



## Sons Of The American Legion Accomplishments



June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025  
for

Detachment of:

**Texas**

Overall Totals	
Dollars Donated	\$ 300,251
Hours Volunteered	6,492,156
Value of One Vol. Hour*	\$29.95
Volunteer Hours Value	\$ 194,440,072
Total Volunteer Value	\$ 194,740,323

Pillar	Donations	Hours	Hours Value*
Americanism	\$ 140,469.79	6,344,359	\$ 190,013,552
Children & Youth	\$ 67,245.00	5,468	\$ 163,767
Vets Affairs & Rehab.	\$ 57,500.00	28,579	\$ 855,941
Vets Employ & Edu.	\$ 120.00	70	\$ 2,097
Internal Affairs	\$ 34,916.00	113,680	\$ 3,404,716

		Americanism	
<i>Boys State / Girls State</i>	\$ with	13,168.00	in Donations to Boys State / Girls State 2,586 Hours of Participation
<i>Legion Ed. Programs</i>	\$ with	120.00	in Donations to 5 Star / 10 Ideals Progr 118 Hours of Participation
<i>Flag Programs</i>	\$ with	8,263.00	in Donations to Flags Presented (All 2,092,462 Hours of Participation
<i>Flag Education</i>	\$ with	16,952	Flags Presented (All Sizes / Events)
<i>Other Ed. Programs</i>	\$ with	2,116.00	in Donations to Flag Education Progr 21,365 Hours of Participation
<i>Oratorical Contest</i>	\$ with	27,577.00	in Donations to Scholarships Awarded 737 Hours of Participation
<i>Color Guard</i>	\$ with	350.00	in Donations to Oratorical Contest 566 Hours of Participation
<i>Community Service</i>	\$ with	1,928.00	in Donations to Color Guard 2,969 Hours of Participation
<i>Scouting</i>	\$ with	31,270.79	in Donations to Other Organizations 4,028,922 Hours of Participation
<i>Jr. Shooting Sports</i>	\$ with	4,760.00	in Donations to Scouting 5,204 Hours of Participation
<i>Am. Legion Baseball</i>	\$ with	875.00	in Donations to Jr. Shooting Sports 84 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Teams</i>	\$ with	9,075.00	in Donations to Am. Legion Baseball 4,803 Hours of Participation
<i>Blood Drives</i>	\$ with	13,829.00	in Donations to Other Teams 646 Hours of Participation
<i>N.E.F.</i>	\$ with	617.00	in Donations to Blood Drives 233 Hours of Participation
<i>Legacy Schol. Fund</i>	\$ with	1,069.00	in Donations to Nat'l Emergency Fund 116 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Amer. Projects</i>	\$ with	4,375.00	in Donations to Legacy Scholarship Fund 545 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Amer. Projects</i>	\$ with	21,077.00	in Donations to Other Amer. Projects 183,003 Hours of Participation

		Children and Youth	
<i>CWF</i>	\$ with	17,186.00	in Donations to Child Welfare Found. 2,024 Hours of Participation
<i>Special Olympics</i>	\$ with	3,895.00	in Donations to Special Olympics 73 Hours of Participation
<i>CMN</i>	\$ with	3,055.00	in Donations to Children's Miracle Net. 92 Hours of Participation
<i>Ronald McDonald House</i>	\$ with	2,735.00	in Donations to R. McDonald House 68 Hours of Participation
<i>C.O.T.A.</i>	\$ with	855.00	in Donations to Child. Org. Trans. Assn. 30 Hours of Participation
<i>T.A.L. Vets. &amp; Child. Found.</i>	\$ with	6,676.00	in Donations to T.A.L. Vets. & Child. F. 1,207 Hours of Participation
<i>Other C&amp;Y Projects</i>	\$ with	32,843.00	in Donations to Other C&Y Projects 1,974 Hours of Participation

		Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	
<i>VAMCs &amp; Facilities</i>	\$ with	2,735.00	in Donations to VAMCs & Facilities 654 Hours of Participation
<i>State Vets Facilities</i>	\$ with	2,375.00	in Donations to State Vets Facilities 890 Hours of Participation
<i>Nat'l Vets Assist. Day</i>	\$ with	780.00	in Donations to Nat'l Vets. Assist. Day 126 Hours of Participation
<i>O.C.W.</i>	\$ with	9,403.00	in Donations to Op. Comfort Warriors 9,216 Hours of Participation
<i>Fisher House</i>	\$ with	770.00	in Donations to Fisher House 23 Hours of Participation
<i>Other VA&amp;R Projects</i>	\$ with	21,468.00	in Donations to Other VA&R Projects 9,458 Hours of Participation
<i>Homeless Veterans</i>	\$ with	12,125.00	in Donations to Homeless Veterans 2,043 Hours of Participation
<i>Troop &amp; Family Support</i>	\$ with	7,844.00	in Donations to Troop & Family Support 6,169 Hours of Participation

