



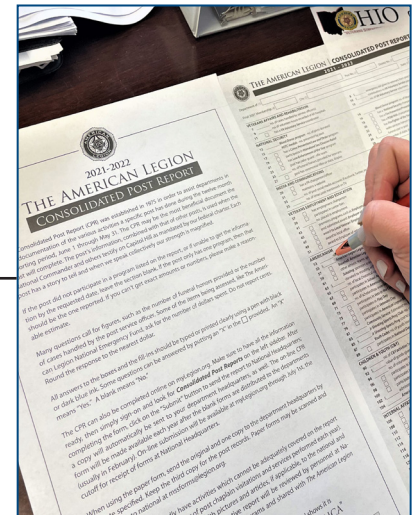
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3,873

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.

\$278,864

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.



6,631

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 \$180,363.20 by Ohio Volunteers!

\$68,789

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.



65

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.



248

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!



213

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 2023, this number of Posts, Squadrons, & Aux. Units donated to this est. 55 year program for Department of Ohio.

\$106,306.68

Total 2022-2023 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 181 & Post 427 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.



82%

2023 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!



165

No. of BVA hearings scheduled in 2023

During 2022-2023, 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 Five 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 2023 financial statistics include:

BVA Retro won: \$ 501,206.26

BVA Remand won: \$ 85,426.25

Total Amount won: \$ 586,632.51

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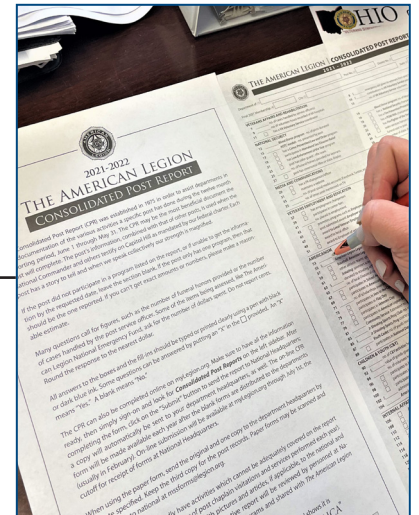
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3,804

Blood Donor program - No. of pints donated

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



2,428

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'23 with The Red Cross in their top 100 Enterprise Organizations based on red cell units collected with 29,917 total units collect-ed. There are 37 Posts in Ohio that have hosted blood drives. Department HQ hosted 2 blood drives this year, despite the lingering effects of the pandemic. TAL Ohio combined has donated 6,814 units total. TAL Ohio has donated a fourth of the 29,917 units that contributed to TAL being named #4 of the "Red Cross Top 100 Enterprise Organizations."



103

ROTC medals - No. presented by Post

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



40

National Security Chairpersons

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



30

Has a Crime Prevention/Law and Order program

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



52

Has a Fire Prevention/Protection program

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



31

Participates in Homeland Sec/Disaster Relief

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



95

POW/MIA Chairpersons

This is the total number of POW/MIA Chairpersons appointed from Ohio Posts.



39

Has Law Enforcement of the Year Award program

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



31

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.



271

Post has color guard / firing squad

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



164

Wake services honors provided for veterans

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



6,331

No. of funeral honors provided for Veterans

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

\$127,282

Funeral Cost to Post

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



267

Post has ceremonial rifles or static display

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



1,145

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.



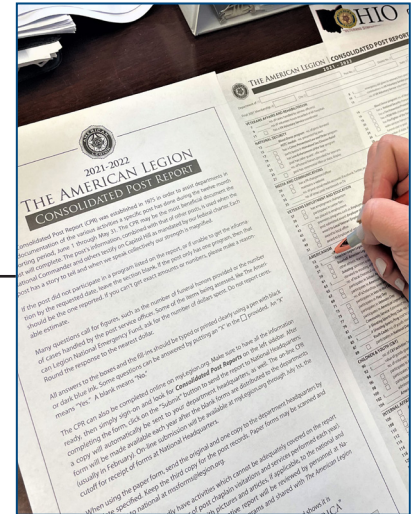
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157

Public Relations Chairperson/Officer

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



122

Produces a Post publication

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



168

Maintains a Website

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



2,218

No. of annual community events

This is the total reported number of annual community events publicized that Ohio Posts participate in.



865

No. of Post Social Media accounts

This is the number of Social Media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) Ohio Posts use.



