



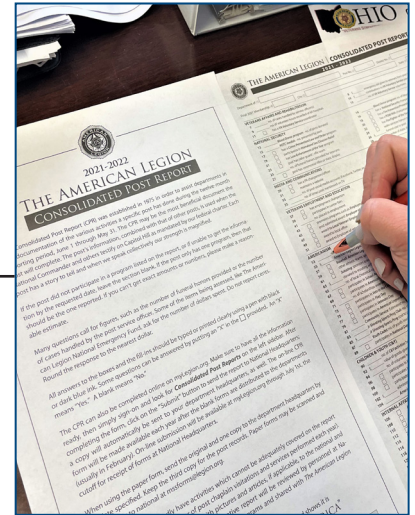
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1,903

No. of cases handled by Post Service Officers

Post Service Officers (PSO) is a vital volunteer position at the Post. They are responsible for connecting members and veterans with benefits and resources available in their community.

\$408,610

Emergency aid given to veterans from Post funds

Posts are generous and often times a critical piece to basic needs for veterans and their families who have fallen on hard times. The Post may be the first place a member or veteran seeks assistance.



9,347

No. of volunteer hours recorded at VA hospitals

A large majority of Post Members volunteer at their local VAMC or CBOC resulting in a savings to the VA. The hourly rate for a volunteer is \$27.20, resulting in a savings of \$254,238.40 by Ohio Volunteers!

\$73,644

Contributions to VA Voluntary Service program

Posts often set up a "Post Fund" at the VA where they directly contribute monies that supports volunteer activities held at the VA.



55

Posts with VA Voluntary Service coordinator

There are over 88 VA facilities in Ohio and a Legionnaire is selected by their Post and District Commanders to serve as a Deputy Representative on behalf of The American Legion.



3,424

No. of VA Voluntary Service volunteers

There are additional voluntary positions outside of the Deputy Representatives who serve as VAVS Coordinator. These positions are critical to the voluntary services mission!



136

No. of Posts who donated to GFY

The Gifts For Yanks (GFY) Program is specific to the Department of Ohio and is vital to voluntary services and funding. In 2025, this number of Posts / Squadrons / Aux. Units donated to this est. 57 year program for Department of Ohio.

\$262,230.94

Total 2024-2025 amount for the GFY program

This is the total amount donated to Department HQ in support of the Gifts For Yanks Program that assists with a budget for each VA facility, Special Projects at the VA, and gifts & gift cards at Christmas for hospitalized Veterans.

“Gifts for Yanks” is a program of giving by Legionnaires within the State of Ohio, originally called “Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave”, since 1952 to our hospitalized veterans and VA facilities from members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion. Significant contributions by Post 397 & Post 598 as well as District 5 this past membership year, led the way for the Legionnaires of Ohio providing **numerous** holiday gift cards for hospitalized veterans.



75%

2025 BVA Appeals success rate

Our Department Service Officers in Ohio have represented, through lay advocacy, hundreds of cases to Board of Veterans Appeals Law Judges and this is our success rate of claims won for Ohio Veterans!



186

No. of BVA hearings scheduled in 2025

During 2024-2025, our DSO's represented veterans in hearings with BVA Law Judges. In a regular season, there may be over 30 hearings in a one month period for our team of Four at the Cleveland VA Regional Office.

Accredited American Legion service officers are specially trained to provide expert assistance, free of charge, to veterans and their families. While the majority of a service officer's work involves application for VA disability benefits, these compassionate professionals also provide information, referrals and resources on education, employment and business, death benefits and other important topics. Other notable 2025 financial statistics include:

BVA Retro won: \$ 3,400,484.91

BVA Remand won: \$ 1,636,630.01

Total Amount won: \$ 5,037,114.92

BE THE ONE

78

No. of Posts who participated in the Be The One program

Across the nation, change is underway to reduce the number of military-affiliated Americans who are lost to suicide. The American Legion believes one is too many. This is the number of Ohio Posts active in the Be The One lifesaving effort.

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BE THE ONE

288

No. of members that participated in Be The One training

This is the amount of Ohio members The American Legion has prioritized raising awareness about the issue, providing free suicide prevention training and reassuring those who find themselves struggling that it is "OK to not be OK."



2,421

No. of Be The One training events held by Ohio Posts

Members of The American Legion Family are encouraged to take part in these training seminars and share with their communities. BE THE ONE to act, to call, to serve, to save!

