

A PROUD PAST...

Nov. 10-12, 1919 - The American Legion passed its first resolution supporting the Boy Scouts of America. Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 2,700 Scouting units that involve 73,000 youths.

June 15, 1923 - The first "Flag Code" was drafted during a conference called by The American Legion. It was eventually adopted by Congress in 1942.

July 17, 1925 - The American Legion Baseball program was created. Today, more than 52 percent of professional baseball players are graduates of The American Legion Baseball program.

June 23, 1935 - The first American Legion Boys State was convened to help youths gain an understanding of the structure and operation of American government.

Dec. 15, 1943 - Harry W. Colmery, Past National Commander of The American Legion, wrote the first draft of what later became the "GI Bill of Rights," the Legion's greatest single legislative achievement.

Sept. 1, 1966 - The American Legion voiced great concern over the fate of POWs in Vietnam. Today, the Legion continues to press for a full accounting of our POW/MIAs and is one of the leading advocates among the nation's major veterans organizations to push for action.

July 21, 1983 - "The American Legion-Columbia University Study on the Effects of Agent Orange on Vietnam-era Veterans," was launched. Results were presented to Congress in 1989.

Aug. 2, 1990 - The American Legion filed suit against the federal government for failure to conduct a study mandated by Congress of the effects of Agent Orange on the health of Vietnam veterans.

Oct. 1, 1995 - The Persian Gulf Task Force was formed to enhance service to America's newest generation of wartime veterans, thousands of whom suffer from illnesses linked to their service in the gulf region.

November 2002 - The American Legion launched a national "I Am Not A Number" campaign to identify and document the delays veterans faced in obtaining earned medical care benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

...A PROMISING FUTURE

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

For God and Country

We associate ourselves together
for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



Four Pillars of Service

THE AMERICAN LEGION

since 1919

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SERVING COMMUNITIES



*"It's not just what we do...
It's who we are"*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

American Legion Baseball – A nationwide program for nearly 100,000 young athletes that teaches lessons of sportsmanship and team loyalty, respect for rules and fair play.

Blue Star Service Banners – Provided to families of service members by American Legion Posts who “adopt” units, send packages, letters, and moral support items to service members called up from their hometowns.

American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation – Two of the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students in the nation.

Heroes to Hometowns (H2H) Program – Assists severely injured U.S. service members to experience a seamless transition from the military to civilian life.

School and Scholarship Programs – Promotes the importance of education and encourages Post involvement in local school activities.

The American Legion’s Family Support Network – Offers support to families of deployed and activated military personnel providing assistance that can range from minor household chores and repairs to assuring the family keeps their home.

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – This speech contest provides high school students with a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Constitution of the United States.

American Legion Junior Shooting Sports – A national activity administered through local Legion-sponsored clubs organized to provide gun safety and marksmanship training for young people.

Operation: Military Kids – American Legion Posts and community organizations join together to support “suddenly military” children and youth before, during and after deployment of a parent or loved one.

Temporary Financial Assistance – Established as a form of direct aid, Posts can request cash assistance to help maintain the basic needs of veterans’ children when all other resources have been exhausted.



SERVING COMMUNITIES

THE AMERICAN LEGION

The nation’s largest wartime veterans service organization founded on the values, contributions and sacrifices of those who answered the country’s call to arms.

Built on Four Pillars of Service

- Advocating for a strong national security
- Responding to “quality of life” needs of all veterans and their families
- Perpetuating a “Square Deal” for every child
- Preparing each generation to fulfill the obligations of citizenship

INFORMATION REQUEST CARD

I AM INTERESTED IN:

American Legion Baseball

Education / Scholarships

Family Assistance

Heroes to Hometown

Volunteer Involvement

Blue Star Banners

American Legion Boys State

Junior Shooting Sports

I would like a Legion Representative to contact me

TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION Please send my FREE information packet on the programs of The American Legion. I have checked those of particular interest.

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