7,473

No. of times Ohio Posts mentioned on Radio

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



445

No. of times Ohio Posts mentioned on TV

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



1,751

No. of Ohio Post stories mentioned in Newspapers

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

Media & Communications recently merged with Public Relations. This Commission provides a forum to share ideas to improve the Media, Marketing & Communications and Public Relations of the American Legion throughout the state of Ohio and its communities. Media & Communications/Public Relations 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 Posts, Districts, Department and the National Organization. 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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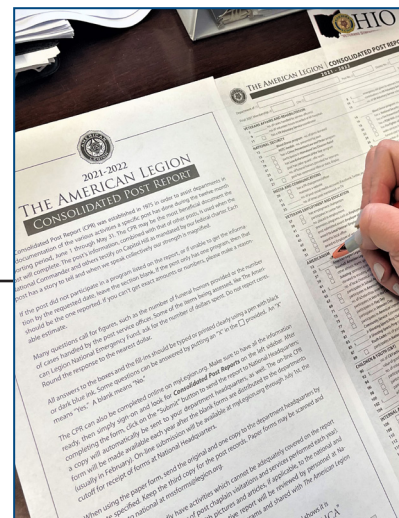
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23

Has employment Chairperson

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



41

Has Homeless Veterans Chairperson

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



30

Participates in Career Fairs

This number of Ohio Posts reported involvement or sponsorship in job/career fairs.



379

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.



28

No. placed in employment

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



3

No. placed in job training program

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



15

Promotes programs such as Employer of the Year

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



5

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 award: Employer of the disabled

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.



1

Award to Local Veterans' Employment Representative

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



3

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.



5

Award to local office

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



3

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.



1

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.



4

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.



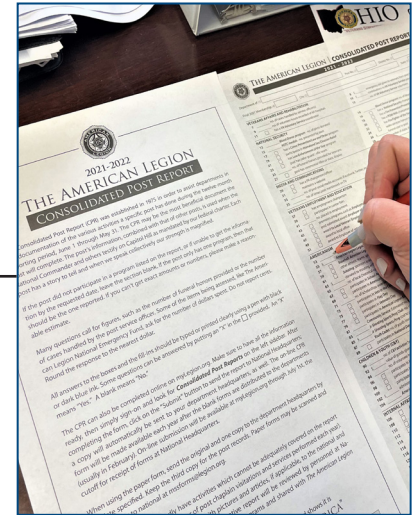
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676

Boys State: No. of boys sponsored

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

\$208,688

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.



\$56,661

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.



25

Participates in citizenship/naturalization activities

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



66

Baseball: American Legion Baseball team sponsored

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

\$216,080

Cost of Baseball team sponsorship

The total reported costs of all Junior and Senior Baseball teams, including registration and insurance.



107

Other Athletic Teams sponsored

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

\$161,475

Total cost of Other Teams

The total reported cost of all other sponsored athletic teams.



105

Scouting: sponsors scout unit(s)

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



1,828

No. of youths in Legion Scouting

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

\$106,692

Donated to scouting activities

Amount of money donated towards scouting activities.



19

Oratorical Contest: sponsored local contest

The number of local Oratorical Contests sponsored by Posts.



48

No. of local Oratorical contestants

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

\$5,925

Oratorical cost to Post

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



110

Participates 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.



289

No. of awards presented

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



33

Participates in American Education Week

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

\$14,704

Cost of American Education Week

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



559

No. of scholarships awarded

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

\$384,953

Cost of scholarship awards

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



60

Participates in Vets in the Classroom

53 Ohio Posts participated in recognizing veterans that continued their service and either volunteer or work in education.

\$2,983

Vets in the Classroom cost to post

Amount of money all Ohio American Legion Posts have spent on recognizing Veterans in the classroom.



227

Participates in Flag Day

Number of Posts that participate in Flag Day activities.



50

Participates in Get Out The Vote

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



361

Participates in Veterans Day

Number of Posts that participate in Veterans Day activities.



361

Participates in Memorial Day

Number of Posts that participate in Memorial Day activities.



161

Participates in American Legion Birthday

Number of Posts that participate in American Legion Birthday activities.



117

Participates in Four Chaplains Sunday

Number of Posts that participate in Four Chaplain Sunday activities.



49,965

Community Service: Estimated No. of hours of service

The reported estimated number of hours that Ohio Legionnaires and Posts spent doing community service.

\$286,364

Community Service Cost to Posts

The amount of money Posts spent/donated to their communities.



7

Jr Shooting Sports Program: No. of Clubs

Number of Posts participating in Junior Shoot Sports.



166

Jr Shooting Sports Program: No. of Youths involved

Number of youths involved in American Legion Junior Shooting Sports.