BE THE ONE

The mission of The American Legion's Be the One initiative is to reduce the rate of veteran suicide. It aims to lessen the stigma associated with mental health treatment and empower everyone to take appropriate action when a veteran or servicemember may be at risk.

Visit the web page to learn more, download resources and read success stories.



To learn more, visit bethone.org.

FOR IMMEDIATE HELP



DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

Online: veteranscrisisline.net
Text: 838255

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Call: 800-662-4357
Online: samhsa.gov/find-help

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Call: 800-950-6264
Online: nami.org/findsupport

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What you can do to help prevent veteran suicide



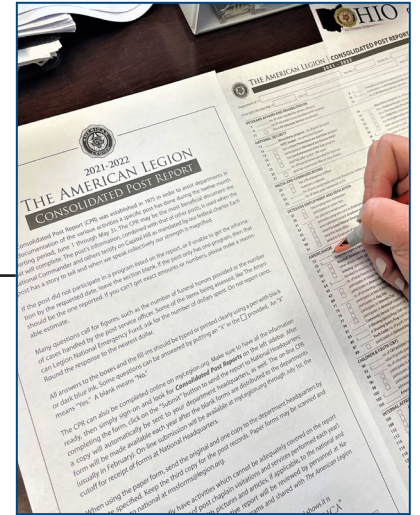
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3,973

Blood Donor program - No. of units donated

This is the number of pints of blood donated from Ohio Posts.



2,038

Blood Donor program: No. of blood donors

This is the total number of blood donors from Ohio Posts.

The American Legion Organization as a whole is ranked #4 in FY'25 with The Red Cross in their top 100 Enterprise Organizations based on red cell units collected with 27,732 total units collect-ed. There are 43 Posts in Ohio that have hosted blood drives. Department HQ hosted 2 blood drives this year, and another at Mid_Winter Conference. TAL Ohio combined has donated 6,531 units total. TAL Ohio has donated a fourth of the 27,732 units that contributed to TAL being named #4 of the "Red Cross Top 100 Enterprise Organizations."



92

ROTC medals - No. presented by Post

This is the total number of ROTC Medals presented by Ohio Posts.



42

National Security Chairpersons

This is the total reported number of Post National Security Chairpersons appointed from TAL Ohio.



33

Has a Crime Prevention/Law and Order program

This is the number of Ohio Posts that have a Crime Prevention/Law and Order program.



43

Has a Fire Prevention/Protection program

This is the number of Ohio Posts that have a Fire Prevention program.



40

Participates in Homeland Sec/Disaster Relief

This is the number of Ohio Posts active in Homeland Security/Disaster Relief efforts.



97

POW/MIA Chairpersons

This is the total number of Prisoners Of War/Missing In Action Chairpersons appointed from Ohio Posts.



40

Has Law Enforcement of the Year Award program

This is the number of Ohio Posts participating in the Law Enforcement of the Year Award.



35

Has Fire Fighter of the Year Award program

This is the number of Ohio Posts participating in the Fire Fighter of the Year Award.

National Security appointed individuals are responsible for reviewing items pertaining to various security issues that involve such items as cyber security, security of our borders, our armed forces, their equipment and numbers so we don't get into a position where we can't maintain our presence in areas needed to insure our safety. They are also involved in military benefits and quality of life items that face our armed forces as well as the veterans that have served. These issues are addressed by either creating Resolutions to address the items or approve submitted resolutions. These resolutions are presented to the National Security Commission and then at the Department Convention to be accepted and, once accepted, move on to the National Convention. If the resolution is passed at the national level it will then be presented to congress for possible action.



290

Post has color guard / firing squad

This is the total number of Ohio Posts that have a Color Guard and/or a Rifle Team/Firing Squad.



6,594

No. of funeral honors provided for Veterans

This is the number of funeral service honors Ohio Posts provided to honor Our fallen Veterans.



290

Post has ceremonial rifles or static display

This reflects the number of honor/color guard rifles and/or rifle displays that Ohio Posts possess.



\$200,890

Funeral Cost to Post

This is the reported amount in funeral costs that Ohio Posts gave in remembrance and support to Veteran families.



1,386

Number of equipment (guns, cannons, displays, etc.)

This is the total number of military equipment, weaponry, and historic memorabilia Ohio Posts have on display to honor Post Everlasting members.

The intent of the color guard composed of either members of The American Legion, American Legion family and/or mixed family is to honor the American flag. The flag is to be honored in a military manner with dignity, style and bearing associated with a military ceremonial color guard. It may be reverential, creative, innovative, and/or entertaining, while keeping the National Colors an integral part of the performance.

