



JANUARY 2020 MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT

A Report from American Legion National Headquarters



"Anything we can do to make life more pleasant for these veterans is what we like to do."

- American Legion Department of Indiana Commander Allen Connelly after The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors program delivered nine smart TVs Jan. 24 to the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette, Ind.

"The very first pillar is support for veterans, and this is one of the ways that we can support our veterans when they're elderly or disabled. That's what we do."

- American Legion National Vice Commander Richard Heigert after televisions were delivered Jan. 23 in a similar Operation Comfort Warriors event at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, Ill.

 **\$192,000**

Amount in American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors grant dollars used to purchase comfort items for sick, wounded or disabled U.S. military personnel and veterans in all of 2019.



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Number of new American Legion posts chartered in January. Two were in Ohio, and one each were from Arkansas, Alabama, California and Washington.

 **\$7,600**

Amount in American Legion National Emergency Fund grants distributed in January to veterans and posts affected by the earthquake in Puerto Rico and by flooding in North Carolina.



3,977

Number of veterans, troops and spouses who received employment assistance through American Legion-conducted or supported job fairs in January, including Andrews Air Force Base and Naval Air Station Patuxent River in Maryland; Naval Base Dahlgren in Virginia; and Fort Hood, Texas.



\$40,000

Amount in American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors-purchased comfort items distributed in January alone, to six different recipients that provide care to military personnel and veterans.



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Number of minor children who were helped through American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance grants in January. The \$15,501 in emergency funding helped families of military personnel and veterans pay for shelter, utilities, food and clothing.



7,100

Minimum number of athletes, coaches and industry leaders who joined American Legion Baseball Committee members to learn from each other at the 76th Annual American Baseball Coaches Association Convention in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 2-5.



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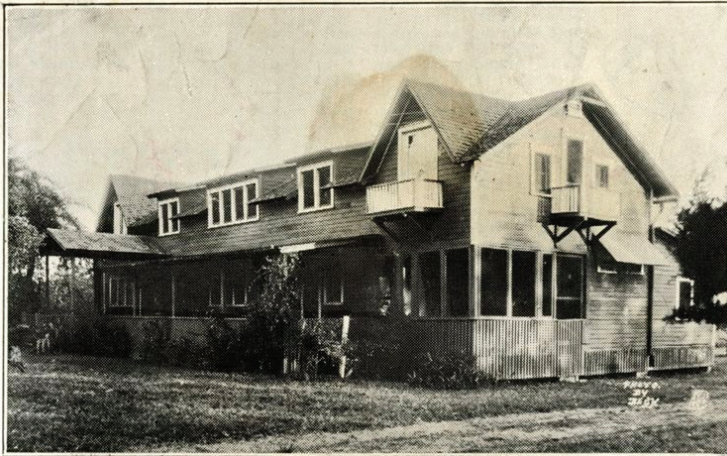
Number of American Legion district revitalization campaigns conducted in January by national membership teams working in six departments: Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, New Mexico, New Jersey and Vermont.



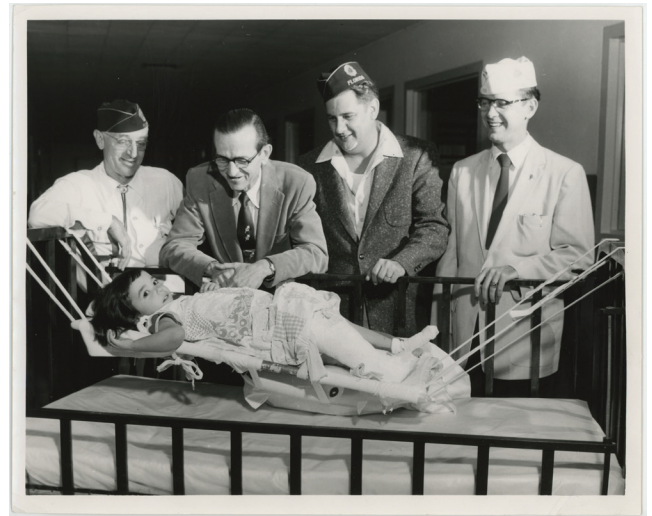
1,257

Number of Board of Veterans Appeals dispositions achieved by American Legion national representatives in January, 78 percent of which were either ruled in favor of the veteran or remanded for further documentation.

MOMENT IN HISTORY



Feb. 19, 1927: St. Petersburg Post 14 in Florida establishes The American Legion Hospital for Crippled Children to care for kids with polio and other disabilities. Expansions in 1936 and 1950 allow the post to serve nearly 500 children a year with rehabilitation and occupational therapy and education. Later renamed the All Children's Hospital, it goes on to join the Johns Hopkins Health System in 2011, and Post 14 maintains a seat on the board of directors in perpetuity.



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Minimum increase in membership since Peter J. Courcy American Legion Post 178 in Frisco, Texas, was chartered with 15 members in 2014, in honor of Army Cpl. Peter J. Courcy, who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2009. The post drives membership through active community service, including American Legion Boys State, Oratorical Competition and school outreach.



\$176,582

Amount in American Legion national youth scholarships distributed to 32 students during January alone.