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"This level of funding will ensure the continued care that our veterans have earned and provide the support programs that allow veterans to make our society even stronger."

- Chanin Nuntavong, American Legion Executive Director, Government Affairs, in a June 4 letter to House leadership supporting a \$337.4 billion budget allocation bill for the Department of Veterans Affairs, \$75.5 million above the budget request for Fiscal 2025



12,406

Number of American Legion Grassroots Action Center users – including 671 for the first time – in June to urge passage of legislation now before Congress, via the platform managed by the national Legislative Division.



\$723,348

Amount in American Legion Child Welfare Foundation contributions received during the program year, June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024.



384,400

Members in the Sons of The American Legion, as of June 6, a new all-time record.



10

Bills for which The American Legion submitted written and oral testimony June 12 to the House Veterans Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity in support of career improvements for veterans and transitioning members of the U.S. Armed Forces.



100

Minimum number of participants in a June 8 Heroes March, put on by P.R. Halligan American Legion Post 163 in North Platte, Neb., which consisted of a 6-mile and a 12-mile ruck with 35-pound packs, as well as runs of the same distances, to raise awareness about post-traumatic stress disorder.



225

Attendees at a June 11-13 VA SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) conference in San Diego, including a large presence by The American Legion advancing its Be the One message to prevent veteran suicide.



24

American Legion national youth scholarships disbursed in June, totaling \$60,800.



151

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



303,705

Total downloads, through June, of the American Legion's Tango Alpha Lima podcast since it launched April 1, 2020.



200

Approximate attendees of a June 20 American Legion event at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., where the 80th anniversary of the GI Bill was celebrated. Among the keynote speakers was American Legion Past National Commander Brett Reistad.



\$4,500

Amount in American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance grants issued in June, stabilizing the homes of three veterans with minor children at home.



60

American Legion Eagle Scout recognition certificates issued in June.

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"I was especially impressed by the number of young people, French and American, including some who have participated in American Legion youth programs like Boys State, who were there and learning about a generation that freedom and democracy can never forget."

- American Legion National Commander Daniel Seehafer, following an international ceremony June 6 at the Normandy American Cemetery in France, commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day



1,200

Approximate audience in a sold-out event at the Helena, Mont., Civic Center Auditorium June 26 where *New York Times* best-selling author Kristin Hannah joined Vietnam War combat nurse and American Legion member Diane Carlson Evans onstage for a talk. Hannah's historical novel "The Women" – following the journey of a Vietnam War combat nurse before and after deployment – spent more than 20 weeks on the *New York Times* best-seller list by the end of June.



5,740

Individuals who in June took advantage of the 2024-introduced multi-year American Legion membership option.



5

Number of veteran and military career paths – including commercial trucking, shipping, aviation, health care and cybersecurity – that American Legion-supported Task Force Movement, which met June 20 at the White House, is facilitating to fill critical labor gaps in the U.S. economy.



90

Participants in the June 29 Celebrate America 5K, hosted by American Legion Post 180 in Vienna, Va., which promoted the event around the Legion's Be the One mission; participation tripled over last year's event.



14,880

Rounds of ceremonial ammo distributed in June through The American Legion Military Surplus Program, managed by the National Security Division in Washington, to go along with 79 rifles, 100 clips and two static displays. The items were distributed to 15 American Legion departments and 21 local posts.



\$10,000

Amount of one American Legion National Emergency Fund grant issued in June to a post in Texas that suffered damages and losses caused by natural disaster.