The rendering of military funeral honors for those members who have gone to join Post Everlasting, is a way to show the nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country. This ceremonial paying of respect is the final expression of thanks from a grateful nation to the veteran's family. A VA website, cem.va.gov/military_funeral_honors.asp, provides the general public with information on military funeral honors, as well as helpful links to related military and veterans websites. The site also serves as a resource tool for funeral directors as they assist veterans' families in arranging for military funeral honors.



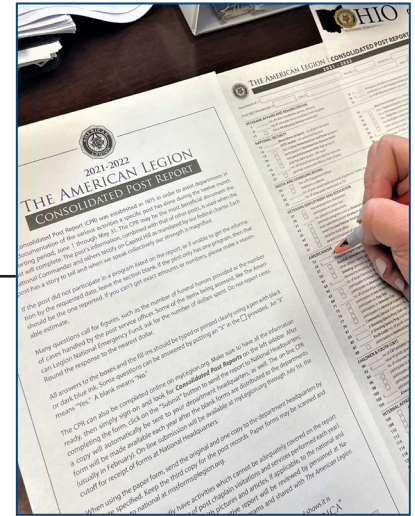
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147

Media/Public Relations Chairperson/Officer

This is the total reported number of MMC/Public Relations Chairpersons/Officers appointed from Ohio Posts.



114

Produced a Post publication

This is the total reported number of Ohio Posts that produce any type of media publication for distribution.



163

Maintained a Website

This is the total number of Ohio Posts that produce a Website to distribute information and content to their members.



120

No. of Ohio Posts that distributed a Post E-newsletter

This is the total reported number of Ohio Posts producing their own Post's electronic newsletters.



282

No. of Post Social Media accounts

This is the number of Social Media account platforms (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, X, etc.) Ohio Posts use.



2,992

No. of times Ohio Posts mentioned on Radio

This is the number of radio broadcasts Ohio Posts had event or informational coverage reported.



390

No. of times Ohio Posts mentioned on TV

This is the number of TV broadcasts Ohio Posts had event or informational coverage reported.



1,767

No. of Ohio Post stories mentioned in Newspapers

This is the reported number of featured articles/stories that pertain to Ohio Posts published in local area newspapers.

Media & Communications replaced the legacy Public Relations Committee. This Commission provides a forum to share ideas to improve the marketing, communications, and public relations of the American Legion throughout the state of Ohio and its communities. Media Marketing & Communications include the communication, collaboration, education, brand awareness, and entertainment of The American Legion membership, and the public at large, about the purposes and activities of the local Legion Posts, Districts, Department and the National Organizations. This includes the use of traditional print and digital media to accommodate the changes in technology and to maximize our informational reach to our entire membership and affiliates.





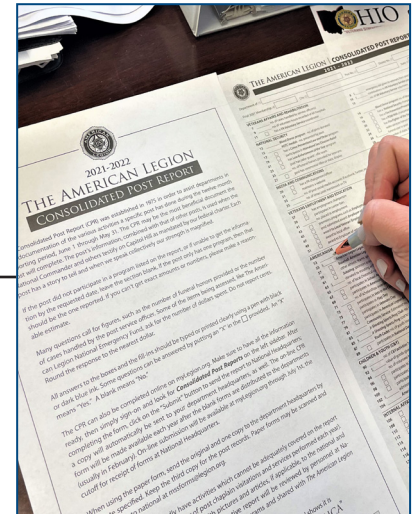
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22

Has employment Chairperson

This number of Ohio Posts reported having an Employment Chairman or Chairwoman representing them.



35

Has Homeless Veterans Chairperson

This number of Ohio Posts reported having a Homeless Veteran Chairman or Chairwoman representing them.



65

No. of Career Fairs Participated in

This is the number of involved in or sponsored job/career fairs that Ohio Posts reported.



195

No. of Veterans referred to LVER or DVOP

This is the number of Ohio Veterans that Posts reported referring to a Local Veterans Employment Representative and/or to the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program.



11

No. placed in employment

This is the number of Ohio Veterans that Posts reported aiding in securing employment for.



5

No. placed in job training program

This is the number of Ohio Veterans that Posts reported aiding in job training placement.



12

Promoted programs such as *Employer of the Year*

This reflects the number of Ohio Posts that researched and submitted 'Employer of the Year' award applications.