		Internal Affairs	
<i>Other Totals</i>	\$ with	34,916.00	in Donations, Not Covered Above 113,680 Hours, Not Covered Above

		Veterans Employment and Education	
<i>VE&amp;E Projects</i>	\$ with	120.00	in Donations to VE&E Projects 70 Hours of Participation

\*As reported by: Independent Sector in April 2023



## Sons Of The American Legion Accomplishments



June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025  
for

### Southeastern Region

Overall Totals	
Dollars Donated \$	2,824,726
Hours Volunteered	7,302,103
Value of One Vol. Hour*	\$29.95
Volunteer Hours Value \$	218,697,972
Total Volunteer Value \$	221,522,698

Pillar	Donations	Hours	Hours Value*
Americanism	\$ 1,194,845.42	6,753,696	\$ 202,273,180
Children & Youth	\$ 543,769.40	242,892	\$ 7,274,615
Vets Affairs & Rehab.	\$ 457,029.77	108,871	\$ 3,260,686
Vets Employ & Edu.	\$ 17,620.00	7,463	\$ 223,517
Internal Affairs	\$ 611,461.54	189,181	\$ 5,665,973

		Americanism	
<i>Boys State / Girls State</i>	\$	109,326.79	in Donations to Boys State / Girls State 9,092 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Legion Ed. Programs</i>	\$	10,682.00	in Donations to 5-Star / 10-Ideals Progs 1,117 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Flag Programs</i>	\$	39,608.57	in Donations to Flags Presented (All) 2,100,666 Hours of Participation
	with	76,128	Flags Presented (All Sizes / Events)
<i>Flag Education</i>	\$	11,777.00	in Donations to Flag Education Progs 23,775 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Other Ed. Programs</i>	\$	122,793.00	in Donations to Scholarships Awarded 8,699 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Oratorical Contest</i>	\$	6,335.00	in Donations to Oratorical Contest 1,855 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Color Guard</i>	\$	69,828.60	in Donations to Color Guard 15,283 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Community Service</i>	\$	281,255.54	in Donations to Other Organizations 4,201,228 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Scouting</i>	\$	44,517.00	in Donations to Scouting 20,245 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Jr. Shooting Sports</i>	\$	12,764.00	in Donations to Jr. Shooting Sports 4,537 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Am. Legion Baseball</i>	\$	215,870.62	in Donations to Am. Legion Baseball 15,373 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Other Teams</i>	\$	44,953.00	in Donations to Other Teams 5,162 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Blood Drives</i>	\$	5,452.90	in Donations to Blood Drives 4,391 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>N.E.F.</i>	\$	32,777.00	in Donations to Nat'l Emergency Fund 7,174 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Legacy Schol. Fund</i>	\$	23,781.00	in Donations to Legacy Scholarship Fund 4,970 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Other Amer. Projects</i>	\$	163,123.40	in Donations to Other Amer Projects 330,129 Hours of Participation
	with		

		Children and Youth	
<i>CWF</i>	\$	99,925.90	in Donations to Child Welfare Found 71,364 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Special Olympics</i>	\$	132,361.86	in Donations to Special Olympics 65,793 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>CMN</i>	\$	12,390.00	in Donations to Children's Miracle Net 60,733 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Ronald McDonald House</i>	\$	7,059.00	in Donations to R. McDonald House 878 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>C.O.T.A.</i>	\$	18,830.00	in Donations to Child. Org. Trans. Assn. 239 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>T.A.L. Vets. &amp; Child. Found.</i>	\$	25,016.00	in Donations to T.A.L. Vets. & Child F 4,547 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Other C&amp;Y Projects</i>	\$	248,186.64	in Donations to Other C&Y Projects 39,338 Hours of Participation
	with		

		Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	
<i>VAMCs &amp; Facilities</i>	\$	43,510.00	in Donations to VAMCs & Facilities 7,934 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>State Vets Facilities</i>	\$	15,159.00	in Donations to State Vets Facilities 8,290 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Nat'l Vets Assist. Day</i>	\$	5,670.00	in Donations to Nat'l Vets Assist. Day 2,924 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>O.C.W.</i>	\$	24,353.00	in Donations to Op. Comfort Warriors 13,462 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Fisher House</i>	\$	26,894.96	in Donations to Fisher House 2,948 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Other VA&amp;R Projects</i>	\$	213,874.62	in Donations to Other VA&R Projects 44,050 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Homeless Veterans</i>	\$	85,428.00	in Donations to Homeless Veterans 14,875 Hours of Participation
	with		
<i>Troop &amp; Family Support</i>	\$	42,140.19	in Donations to Troop & Family Support 14,389 Hours of Participation
	with		

		Veterans Employment and Education	
<i>VE&amp;E Projects</i>	\$	17,620.00	in Donations to VE&E Projects 7,463 Hours of Participation
	with		

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		Internal Affairs	
<i>Other Totals</i>	\$	611,461.54	in Donations, Not Covered Above 189,181 Hours, Not Covered Above
	with		



National Overall Totals	
Dollars Donated	\$12,150,235
Hours Volunteered	7,740,001
Value of One Vol. Hour*	\$34.79
Volunteer Hours Value	\$269,274,628
Total Volunteer Value	\$281,424,863

Pillar	Donations	Hours	Hours Value*
Americanism	\$5,379,768	6,570,287	\$228,580,267
Children & Youth	\$1,675,501	345,958	\$12,035,861
Vets Affairs & Rehab.	\$2,274,325	249,837	\$8,691,838
Vets Employ & Edu.	\$134,989	32,307	\$1,123,961
Internal Affairs	\$2,685,652	541,613	\$18,842,701

Americanism	
<i>Boys State / Girls State</i>	\$404,976 in Donations to Boys State / Girls State with 46,549 Hours of Participation
<i>Legion Ed. Programs</i>	\$19,711 in Donations to 5 Star / 10 Ideals Progs with 15,564 Hours of Participation
<i>Flag Programs</i>	\$245,337 in Donations to Flags Presented (All) with 855,050 Hours of Participation 437,794 Flags Presented (All Sizes / Events)
<i>Flag Education</i>	\$37,268 in Donations to Flag Education Progs with 35,548 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Ed. Programs</i>	\$688,251 in Donations to Scholarships Awarded with 19,561 Hours of Participation
<i>Oratorical Contest</i>	\$18,815 in Donations to Oratorical Contest with 4,006 Hours of Participation
<i>Color Guard</i>	\$287,500 in Donations to Color Guard with 107,967 Hours of Participation
<i>Community Service</i>	\$1,613,514 in Donations to Other Organizations with 4,816,041 Hours of Participation
<i>Scouting</i>	\$260,704 in Donations to Scouting with 122,726 Hours of Participation
<i>Jr. Shooting Sports</i>	\$92,758 in Donations to Jr. Shooting Sports with 14,249 Hours of Participation
<i>Am. Legion Baseball</i>	\$426,654 in Donations to Am. Legion Baseball with 34,908 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Teams</i>	\$240,958 in Donations to Other Teams with 20,288 Hours of Participation
<i>Blood Drives</i>	\$25,134 in Donations to Blood Drives with 10,351 Hours of Participation
<i>Natl' Emer. Fund</i>	\$136,022 in Donations to Nat'l Emergency Fund with 9,749 Hours of Participation
<i>Legacy Schol. Fund</i>	\$85,424 in Donations to Legacy Scholarship Fund with 7,007 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Amer. Projects</i>	\$796,742 in Donations to Other Amer. Projects with 450,725 Hours of Participation

Children and Youth	
<i>CWF</i>	\$297,511 in Donations to Child Well Being Found with 84,969 Hours of Participation
<i>Special Olympics</i>	\$247,187 in Donations to Special Olympics with 75,237 Hours of Participation
<i>Children's Miracle Net.</i>	\$44,749 in Donations to Children's Miracle Net. with 62,087 Hours of Participation
<i>Ronald McDonald House</i>	\$20,881 in Donations to R. McDonald House with 2,175 Hours of Participation
<i>Children's Organ Transplant Assn.</i>	\$67,688 in Donations to Child. Org. Trans. Assn. with 3,465 Hours of Participation
<i>TAL Vets. &amp; Child. Found.</i>	\$82,223 in Donations to T.A.L. Vets. & Child. F. with 14,696 Hours of Participation
<i>Other C&amp;Y Projects</i>	\$915,263 in Donations to Other C&Y Projects with 103,329 Hours of Participation

