Rulon American Legion Baseball Player of the Year award.



72

U.S. Flag Code inquiries handled by the national Americanism Division in August.



\$88,731

Amount in American Legion national youth scholarships disbursed to 34 students in August.



\$797,251

Amount in American Legion Child Welfare Foundation grants awarded in 2023, an all-time record, to assist organizations that work to improve the lives of young people facing challenges beyond their control.



70+

Veterans and spouses who attended American Legion career workshops and met with some 60 employers Aug. 24 during the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Hiring Our Heroes Career Fair at the 104th American Legion National Convention.



6,272

Number of mobile-device downloads of the 104th American Legion National Convention app, smashing the 2022 high of downloads by nearly 5,000.

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"If we can be out doing things in the communities that are hosting our national conventions — or any event, even at home, a smaller event . . . people see that we're actually active and doing things in our communities and instead of me giving them an application and saying, 'Hey, give me your \$30,' they come up to me and tap me on the shoulder and say, 'What are you doing, and how can I be a part of it?'"

- American Legion Auxiliary National Vice President Lisa Williamson during an Aug. 25 American Legion Family community project at Freedom Park to clean up markers honoring World War II veterans of Mecklenburg County, N.C., during national conventions in Charlotte; more than 50 volunteered for the effort.



375,743

Members in the Sons of The American Legion on Aug. 10, an all-time high.



400

Estimated number who attended an Aug. 26 military quality-of-life panel discussion led by top enlisted leaders in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard at the 104th American Legion National Convention, in Charlotte, N.C.



8

Number of months thus far in 2023 that have had 6,000 or more audio downloads of the Tango Alpha Lima podcast. That compares with only six months from April 2020 through the end of 2022 that had 6,000 or more audio downloads of The American Legion's national podcast.



859

Informal Hearing Presentations prepared free of charge in August by national American Legion representatives for veterans appealing their VA benefits decisions.



11,500

Rounds of ceremonial ammo sent to 10 American Legion posts and seven departments in August through the national military surplus program.



42

American Legion service officers accredited in August to serve veterans and their families, free of charge, with their VA and state veterans benefits.



306

VA benefits decision appeals granted in favor of the veteran in August after free American Legion national representation.



\$4,194

Amount in American Legion national Temporary Financial Assistance grants awarded to veteran families in August to stabilize homes for six children after unexpected economic hardships.



45

Approximate number of veterans assisted with their VA claims by Indiana American Legion service officer Bryce Hullett from the American Legion's Be the One truck over three race weekends at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.