2

Post submitted award: Homeless Veterans Outreach

This reflects the number of award applications Ohio Posts submitted on behalf of the Homeless Veterans Outreach program.



2

Post submitted: Employer of the Disabled award

This reflects the number of award applications Posts submitted on behalf of area employers that hired disabled veterans.



1

Post submitted award: Employer of Older Workers

This reflects the number of award applications Ohio Posts submitted on behalf of area employers that hired elderly veterans.



4

Award to Local Veterans' Employment Representative

This reflects the number of awards Ohio Posts gave to a (LVER) rep that supported veteran employment placement.



4

Award to Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP)

This reflects the number of awards Ohio Posts gave to the DVOP program that supports veteran employment & education.



10

Award to local office

This reflects the number of awards Ohio Posts gave to an area business that supports veteran employment.



2

Award for Employer of Veterans, large cat/+200 employees

This reflects the number of awards Ohio Posts gave to area large businesses and companies that hired veterans.



4

Award to Employer of Veterans, med cat/50-200 emp

This reflects the number of awards Ohio Posts gave to area medium-sized businesses and companies that hired vets.



6

Award for Employer of Veterans, small cat/less than 50 emp

This reflects the number of awards Ohio Posts gave to area small businesses and companies that hired veterans.



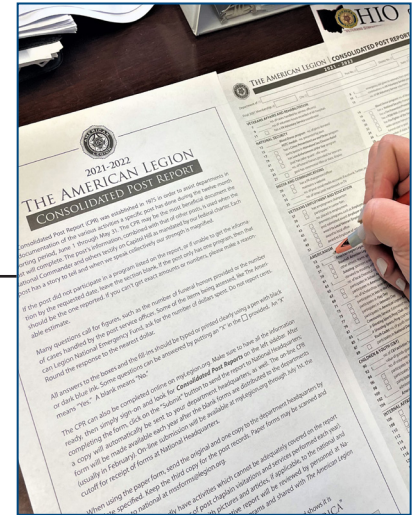
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844

Boys State: No. of boys sponsored

The reported number of students that were selected as delegates and attended Buckeye Boys State at Miami University.

\$256,448

Boys State: Cost to Post

Amount of money Ohio Posts spent on enrollment fees, transportation to the program, and spending money for the delegate(s) in order to attend the Buckeye Boys State Program.



\$114,366

American Legion Legacy Scholarship: Amount donated

Donations made to help Children of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001 and Children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs.



30

Participated in citizenship/naturalization activities

Posts that have opened their doors to host an administrative naturalization oath ceremony.



69

American Legion Baseball teams sponsored

The reported number of American Legion Posts that have sponsored Junior and Senior Baseball teams.

\$252,132

Sponsorship Cost of Baseball Teams

The total reported Ohio Posts cost of all Junior and Senior Baseball teams, including registration and insurance.



148

Other Athletic Teams sponsored

Number of other (non-baseball) athletic teams sponsored by Ohio American Legion Posts.

\$566,985

Total cost of Other Teams

The total reported cost of all other sponsored athletic teams.



133

Scouting: sponsors scout unit(s)

The total reported number of Ohio American Legion Posts that sponsored scouting units.



3,588

No. of youths in Legion Scouting

Total reported number of youths participating in Ohio American Legion sponsored scouting units.

\$213,621

Donated to scouting activities

Amount of money donated towards scouting activities.



24

Oratorical Contest: sponsored local contest

The number of local Oratorical Contests sponsored by Posts.



4,767

No. of local Oratorical contestants

Total number of all reported local-level contestants who participated in the Ohio Legion Oratorical Contest Program.

\$7,000

Oratorical cost to Post

The total amount of money Ohio Posts have spent on local contests, including prizes.



136

Participated in School Award program

Amount of Posts that participate in the Schools Awards program to recognize the achievements of elementary, middle, junior high, and high school students.



524

No. of awards presented

Total number of awards presented to elementary, middle, junior high, and high school students.



35

Participated in American Education Week

Total number of Posts that participate in American Education week each November.

\$24,997

Cost of American Education Week

Total cost from all Posts that participated in American Education Week.



577

No. of scholarships awarded

Total reported number of scholarships awarded by all Ohio American Legion Posts.

\$589,951

Cost of scholarship awards

The total reported amount of financial award money given out in scholarships by all participating Ohio American Legion Posts.



62

Participated in Vets in the Classroom

62 Ohio Posts participated in recognizing veterans that continued their service through either school volunteerism or direct work in education.