\$6,260

Jr Shooting Sports Program Cost to Post

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



1

Participates in Youth Cadet Law Enforcement

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



8

Youth Cadet: No. of Youths involved

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

\$0

Youth Cadet: Cost to Post

The amount of money it costs all Ohio American Legion Posts to participate in Youth Cadet Law Enforcement activities.



51

Participates in National Day of Prayer

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





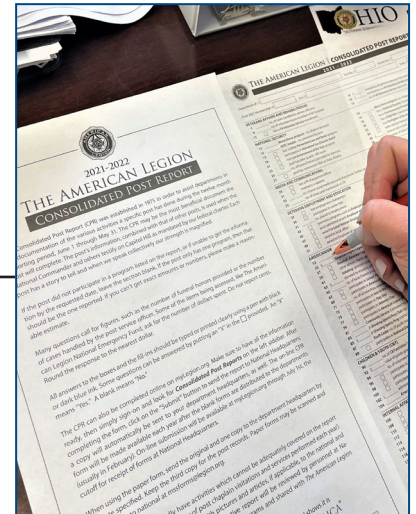
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514

No. of C&Y activities held

Number of Children and Youth Activities held by all Ohio Posts.

\$270,358

Cash aid given to benefit children

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

\$173,490

Value of goods given to children (reasonable estimate)

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



5,009

No. of children given aid (cash or goods)

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



8,418

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

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



73

Participates in Halloween Safety

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



36

Participates in Health & Child Safety

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



26

Participates in April is C&Y Month

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



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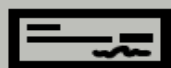
Participates in National Family Week

Number of Posts that participate in National Family Week.

\$59,984

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.



33

Participates in Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

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

\$20,550

TFA: Cost to Post

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

\$42,033

Administrative Costs (paper, equipment, etc.)

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

\$104,280

Cost of all other child service charities

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



8,230

American Legion Veteran & Children Foundation

Number of Ohio Legionnaires involved with the Veterans and Children Foundation.

\$6,035

Veteran & Children Foundation: Cost to Post

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

Today's American Legion is as focused on the welfare of our country's children 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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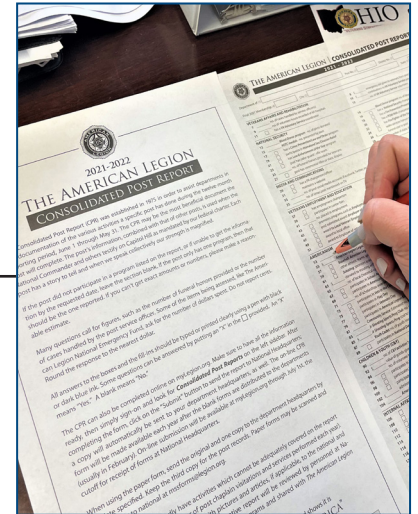
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97

American Legion Riders: has Riders group

This represents the number of Ohio Posts that reported supporting an ALR group and/or chapter. (131 official Chapters)



2,196

No. of Legion family members in Riders group

This is the reported number of Ohio Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary members participating in the ALR program. (roughly estimated 4,200 official ALR family members).



50

Participated in Legion Riders Legacy Run

This represents the participants involved with Legacy Run – the primary fundraiser for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

\$14,480

Legacy Run: Cost to Post

One of the main fundraisers; this is the amount Ohio Posts donated to support the Legacy Run and the Legacy Scholarship Fund.



231

Sons of American Legion: has Squadron

This number represents the number of Ohio Posts reporting a belonging, established, and active Squadron. (307 actual Sqds.)



22,223

Sons of American Legion: no of Sons in Squadron

This number represents Ohio Posts reporting new, established, and active SAL members. (30,932 members total as of June 30th)



29

Participate in National Emergency Fund

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

\$19,030

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 diasaster and tragedy.



5

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.

\$0

American Legion Amateur Radio Club: Cost to Post

This is the reported amount that Ohio Post Radio Clubs incurred in radio broadcasting and voice media resources.



190

Participated in Buddy Check

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



6,083

Number of members contacted

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



108

Participated in Veterans Service Days

This is the reported number of Ohio Posts that held events with Veteran Service Officers and fellow veterans voicing concerns on veterans' issues.



519

Number of events hosted

This is the reported number of Ohio Post events held with veteran services being at the focus.



36

Participates in Operation Comfort Warriors

This is the reported number of Ohio Posts that participate in Operation Comfort Warriors.

\$667,237

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.



34,654

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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