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	
<i>VAMCs &amp; Facilities</i>	\$281,271 in Donations to VAMCs & Facilities with 34,469 Hours of Participation
<i>State Vets Facilities</i>	\$184,280 in Donations to State Vets Facilities with 18,059 Hours of Participation
<i>Nat'l Vets Assist. Day</i>	\$15,018 in Donations to Nat'l Vets Assist. Day with 5,516 Hours of Participation
<i>Op. Comfort Warriors</i>	\$82,117 in Donations to Op. Comfort Warriors with 15,680 Hours of Participation
<i>Fisher House</i>	\$93,053 in Donations to Fisher House with 8,208 Hours of Participation
<i>Other VA&amp;R Projects</i>	\$907,183 in Donations to Other VA&R Projects with 167,906 Hours of Participation
<i>Homeless Veterans</i>	\$423,618 in Donations to Homeless Veterans with 26,826 Hours of Participation
<i>Troop &amp; Family Support</i>	\$287,784 in Donations to Troop & Family Support with 60,293 Hours of Participation

Internal Affairs	
<i>Other Totals</i>	\$2,685,652 in Donations, Not Covered Above with 541,613 Hours, Not Covered Above

Veterans Employment and Education	
<i>VE&amp;E Projects</i>	\$134,989 in Donations to VE&E Projects with 32,307 Hours of Participation

\*As reported by: [Independent Sector](#) in April 2025

**Children & Youth Committee Meeting  
Detachment of Texas  
Saturday, January 31, 2026  
Just outside the SAL meeting room  
10:15am Renaissance Austin Hotel**

**Members:**

**Chairman Michael Carriger, Present**

**Vice-Chair Tim Webb, Present**

**PDC Tom Arista, Present**

**7th District Commander Jerry Renard, Present**

**10th District Commander Jay Jernigan, Present**

**20th District Commander William Cox, Absent**

The committee met and discussed different charities that support the American Legion as well as Children & Youth:

**The American Legion Veterans & Children's Foundation:** provides resources to train and support approximately 3000 accredited Service Officers who provide free Veteran benefit assistance and funds cash grants for qualified veterans and military personnel facing unexpected hardships, via the Temporary Financial Assistance Program.

**TAL (The American Legion) Charities:** is the primary fund to support AL programs and services, including The Be The One mission to promote Veterans wellness and to reduce suicide. Donors can select the program that best matches their interest.

**The National Emergency Fund:** delivers direct cash aid to American Legion members and Posts that suffered from catastrophic natural disasters.

**Operation Comfort Warrior:** provides grants and morale-enhancing gifts to warrior transition units, VA and DoD medical care facilities, military installations and non-profits that are part of the Legion Family or sponsored by a Legion entity.

**TAL Legacy Scholarship Fund:** assists college attending children of post 9/11 military personnel who died on active duty or have a VA disability rating of 50% or greater.

**Child Well-Being Foundation:** provides resources to help organizations fulfill the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children.

The committee agreed that there would be a Pool Tournament at Post 447 beginning at 6:00pm with a \$10 entry donation or \$20 donation if you don't play with proceeds going to the CWF and that we would pass the hat before closing ceremonies on Sunday.

Adjourned at 10:30am.



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DETACHMENT OF TEXAS**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRANT  
2026**

**The purpose of this grant is to the help Squadrons from the Detachment of Texas promote Children and Youth projects at the local level.**

**Requirements**

Squadron must include

- 1 2025/2026 Certification Of Officers
- 2 2025/2026 Consolidated Squadron Report
- 3 Updated Squadron Data Report
- 4 Proof of updated Squadron constitution and Bylaws

Grant Money must be used for local Squadron Children & Youth projects.

If Awarded grant. Follow up with pictures along with "description or summary" of how the grant was used,

**DEADLINE: REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY: JULY 1 2026**

**SEND COMPLETED REQUEST TO MLcarriger@gmail.com, or mail PO Box 396 Archer City, TX 76351**

Squadron name & number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested (max \$250) \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose of grant \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why your Squadron should receive grant? (500 words Max)

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Squadron Commander name.

