



NOVEMBER 2020 **MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT**

A Report from American Legion National Headquarters



VOICES

"Students and educators who started this school year are forever changed by the pandemic ... Many after-school programs need volunteers, and parents have become involuntary homeschool teachers. Mentors and life-coaches are needed along with tutors to fill the gap created when kids are confined to online classes. Do you have language skills? Interpreters are needed for English language learners. And many high school students, through service learning and community service activities, are required to provide volunteer service as part of their graduation program. Can you provide service opportunities for these students?"

- American Legion Committee on Youth Education Chairman Michael Westergren, in a November National American Education Week message

 **4,823**

Number of participants in the first 100 Miles for Hope challenge, which ran from Aug. 3 through Nov. 11, to raise funds for the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation. Registrants walked, ran, swam, pedaled, rode and propelled themselves however else they wished 100 miles or more in 100 days.

 **23,584**

Number of American Legion VA Volunteer Services participants documented nationwide, with 71 percent of posts reporting their numbers in the 2020 Consolidated Post Report.



Number of U.S. Flag Code inquiries fielded in November by the national Americanism Division.



176

Number of jobhunters from 19 different states and Japan who joined an American Legion Employment & Education Commission/American Legion Department of North Carolina virtual career fair Nov. 17.



60

Number of \$1,000 American Legion Mission Post Assistance Program grants issued in November to assist posts that have suffered financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Number of new American Legion posts chartered in November, 420 and 717 in California, and 228 in Texas.



26,040

Number of rounds of blank ammunition requests for American Legion posts fulfilled by the American Legion National Security Division in November through the DoD Military Equipment Donation Program. The division also fulfilled requests for 51 ceremonial rifles and 20 clips.



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142,000

Approximate number of those who have benefited from programs created and operated by Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families, which received The American Legion's prestigious Patriot Award in a virtual ceremony Nov. 17 in New York.



\$21,405

Amount in American Legion National Emergency Fund grants disbursed to 11 individual veterans and two posts in November that sustained damages during Hurricane Laura, California wildfires and derecho winds in Iowa.



8

Number of former American Legion Baseball players on the 2021 ballot for induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.



800+

Number of applications to become accredited American Legion service officers processed between October 2019 and mid-September 2020 by the national Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division.



1,300+

Number of protective facemasks obtained by Enrique Romero Nieves American Legion Post 102 in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and donated to Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged, a facility the post adopted some years ago.



\$41,900

Amount in American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors grants disbursed in November, including \$24,300 for Landstuhl Military Medical Center in Germany, where the program originated, to assist the Fisher House there, the USO, PAX Terminal and Chaplain's Lending Closet.



\$10,060

Amount in national American Legion youth scholarships disbursed in November.

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"The coronavirus pandemic and its related economic consequences have caused great pain throughout the United States and the world. The American Legion offers our assistance and support to help the incoming administration defeat this deadly virus. We also congratulate the recently elected members of Congress and public office holders at every level. When it comes to advancing America's interests, the 117th Congress will always find an informed and eager partner in The American Legion. We offer our same support to President Trump, who remains our president until January 20, 2021."

- American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford in a Nov. 24 statement of congratulations to President-elect Joe Biden



 **\$26,362**

Amount in American Legion Child Welfare Foundation grants disbursed in November to assist organizations in their programs to help young people facing difficulties.

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Number of post tank requests in November through the DoD Military Loan Equipment Program, handled by the National Security Division.