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Appeals court rules against Soledad cross

A federal appeals court ruled the memorial on public land in San Diego is an unconstitutional sign of government favoring religion. | [Read more](#)



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THE BIG Q

With regard to the Mt. Soledad Memorial, can a Latin Cross represent a secular message?



Legion launches women veterans survey

Only 25 percent of female veterans use the VA health-care system. The American Legion wants to know why.

[Read more](#) | [Take the survey](#)

This week's top headlines

- **Emerge from the red in 2011**
- **Membership on the agenda for M&PA meeting in Indianapolis**
- **Small-business workshop set for Jan. 18**
- **Federal surplus items available to Legion**
- **Millions in unclaimed funds for veterans**
- **Legion: Reverse stand on TBI treatment**
- **Legion hosting small-business forum Jan. 11**
- **Opening your doors to the military**
- **2010 Boys Nation yearbook available**
- **Job-seeking veterans go green**
- **Tribe tries to end confiscation of sacred tobacco**

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U.S. Constitution

Is the Constitution a "Sacred Text" for a secular government?

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LEGIONTOWN USA



Stewartville, Mo.

On Dec. 18, the Robinson-Beeching Post 508 was packed with local children and their parents eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. [Read more >>](#)

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SAL Radio

- **Legion makes difference with claims appeals**



Two members of a NY Sons squadron discover a little media outreach can land some big on-air interviews.

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Arizona shootings: When is speculation acceptable?

Initial news reports claimed Arizona gunman was an Afghanistan veteran. He is not. Moreover, read what role vets actually played in the shooting.

Help improve women veterans' VA benefits

TAKE OUR SURVEY

Results will help the Legion refine outreach methods, enhance testimony to Congress and improve women veterans' benefits, programs and services.

THE BIG Q

Does the shooting of Gabrielle Giffords and others in Arizona suggest a need for stricter gun control laws?



Flag amendment introduced in House

Legion family members are encouraged to contact their U.S. representatives and urge them to sign on as co-sponsors of the recently introduced flag amendment. [Click here](#) to contact your elected officials.

[Read more](#) | [Visit CFA website](#)

This week's top headlines

- Read what The American Legion did for you this week
- 'Fifth pillar' of the Legion, PNC Geiger passes away
- Operation Comfort Warriors in California for gift-giving trip
- Michael Peterson returns to Iraq for the 2010 Christmas holiday
- A review of the 111th Congress
- Student ordered to remove U.S. flag from bike tours D.C.
- Jobless rate among young vets climbs
- Survey to help vets and VA battle backlog open until March 1
- Legion praises Constitution reading on House floor

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Sports-service synergy

Demophilus explains the fundamental link between sports and service members

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THIS AIN'T HELL

Phony veteran

N.C. veteran organizations bust a man panhandling at Wal-Mart claiming to be a decorated veteran.

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Developing a fiscal budget

Follow these steps to help set up a household budget for 2011.

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Commander Foster meets with Shinseki in D.C.
VA secretary provides national commander with progress report on several vital issues. | [View video](#)



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THE BIG Q *How well do you know the Constitution?
Finish this sentence: The United States Electoral College...*



2011 Legacy Run registration underway
Registration forms are now available for the 2011 American Legion Legacy Run, which will begin in Indianapolis on Aug. 21 and culminate Aug. 25 in Minneapolis, the site of the 2011 American Legion National Convention.
[Read more](#) | [Download form](#) | [2010 photos](#) | [Videos](#)

This week's top headlines

- **First 2011 Freedom Car race in Florida**
- **How is your VA Regional Office handling your claim?**
- **Taking on the unemployment crisis**
- **Officer of year awards deadline approaching**
- **Read what the Legion did for you this week**
- **Legion attends deployment stress briefing**
- **Commentary: War against al-Qaida, Taliban carries U.S. into Yemen**
- **Legion radio PSAs available on CD**
- **American Legion hosts VET-Force meeting**
- **Vet homelessness a topic at conference**

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How well do you know the U.S. Constitution?
You may be surprised how well politicians know it... or don't.
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Wounded Warriors, football and true heroism
Read about these

Americans stepping up to help our troops.
[Read more](#)

LEGION TV

OCW in San Diego
Chula Vista Post 434 coordinated a

- **Recovering Warrior task force meets**
- **UFC Fight Night: Find out how to watch "Fight for the Troops 2"**



donation campaign to the Wounded Warrior Battalion West at Camp Pendleton. **WATCH NOW**



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Focusing on post-traumatic stress

Legion briefed on Department of Labor's PTS, TBI initiative | [Read more](#)
Should the public drop the D from PTSD? | [Weigh in](#)

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Should post-traumatic stress include the word "disorder"?



Legion, USAA roll out co-branded credit card

The American Legion and USAA are providing a co-branded credit card to Legionnaires that will help fund Legion programs.

[Read more](#) | [Get personal financial answers](#) | [Join USAA](#)

This week's top headlines

- **Four Chaplains memorial services, Feb. 6**
- **Department of Labor creates PTS initiatives to help educate employers**
- **MLB All-Star tickets open to public**
- **Saving \$1 million while serving in the military is possible**
- **Legion's D.C. staff stands down for homeless vets**
- **Legion encourages banks to review military lending practices**
- **Veteran-owned small businesses encouraged to think globally**
- **Vermont baseball team participated in community service project**
- **Legion attends VA caregiver meeting**
- **Pentagon advisor praises Legion's troop-support efforts**

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Seamless transition? Not for LCPL Anestis

Widow files suit, claiming a VA medical facility turned away her husband when he sought psychiatric help hours before he took his own life. [Read more >>](#)

LEGIONTOWN USA



Bartow, Fla.

"Post 3 exemplifies the idea of giving back to the local community," said Nancy Thomas, District 7 Commander. [Read more >>](#)

LEGION TV

Commander's Far East tour
Foster's trip included visits to South Korea, Taiwan, Guam and Hawaii.

- Department of Defense launches virtual PTS website
- Legion lauds White House families focus



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