



VOICES

"The support and your strong voice that you have provided to us have been irreplaceable, and we really value it. Right after the February invasion, we were very honored to see the emergency resolution that you had passed. And that document underscored your extreme concern about the horrific consequences that occurred during the war... I also want to thank all the Legionnaires who also, in addition to the strong voices of support, engaged in specific help to Ukrainians everywhere. I will not mention specific posts, because there are so many of you who have done amazing help, from launching the [Ukrainian Refugee Online Academy](#) to collecting and generating money to Ukrainians here, but sending so much gear and supplies to our fights back home."

- Ukrainian Ambassador Oksana Markarova, speaking at the Commander's Call of The American Legion National Convention Feb. 28 during the Washington Conference



1,300+

Peer-support specialists VA plans to hire in the coming months to address mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention, in alignment with The American Legion's Be the One initiative, VA Secretary Denis McDonough told Legionnaires in Washington on Feb. 28.



\$11 million

Amount in scholarships secured by Task Force Movement, of which The American Legion is a member, by the end of February to help veterans and their spouses pay costs of obtaining commercial licenses to help fill a nationwide shortage of some 80,000 truck drivers.



59

Number of homeless and at-risk veterans who can now move into housing at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center campus, after an American Legion-supported renovation that was completed in February.



53

Number of new American Legion members, renewals and transfers completed during a Veterans Awareness Campaign Feb. 17-19 in Merced, Calif. The Legion's Be the One initiative was a major component of the event.



3,000%

Percentage increase in virtual VA health-care appointments since 2020.



740k

Minimum number of vacancies – including more than 40,000 in the federal government – for cybersecurity professionals, an area Task Force Movement is working to improve through accelerated career assistance for veterans and their spouses.



60

Approximate number of veterans who came to the Carbon County, Pa., Veterans Resource Fair Feb. 15, coordinated by American Legion Post 123 in Lansford, U.S. Rep. Susan Wild, D-Pa., and area service agencies to get face-to-face VA benefits assistance in the largely rural area.



\$7,050

Amount in American Legion national youth scholarships disbursed in February.



\$483,754.88

Amount in American Legion National Emergency Fund grants issued through Feb. 20 to assist victims of Hurricane Ian in Florida.



6,257

Number of Tango Alpha Lima podcast downloads during February, sixth highest monthly total of all time.



662

American Legion Baseball teams that had registered for the 2023 season by the end of February.



50,575

Number of players who competed in American Legion Baseball in 2022.



40+

New American Legion members signed up at the Great American Outdoor Show that began Feb. 4 in Harrisburg, Pa. There, Legionnaires promoted the organization and the Be the One initiative to prevent veteran suicide.



200

New items, including apparel and promotional merchandise to support the Be the One initiative, available this year from American Legion Emblem Sales.



10,597

Number of 2022 American Legion Boys State participants across the country.

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"For the next generation to succeed, it will require those serving now to join veterans groups like The American Legion to ensure servicemembers' best interests are being fought for at all levels of government. The American Legion has been there for us and will continue to be there for us."

- U.S. Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Stephen Lightfoot, speaking at the Commander's Call session of The American Legion Washington Conference Feb. 28



1,273

Get Out the Vote activities conducted by American Legion posts nationwide in 2022.