



## APRIL 2020 MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT

A Report from American Legion National Headquarters



### VOICES

*"Veterans know about what is needed in a time of crisis. The doctors and nurses and health-care workers simply don't have the time to organize meals for themselves and that's where we come in. As long as they keep fighting, we'll support them."*

*- Jack Hannon, Yonkers, N.Y., Post 1112 member, whose American Legion Family delivered ready-to-eat meals for workers battling the COVID-19 pandemic at three area hospitals, and to homebound veterans, in April*



# 55

Percentage of respondents who said they are "somewhat concerned" or "very concerned" about their ability to buy groceries as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, according to an April American Legion survey of more than 21,000 veterans and their families.



# 48

Number of American Legion Department Oratorical Contest winners who were each awarded \$2,000 scholarships in April after the national competition was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.



# 8,523

Number of respondents to the April American Legion COVID-19 survey, about 40.5 percent, who said the resource most helpful to their well-being at this time is communication with friends and family.



# \$206,402

Amount in American Legion Child Welfare Foundation grants disbursed in April to help organizations that assist young people facing difficulties not of their making.



## 3

Number of American Legion National Emergency Fund grants issued to veterans in Puerto Rico in April due to earthquake damages.



## 1,207

Number of Board of Veterans Appeals dispositions achieved by American Legion national representatives in April on behalf of claimants who disputed initial VA benefits claims decisions.



## 105

Number of transitioning servicemembers, veterans and spouses from across the country and overseas who participated in an American Legion Veterans Employment and Education Division virtual resume-writing workshop April 22, in collaboration with the Departments of Texas and New Jersey, as well as the Texas Veterans Commission.



## 69,053

Minimum number of pints of blood collected at local American Legion posts in the 2018-19 membership year, with about 68 percent of posts reporting their totals.



## 29

Minimum number of blood drives scheduled this year at American Legion posts across Ohio.



## \$34,221

Amount in youth scholarships disbursed in April by The American Legion National Headquarters.

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*"The images we have of firefighters running into the Twin Towers as others were running out on 9/11 simply reminded us what we already knew. It is a dangerous profession full of heroes. It is why The American Legion has created a new Firefighter of the Year Award. Just as members of The American Legion answered our nation's call during time of war, America's firefighters answer their community's call during time of emergency."*

*- American Legion National Commander Clarence Hill, before presenting the first American Legion Firefighter of the Year Award at the 92nd National Convention in Milwaukee in 2010*



 **\$30 million**

Minimum amount in funds distributed to assist disabled veterans and children through the American Legion's Veterans and Children Foundation since its inception as the American Legion Endowment Fund in 1925.



**5**

Number of new American Legion posts chartered in April across the United States: Arkansas 159, Louisiana 433, Michigan 1111, South Carolina 300 and South Dakota 324.



**100**

Approximate weight, in pounds, of food raised in an April 25 drive organized by 9-year-old Pennsylvania Sons of The American Legion member Dominic Baker to help needy families during the coronavirus pandemic.



**10,000**

Minimum number of latex gloves distributed to health-care workers and first responders in April by American Legion China Post 1, to go along with about 1,500 face shields, many gallons of hand sanitizer and surgical gowns to help protect them from coronavirus infection