



## VOICES

*"Our veterans do not ask for special treatment. They only ask for the care and benefits they earned delivered with competence, integrity and compassion."*

*- American Legion Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division Director Cole Lyle, testifying June 11 before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee*



40

Number of bills addressed by American Legion policy experts in congressional hearings in June, including three in-person testimonies June 11-12, and two Statements for the Record.



231

Number of bills reviewed by the national American Legion Legislative Division between the beginning of the 119th Congress and the end of June.



# \$3,920,536

Amount in retroactive VA disability awards secured for veterans using free American Legion representation in June.



# 31,000

Tickets sold for the annual Congressional Baseball Game June 11 at Nationals Park, where The American Legion had a booth promoting the organization. The attendance at the game surpassed the Washington Nationals average of 26,038 this year.



# 69.5%

Percentage of Board of Veterans Appeals dispositions that were ruled in favor of the veteran or remanded for more documentation, thanks to free American Legion representation in their cases.



# 20,000+

Number of people who had taken part in The American Legion/Columbia University/QPR suicide prevention training as part of the Be the One mission, through June.



# 718

Number of VA Informal Hearing Presentations prepared free of charge by American Legion appeals representatives in June for veterans disputing earlier claims decisions.



# 31

Number of military heroes whose remains were identified in June by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.



# \$1,965,482,552

Amount in VA benefits secured in May for veterans using free American Legion service officers and appeals reps.



# \$75,500

Amount in 2025 American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors grants issued through June.



# 80

Number of motorcycles that were involved in a June 21 Veterans Honor Ride and Picnic, put on for the second straight year by American Legion Riders Chapter 612 in honor of area veterans living in assisted-living centers.



# 750

Meals per day provided by American Legion Post 1 in Wheeling, W.Va., for community members who lost power – and some homes -- after torrential mid-June storms and flooding.

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*"I'm proud of our Legion Riders. My motto all year long has been 'Champions of Hope.' And this is the epitome of 'Champions of Hope' because we are advocating for those we serve. As service leaders, we're giving back to the community. We're engaging the community. This brings pure joy to my heart."*

– American Legion Department of Maryland Commander David Heredia during the 10th Annual Maryland Gold Star Legacy Run the first week of June, which has raised more than \$765,000 for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund and the Veterans & Children Foundation



# 266,000

American-made U.S. flags sold by American Legion Emblem Sales in June, a 22% increase over the same month in 2024.



# \$137,329.76

Amount of 38 American Legion National Emergency Fund grants disbursed through June to 31 members and seven posts after damaging tornadoes, flooding and other natural disasters across the Midwest and the South.



# 53,320

Rounds of ceremonial ammunition disbursed in June to 68 American Legion posts and 26 departments nationwide through the National Security Division's Military Surplus Program, to go along with 275 clips, 69 rifles and six static displays.



# 29

Number of competitors who qualified by the end of June for the National American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Championships July 24-26 at Hillsdale College.



# 2.5 million

Number of U.S. flags sold by American Legion Emblem Sales in the first six months of 2025.



# 41

National American Legion Eagle Scout recognition certificates awarded in June, to go along with one Girl Scouts Gold Star certificate.



# 24

Number of U.S. Flag Code inquiries fielded by The American Legion's Americanism Division in June.



# \$1,194,655

VA debt waivers granted in June for beneficiaries who received free American Legion representation in their cases.



# \$18,908

Amount in American Legion Child Well-being Foundation grants awarded in June to two non-profit organizations that serve youth.



# 66,942

Number of veterans who joined The American Legion in the current membership year, through June 30.



# 5,342

Downloads of Tango Alpha Lima during June, the fourth consecutive month exceeding 5,000. That's the first such four-month string since December 2023-March 2024.



# \$100,627

Dollars in American Legion national youth scholarships awarded in June to 43 students.



# 7

New Sons of The American Legion squadrons chartered in June, in six different state detachments.



# 1

New American Legion post chartered in June, No. 423 in Lake City, Fla.