\$8,653

Vets in the Classroom cost to post

Amount of money all Ohio American Legion Posts have spent on recognizing Veteran's efforts in their local school classrooms.



223

Participated in Flag Day

Number of Ohio Posts that participate in Flag Day events & activities.



61

Participated in Get Out The Vote

Number of Ohio Posts that participate in 'Get out the Vote' events & activities.



388

Participated in Veterans Day

Number of Ohio Posts that participate in Veterans Day events & activities.



399

Participated in Memorial Day

Number of Ohio Posts that participate in Memorial Day events & activities.



135

Participated in American Legion Birthday

Number of Ohio Posts that participate in the American Legion annual Birthday events & activities.



116

Participated in Four Chaplains Sunday

Number of Ohio Posts that participate in Four Chaplain Sunday held events and activities.

 **69,408**

Community Service: Estimated No. of hours of service

The reported, estimated number of hours that Ohio Legionnaires and Posts spent engaging in community service.

\$767,721

Community Service Cost to Posts

The amount of money Posts spent/donated to their community involvement projects.

 **39**

Jr Shooting Sports Program: No. of Clubs

Number of Posts participating in Junior Shoot Sports.

 **413**

Jr Shooting Sports Program: No. of Youths involved

Number of youths involved in Ohio's American Legion Junior Shooting Sports.

\$23,200

Jr Shooting Sports Program Cost to Post

Amount of reported money Junior Shooting Sports have cost all Ohio American Legion Posts.

 **4**

Participated in Youth Cadet Law Enforcement

Number of reported Ohio Posts that have participated in Youth Law Cadet Enforcement.

 **148**

Youth Cadet: No. of Youths involved

Number of young leaders that participate in Junior Cadet Week from Boys State, Girls State, and Law Enforcement Families.

\$21,400

Youth Cadet: Cost to Post

The amount of money costing Ohio Legion Posts to participate in the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program & activities.

 **50**

Participated in National Day of Prayer

Number of Ohio American Legion Posts that participate in National Day of Prayer events (held the first Thursday in May).





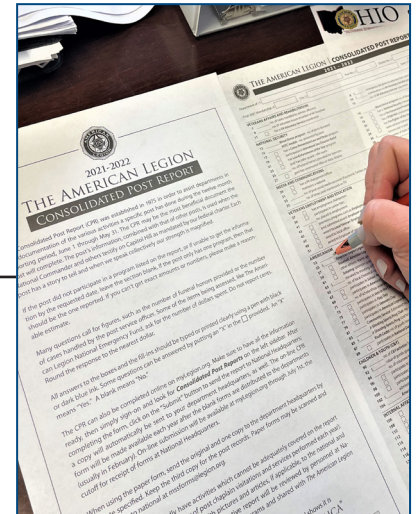
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597

No. of C&Y activities held

One of the Four American Legion Pillars, this is the number of Children and Youth Activities held by all Ohio Posts.

\$426,165

Cash aid given to benefit children

The amount of financial aid provided by Posts to benefit children.

\$270,854

Value of goods given to children (reasonable estimate)

The reported value of goods/items provided to community children by Ohio Posts.



6,973

No. of children given aid (cash or goods)

Number of children within the Ohio Post communities helped by cash or goods.



9,585

No. of volunteer hours for C&Y programs and activities

Number of hours donated by volunteers for Children and Youth programs and activities.



86

Participates in Halloween Safety

Number of reported Ohio Posts that participate in Halloween safety activities.



40

Participates in Health & Child Safety

Number of reported Ohio Posts that participate in Health and Child Safety activities.



30

Participates in April is C&Y Month

Number of reported Ohio Posts that participate in activities during Children and Youth month in April.



19

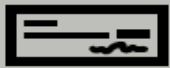
Participates in National Family Week

Number of Posts that participate in National Family Week.

\$196,775

Parties, Dinners, Prizes and Gifts Cost

Amount of money reported that Ohio Posts spent on parties, dinners, prizes and gifts to benefit children and youth.



30

Participates in Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

The number of reported Ohio Posts that advocated assistance in the Temporary Financial Assistance program for Veterans.

\$31,630

TFA: Cost to Post

The reported amount of Temporary Financial Assistance Ohio Posts have secured for Veterans and members in need.

\$89,774

Administrative Costs (paper, equipment, etc.)

The amount of money Posts have spent on administrative costs, supplies, etc. for Children and Youth activities.

\$97,295

Cost of all other child service charities

Reported costs incurred to Ohio Posts for child service charities they donate to (other than administrative costs).

