



JULY 2021 **MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT**

A Report from American Legion National Headquarters



VOICES

"We've elected a president and vice president from opposing parties in a show of true bipartisanship, and I would even venture to say that this will be the Boys Nation session that our future senators will look at and say, 'If only it could be like this.'"

- 2021 American Legion Boys Nation President Ryan Jung, California, of the Nationalist Party, after his election at the 75th anniversary gathering in Washington, D.C. A member of the Federalist Party, Cameron Cummings of Alabama, representing Michigan at Boys Nation, was elected vice president.



2,500

Approximate number of top-priority Afghan allies of the United States who served as translators and in other capacities in the war on terrorism, who were evacuated in late July for accelerated visa processing, their lives in danger from the Taliban and other enemy forces. The American Legion passed a resolution in 2018 to expedite the immigration process to protect Afghan and Iraq nationals who assisted coalition forces in the war.



70,000

Estimated number of Afghan nationals who assisted U.S. and coalition forces in the war and remained in danger as the troop withdrawal neared.



\$19,726

Amount in American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors funds disbursed in July through seven grants, serving 65 veterans and troops recovering from service-connected health conditions.



66

Number of U.S. flag respect inquiries fielded in July by the national American Legion National Americanism Division.



2,916

Downloads of The American Legion podcast, the Tango Alpha Lima, in July, the third-best month in terms of audience growth.



30

Competitors in July's American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Three Position Air Rifle National Championship in Colorado Springs, the 30th anniversary of the competition. The top finishers in the Sporter and Precision events received \$5,000 scholarships, sponsored by The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion.



100+

Military unit patches that appeared on Jimmie Johnson's No. 48 Carvana/American Legion car in the July 4 Mid Ohio Honda Indy 200 INDYCAR Series race. Patches were submitted by American Legion members and others for the patriotic race weekend.



58

New submissions in July to The American Legion's Memorials Database, bringing the total to 3,640. To see the database of monuments honoring military service and sacrifice, broken out by state, or to make a submission, visit legion.org/memorials.



\$32,000

Amount raised by American Legion Riders of Kansas in their statewide campaign to raise funds for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship program, which provides college funds for the children of military personnel who lost their lives on duty since 9/11 and for veterans of the war who are rated 50% or greater disabled.

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"Many U.S. veterans tell us that their interpreters fought shoulder-to-shoulder with them and in many cases actually saved American lives. They have already been screened and have proven that they can be trusted. We must remember their loyalty and not abandon them to a ruthless and merciless enemy. We believe in Operation Allies Refuge and hope the pace can be picked up to match the levels we saw at the end of the Vietnam War."

- American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford, following the first wave of evacuations of 2,500 former Afghan interpreters whose lives were in danger as U.S. troops withdraw from the war theater.



19

New Sons of The American Legion squadrons chartered in July nationwide, to go along with three new American Legion posts.



15

Number of American Legion national youth scholarships disbursed in July, totaling \$36,500 in college funds for young men and woman across the country.



\$9,000

Amount in July grants disbursed to nine American Legion Mission Blue Post applicants to help them cover essential costs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.



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American Legion Riders who by the end of July joined the special 100 Miles for Hope Riders Challenge that goes through Sept. 6. Chapters and individual members can earn rewards by hitting various tier levels, raising funds for The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, which provides needed resources for the organization's Temporary Financial Assistance program that helps military and veteran families facing unexpected hardships and to fund training programs for American Legion service officers, who represent veterans, free of charge, in their disability claims applications.



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