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Squadron Adjutant name

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Commander signature

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Adjutant signature



# CELEBRATE & EDUCATE

American Legion Family Youth Programs advance civics and responsible citizenship for our nation's 250th anniversary and beyond.



## ORATORICAL CONTEST

The American Legion Oratorical Contest challenges high school students to explore and understand the U.S. Constitution while developing confidence, leadership and communication skills. National contestants compete for more than \$200,000 in scholarships each year.



## BOYS STATE/BOYS NATION

American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation are government-education programs that have shaped thousands of careers in public service and leadership since 1935. Boys State offers students entering their senior year a glimpse into how government functions in a democracy. Two delegates from each Boys State program are selected to attend Boys Nation, where they form and operate a mock federal government, visit congressional delegations, military leaders and The White House to enrich their understanding of U.S. leadership.



## GIRLS STATE/GIRLS NATION

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and Girls Nation closely mirror American Legion Boys State/Boys Nation, for students entering their senior years of high school seeking understanding about participation in government. Two delegates from each ALA Girls State program are chosen each year to participate in Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. Participants leave with "leadership lessons for life" and an understanding of the fundamentals of U.S. government, rights, privileges, and responsibilities of citizens.



## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

More than 10 million young athletes have since 1925 learned the principles of sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, fitness and responsible citizenship through the American Legion Baseball program.

## JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS

The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun-safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment, competition and citizenship.



## POPPY POSTER CONTEST:

American Legion Auxiliary units sponsor poppy poster contests in local schools across the country for schools and youth groups. Seven classes of contestants are available.



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

### AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST:

The Americanism Essay Contest of the American Legion Auxiliary teaches students the value of patriotism and what it means to be Americans. Students (grades 3 to 12) explore the fundamental rights and freedoms, following a theme.

**Current Theme:** "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom."



## FUN WAYS TO LEARN ABOUT OUR FLAG

The American Legion publishes comic and activity books about the U.S. flag, veterans and the founding values of our nation. Many items can be ordered in bulk at discounted prices for classrooms or youth groups.

**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE:** Early readers will learn the meaning behind the Pledge and the freedoms it symbolizes.

**LIGHT OF LIBERTY:** Advanced elementary-age readers meet a Revolutionary War minuteman who tells how and why America achieved independence and the rights and responsibilities of all U.S. citizens.

**OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG:** Set on the 4th of July, preteens learn the story of our nation's colors and how to properly display the flag.

**OUR COUNTRY'S VETERANS:** As a veterans memorial is dedicated, young people learn from one who served the importance of protecting our freedoms.

**RISE OF OUR FLAG:** The epic story of our nation's flag is illustrated in a "graphic novel" format for teen and adult readers who discover the reason behind The American Legion's sacred ceremonies to retire U.S. flags when their useful days are over.

**INDIVISIBLE: THE STORY OF OUR FLAG:** A 116-page, photo-filled bookazine shows the complete story of our nation's flag. Also available are flag decals, pins, stick flags, copies of U.S. Flag Code and pocket-sized U.S. Constitutions and Declarations of Independence.

Order online at [emblem.legion.org](http://emblem.legion.org)  
Or call (888) 453-4466



For more information and how to participate visit [legion.org/usa250](http://legion.org/usa250) or scan the QR code





Americanism, Children & Youth

## BY THE NUMBERS for 2025

### American Legion Baseball

- For the 2025 season, **52,308** youth from **2906** teams played American Legion Baseball (**1,697** senior teams and 1,209 junior teams), representing **50** American Legion departments and Canada and Puerto Rico.
- **1,152** players participated in the eight national regional tournaments, of which **144** went on to play in the American Legion World Series.
- **67,848** subscribers to the American Legion Baseball e-newsletter "The Dugout".
- There are **89** American Legion Baseball program alumni enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

### Junior Shooting Sports

- **886** individual athletes entered the postal round competition.
- **133** shooting clubs entered the national postal round competition.

### Boys State

- **14,047** participants in **50** Boys State programs.

### Boys Nation

- **100** participants from **50** Boys State programs.

### Scouting and The American Legion

- A total of **2,547** Scouting units were chartered by Legion Family across the nation, involving **49,553** young people and **29,039** adult leaders.
- The American Legion recognized **1087 youth** with a certificate issued from the national level for achievements in Scouting programs (**1,006** Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout awards; **36** Boy Scouts of America Venturing Summit awards; **9** Boy Scouts of America Sea Scouts Quartermaster awards; **36** Girl Scouts USA Gold Awards).
- The American Legion awarded **9** Square Knot awards.