\$424,907

Contributions to all other Youth Organizations

Reported costs donated by Ohio Posts for all other child-servicing programs and organizations, such as *Special Olympics*.

\$34,586

Veterans & Children Foundation: Cost to Post

The amount of reported money Ohio Posts have spent for the Veterans and Children Foundation activities.

Today's American Legion is as focused on the well-being of our country's youth and the issues facing young people as it has ever been. The structure of this organization is forever supported by the balance that our founding architects envisioned. Therefore, the Children & Youth pillar and its programs remain committed to serving the nation's youth. Members of The American Legion Americanism Commission on Children & Youth have been entrusted with the responsibility of upholding this pillar – the one that braces our nation's veterans by caring for their children, and our nation's children.

Mission Statement: "To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and their programs."

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Children & Youth



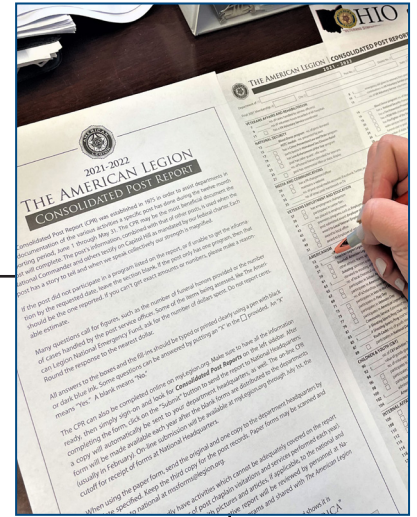
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96%

Department CPR Turn-In percentage.

This is the percentage number of Posts (472/491) that completed and returned the CPR for the state of Ohio. As of June 30th, 2025, The Department of Ohio ranked 23rd out of 55 Legion-wide Departments and 5th in the Central Region with 69,493 members total for reporting year 2024-2025.



113

American Legion Riders: has a Riders Chapter

This represents the number of Ohio Posts that reported supporting an ALR group and/or chapter. (113 official Chapters)



2,076

No. of Legion family members in a Riders Chapter

This is the reported number of Ohio Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary members participating in the American Legion Riders group program. (roughly estimated 3,100 official ALR family members).

\$194,054

Donations made through ALR events

This represents the total reported money collected by the participants involved with Ohio Legion Riders' events.

\$22,525

Cost to Post for ALR operations

This is the amount Ohio Posts donated to support their Legion Riders Chapter's program and events.



258

Sons of American Legion: has Squadron

This number represents the number of Ohio Posts reporting a belonging, established, and active Squadron. (299 actual Sqds.)



27,898

Sons of American Legion program: No. of total members

This is the number Ohio Posts reported of new, established, and active SAL Squadron members. (32,755 actual members)



31

Participated in National Emergency Fund

This is the reported number of Ohio Posts that gave NEF financial assistance and exemplified "... devotion to mutual helpfulness."

\$7,265

National Emergency Fund: Cost to Post

This is the reported amount that Ohio Posts gave financial assistance to prevent damaged Posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from disaster and tragedy.

\$45,675

National Emergency Fund: Donations made by Post

This is the reported amount of Ohio American Legion family philanthropic donations to the national NEF program.



8

American Legion Amateur Radio Club: has radio club

This is the reported number of Ohio Posts active in radio broadcasting, podcasting and other voice media.



185

Participated in Buddy Check

Volunteers that made wellness calls or personally visited ill, expired, and/or former members of the Ohio American Legion.



7,248

Number of members contacted

This number represents the reported Ohio Legion members that were given Buddy Check wellness calls or personal visitations.



71

Participated in Legion Family Days

This is the reported number of Ohio Posts that held Legion Family Day events during the last Saturday of April which encourages Posts to open their doors to members of their community for the day.



1,424

Number of Legion Family Days hosted

This is the reported number of Ohio Post events taken place with veteran services and their families with the Be The One program being at the focus.



15

Sponsored an Operation Comfort Warriors Grant

This is the reported number of Ohio Posts that sponsored a veteran or organization for Operation Comfort Warriors.

\$1,448,782

All other fund raising not captured above

This amount reflects all other uncategorized Ohio Post fundraising put towards helping the American Legion organization assist veterans, their families, young people, and communities.



31,142

Volunteer hours not captured above



This reported amount reflects all other uncategorized time Ohio Legion family volunteers spent advocating the founding Four Pillars of The American Legion organization by assisting veterans, their families, young people, and communities.

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