AMERICAN LEGION

MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT
August 2026

VOICES

"One of the things I love about the American Legion Riders is it's the one program that we have that brings all of the family together. People out there don't care if you're Auxiliary, SAL or Legion. They just care that you're on the ride. They care that you're supporting the ride. And you care for one another."

- National Commander Dan K. Wiley

$1,011,563

Donations collected during the Legacy Run for The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation.

69,300

Emails sent to members of Congress via The American Legion's Grassroots Action Center in support of the Take Care of America's Veterans Act, as of Aug. 25.

404,197

Members in the Sons of The American Legion, which is around 3,400 more than at this point last year.

5,500

Community members and first responders fed over six days by American Legion Post 260 in Portage after a massive storm knocked out power throughout the community, including at the post. A derecho with top wind speeds of 100 miles per hour moved through the Midwest, causing multiple fatalities, including one in Portage.

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"We talk about what The American Legion does not only for God and country, what we do for our veterans, and for our children and youth, but we also do a lot for our community. This is a prime example of how we give back to our community. This is what we do."

- American Legion Department of Indiana Commander Ron Hoaks

Read more here

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Feet of water in the basement of Post 169 in Cambridge City, which has still been providing free meals and serving as a supply distribution center for those impacted by a devastating flood that damaged or destroyed hundreds of buildings in the small community.

331

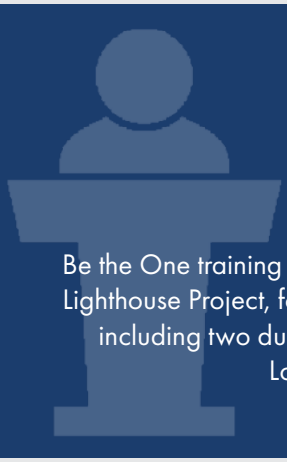
People fed in three days by Post 1 in Connersville, which had to cancel a planned fundraising dinner for 100 to 200 members. Instead, the post quickly pivoted, using the food to begin feeding its community and first responders.

550

Residential homes affected by severe flooding in Noblesville, a city north of Indianapolis with the state's 10th-largest population, where Post 45 provided a safe space, supplies and more for affected residents.

$2,205,629,635

Amount in VA benefits secured for veterans for July thanks to free American Legion representation.



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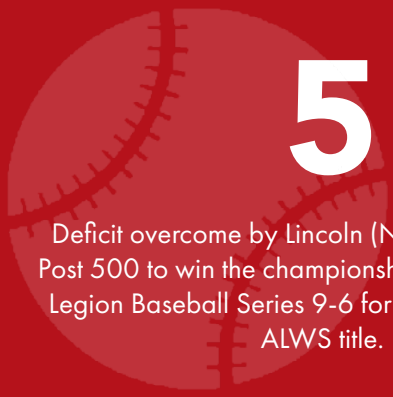
Be the One training sessions, led by the Columbia Lighthouse Project, for American Legion members, including two during national convention in Louisville, Ky.



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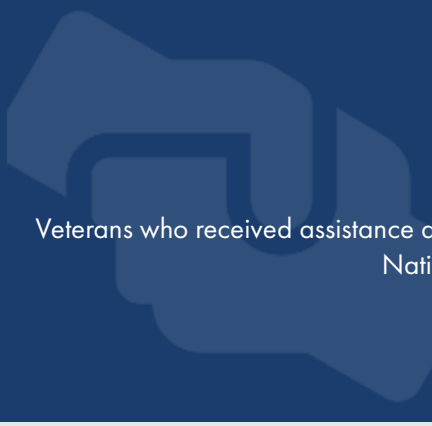
Deficit overcome by Lincoln (Neb.) Carpet Land Post 500 to win the championship of the American Legion Baseball Series 9-6 for the state's second ALWS title.



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Veterans who received assistance during the three-day American Legion claims clinic Aug. 28-30 at the 107th National Convention in Louisville. **STORY HERE**

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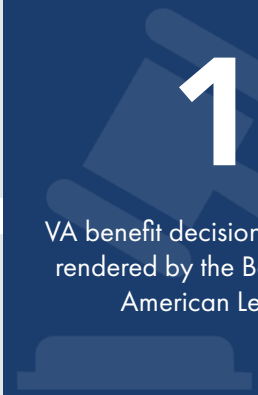
U.S. Flag Code inquires fielded by the Americanism Division.



1,026

VA benefit decision appeals for which dispositions were rendered by the Board of Veterans' Appeals after free American Legion representation in August.

$281,624.05

Amount of scholarship money disbursed during the month of August to 126 recipients.

39

Eagle Scout certifications awarded during August by the Americanism Division.

24,800

Rounds of ceremonial ammo distributed through The American Legion National Security Division's military loan program, to go along with 34 rifles, 75 clips and two static displays to 35 posts in 17 departments.

400,000+

Downloads of The American Legion Tango Alpha Lima podcast since its inception in April 2020.

6

Departments that achieved a minimum of 90% retention rate for the 2026 membership year.

$2,500

Amount of Temporary Finance Assistance grant that assisted one veteran family with two minor children at home, thereby keeping the children in a stable environment.