### Youth Cadet Law Enforcement

- **22** American Legion departments have an established American Legion Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program.

### Oratorical

- The 2024-2025 Consolidated Post Report indicates **996** oratorical contests conducted nationwide involving **9,370** youth contestants from **50** departments.

### Youth Education

- **760** students were awarded a total of **\$2,300,415** in academic scholarships from the national level.
- The 2024-2025 Consolidated Post Report states that **29,161** students from throughout the nation were presented an American Legion School Award Medal.
- The 2024-2025 Consolidated Post Report states that **600** American Legion posts participated in the annual American Education Week.

### Flag

- The 2024-2025 Consolidated Post Report indicates there were **4,394** Flag Day activities in local communities.
- There are **43,361** subscribers to the American Legion Flag Half-Staff Notification Alert service.

### **Get Out the Vote**

- The 2024-2025 Consolidated Post Report reflects **1,350** Get Out the Vote activities conducted in communities throughout the nation.

### **Citizenship**

- The 2024-2025 Consolidated Post Report reflects that **380** citizenship and naturalization activities were conducted in local communities throughout the nation.

### **God and Country**

- The Consolidated Post Report reflects **964** posts participating in the annual National Day of Prayer.

### **Four Chaplains Sunday**

- The Consolidated Post Report reflects that **1,612** activities were conducted in observance of Four Chaplains Sunday.

### **Legion Conferences**

- **221** Legion family members attended the annual national Combined Americanism Conferences which included conference segments for the following programs: American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical, Junior Shooting Sport, Children & Youth, and department chaplains.

### **Youth Welfare and Safety**

- The 2024-2025 Consolidated Post Report reflects **739** activities promoting health and safety took place, while **1,521** activities were conducted for Halloween safety by Legion Posts nationwide.

### **American Legion Child Well-being Foundation (CWF)**

- **\$536,829\*** was received in total CWF donations; of that, the Sons of The American Legion contributed **\$325,384\***.
- In 2025, the CWF Board of Directors awarded **\$851,542\*** in grants to **9** non-profit organizations that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of children and youth.

### **American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF)**

- **\$1,390,277\*** was received in donations to the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation.

### **Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)**

- **69** minor children of **34** veterans throughout **19** departments received **\$64,476\*** in non-repayable cash grant assistance from the national Temporary Financial Assistance program to help support those children's basic needs of shelter, utilities, food, and clothing.

(\* Subject to final audit)

**Children and Youth Committee  
Tasks and Goals  
2025-2026**



**Assist the Americanism Commission with development of guidelines for Detachment level Youth Academy**

**Distribute and promote digital materials to plant a Victory Garden**

 **Children's Organ Transplant Association®**

**SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN  
LEGION**

**Increase donations by 10% for the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA)**

**Increase donations by 10% for The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF)**

**Increase donations by 10% for Children's Miracle Network (CMN)**

**Increase donations by 10% for Ronald McDonald House**



The **National Americanism Commission** of the **Sons of The American Legion (SAL)** has adopted ongoing support of the *Flying Flags for Heroes* program through SAL Resolution VI, approved during the Spring NEC 2022 meetings.

The purpose of the *Flying Flags for Heroes* program is to inspire genuine patriotism within our communities while promoting national pride in our country, its flag, our military, and our veterans throughout the entire American Legion Family.

Reporting the flag placements of your Post, Squadron, Unit, or Chapter prior to **August 8, 2026**, will assist the Commission in achieving its goals of 1,000,000 flag placements and 100% Detachment participation before the 54th SAL National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

For additional information, visit [FlyingFlagsForHeroes.org](https://FlyingFlagsForHeroes.org) or use the QR code to access the reporting section of the website directly.



