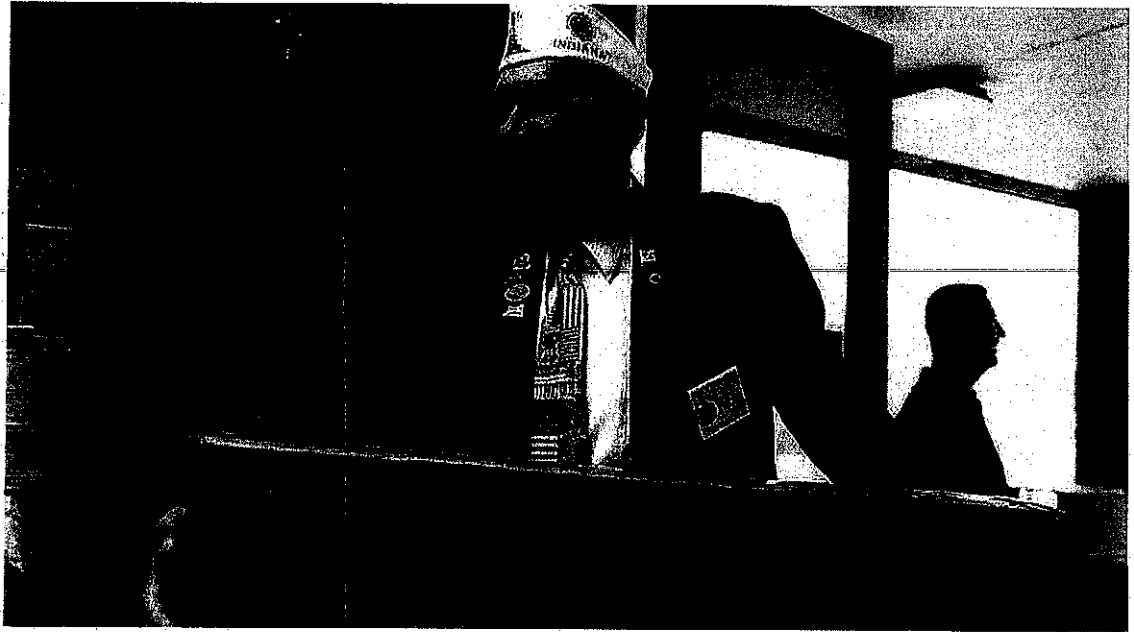




# JANUARY 2020 MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT

A Report from American Legion National Headquarters



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

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

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

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

# \$192,000

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



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

# \$7,600

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# MOMENT IN HISTORY



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



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Millions of dollars in donations for the Peter J. Courtney Award and Legion Post 176 in Phoenix, Arizona, was announced with 15 recipients in 2012, in honor of Army Col. Peter J. Courtney, who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2009. The post gives members who donate their time and money, including American Legion Boys' State, Charitable Contribution and school outreach.



# \$176,582

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