LEGION COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

- "To educate members of The American Legion Family in the policies, procedures and standards of conduct required to strengthen and preserve this organization. With particular emphasis on Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth"

Our Mission

To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. The American Legion's vision statement is "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America." The American Legion's value principles are as follows:

A VETERAN IS A VETERAN - which means The American Legion embraces all current and former members of the military and endeavors to help them transition into their communities.

SELFLESS SERVICE - which means The American Legion celebrates all who contribute to something larger than themselves and inspires others to serve and strengthen America.

AMERICAN VALUES AND PATRIOTISM - which means The American Legion advocates for upholding and defending the United States Constitution, equal justice and opportunity for everyone and discrimination against no one, youth education, responsible citizenship and honoring military service by observing and participating in memorial events.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - which means The American Legion meets the unique needs of local communities.

ADVANCING THE VISION - which means The American Legion educates, mentors and leads new generations of Americans.

HONOR THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US - which means The American Legion pays perpetual respect for all past military sacrifices to ensure they are never forgotten by new generations.

Sons of The American Legion (SAL)

- Founded in 1932, the Sons of The American Legion (SAL) exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

SAL members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Members of The American Legion (TAL), American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), and SAL comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 3 million.

Although SAL has its own membership, the organization is not a separate entity. Rather, the SAL is a program of The American Legion. Many Legionnaires hold dual membership in SAL.

American Legion Riders

- American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veteran’s homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.
- Currently, over 110,000 American Legion Riders meet in over 2,000 chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries.

The American Legion's motto is "Veterans Strengthening America."

How Do We Strengthen America?

$12.5 million

Approximate amount raised by American Legion Riders through their annual American Legion Legacy Scholarship Run between 2006 and 2021 to provide college scholarships to children of military personnel who died in action or became 50% or greater service-connected disabled since 9/11

$1.1 million

Amount in non-repayable American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance grants awarded to junior enlisted U.S. Coast Guard personnel with children at home in January 2019 when a government shutdown delayed their pay by over a month

30,000

Approximate number of American Legion members who volunteer at VA health-care facilities each year

750,000

Minimum number of VA disability claim cases in process at any one time, all the time, with free representation from accredited American Legion service officers

$8 million

Approximate amount in American Legion National Emergency Fund grants issued to veterans who have endured devastating losses caused by natural disasters since the NEF was established in 1989

4.4 million

Approximate number of volunteer community service hours recorded each year by American Legion posts