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**LEGION**



## **Sons of the American Legion**

### **VA& R Report**

**Date: Jan 31, 2026**

**>Introduction of speakers**

**>Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaways**

**>VA&R Totals For Detachment**

**>VA&R Totals For SE Region**

**>VA&R Totals Nationally**

**>Local SQN Reports**

**>208-Donated \$1,250 for Xmas gifts for Vets/Helped distribute gifts to nursing homes & VA Hospital**

**>208 Remodeled a shower for a Vet (Tracy preformed project)**

**>208 \$715.00 in rent assistance for 2 Vets**

**>208 members remodeled Post bathroom (Tracy headed up project)**

**>208 Meat for Vets program \$1,010.00 & 770 pounds of meat processed**

**>208 Purchased an RV for Vet in need due to flood \$7,500.00**

**>208 Donated \$2,500.00 to Greensuiter Outdoors**

Jean "Max" Maxwell

VA&R Chairman

Fwd: Fort Bliss Thanksgiving

From den/maxx us <denmaxxus@yahoo.com>  
Date Wed 1/21/2026 4:44 PM  
To Jean Maxwell <jmaxwell@co.kendall.tx.us>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** den/maxx us <denmaxxus@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** January 20, 2026 at 9:47:18 AM CST  
**To:** Kenneth Dorsett <kh.dorsett@yahoo.com>  
**Subject: Re: Fort Bliss Thanksgiving**

Got it!!! Thanks  
See ya next week

On Jan 19, 2026, at 8:02 PM, Kenneth Dorsett <kh.dorsett@yahoo.com> wrote:

Max

On November 20, 2025, we handed out 500 \$20.00 Commissary gift cards to our Junior Enlisted personnel at Fort Bliss. We worked in two shifts: the first from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM, and the second from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Representing the SAL were David Blair from Squadron 122, George Miller from Squadron 36, and myself. In the afternoon, the Auxiliary joined in to help. Many volunteers from Fort Bliss participated, and the Chaplains also distributed 500 \$20.00 gift cards. It was such a rewarding experience to support our soldiers, just like we've done at Fort Hood the past two years. Next year, we'll be at Fort Hood, Fort Bliss, and Fort Sam Houston—all volunteer's welcome. are welcome.

By the way Max Thank You for your help at Fort Hood the last two years.

Sincerely,

Ken Dorsett  
SAL Commander Detachment of Texas  
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## VA&R Report

November 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 there was 13 members of the American Legion Family At Food Texas. We handed out 500 Thanksgiving baskets to active-duty soldiers. The money was 10000 raised in Texas for event. The sons paid for 500 gift cards at 20 dollars a card. WE had over 40 volunteers from legion members to active-duty soldiers at the event. I would like to thank every/ post unit and squadrons that donated to this event. Without the donations we could not have made this event a success. Photos have been sent out

Roy Fowler

VA&R memeber

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Fwd: VA&R National Focus

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From den/maxx us <denmaxxus@yahoo.com>  
Date Tue 1/27/2026 11:10 AM  
To Jean Maxwell <jmaxwell@co.kendall.tx.us>

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**From:** Eddy Seegers <eddysal179@gmail.com>  
**Date:** January 27, 2026 at 10:48:35 AM CST  
**To:** Jean Max Maxwell <denmaxxus@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** VA&R National Focus

Much of the commission's focus is on commission member's program to highlight with most of them being local or precursors to something going national.

However, there are 3 big points of focus.

1. Be the One. This not only includes reaching out but going through the Legion's Be the One online training course created by Columbia University. Several of us are researching when the next trainings will be and I hope to have that information by this weekend.
2. VA&R reps and deps. If anyone is volunteering at a federal VA facility, they are encouraged to get certified as a rep or a dep. Several years ago, the Sons were in danger of losing their seat on the VAVS Advisory Board which has a minimum requirement of 25. We now sit at 59, one away from the commission chairman's goal of 60. Please note that State VA Homes are separate from federal VA facilities.
3. Providing care for veterans with service dogs and caring for those veterans and their dogs. The Legion's VA&R Commission is developing a resolution to push for all VA facilities to have a program in place to provide for the support dogs while their veteran is in the hospital. The S.A.L. commission is planning on doing a resolution of support when the Legion presents their resolution.

Final note - if your squadron is doing anything VA&R related, have them contact you for the state and me for national. Our commission loves hearing ideas and several national ideas started as something small at the squadron level.

For God and Country,

***Eddy Seegers***

Adjutant, Squadron 179  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Texas  
Member, VA&R Commission  
PDC - Detachment of Texas



## **Detachment of Texas**

### **Total 2024-25 Accomplishments**

**\$300,251 Donated to American Legion Programs**

**With 6,492,156 Hours Donated at a value of \$29.95/hr**

**Totaling \$194,440,072 in volunteered hours**

**For a Total of \$194,740,323 in donations to American Legion Programs  
for 2024-25.**

**GREAT JOB TEXAS!!!**