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**THE BIG Q** *Did Wednesday's debate between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney affect your voting plans?*



**A moment in time**  
When did The American Legion begin campaigning for U.S. voter turnout?  
[See the answer](#)




**Daniel Rodriguez**  
*Iraq and Aghanistan Combat Veteran*

**COP Keating vet nominated for award**  
Daniel Rodriguez, who accomplished his dream by making the Clemson football team after battling post-traumatic stress syndrome, is nominated for the 2012 USAA Athletic Inspiration Award for Courage in Sports.  
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- Boys State leaders talk best practices
- Fall NEC meetings to be streamed live
- Post softball team wins world title
- Legion attends homeless housing summit
- Young Marines gives youth self-worth
- Legion: Pay interest on delayed vets' claims
- Military absentee ballot requests plummet from 2008
- Nation's heroes gather to remember fallen comrades



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**THE BIG Q**

*Should service members considered at risk for suicide be denied gun ownership?*



### A moment in time

How many U.S. presidents have received the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal?  
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### RIP CSM Basil Plumley

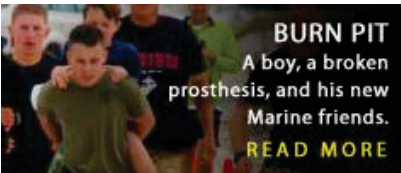
Retired veteran whose book became 'We Were Soldiers' movie, dies in Georgia. He was 92. [Read more](#)

### This week's headlines

- TRICARE switching to electronic payments
- MEMBERSHIP: Teamwork pays off in California
- Oratorical participant pays it forward
- American Legion seeks mobile app users
- Head to the polls Nov. 6
- The Reinvention of Legionville
- Boys State leaders talk best practices
- Fall NEC meetings to be streamed live
- See what the Legion is doing for you



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**Koutz stresses importance of military voting**  
National commander stresses the need for absentee ballots to be cast and correctly counted. [Read more](#)

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**THE BIG Q** *What was the main cause of the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya?*



**A moment in time**  
How long has The American Legion Dispatch been providing news and information to Legion leadership?  
[See the answer](#)



**Roosevelt to lead Legion centennial**  
Ted Roosevelt IV will help The American Legion celebrate its 100th birthday over the next seven years. [Read more](#)

**This week's headlines**

- See what the Legion is doing for you
- Membership goal, OCW highlight Fall Meetings
- History contest winners announced
- Legion aims for all-time membership high
- CWF awards \$734,220 in grants
- World War II Monopoly game on sale
- Other countries growing weary of Tehran
- Union-backed program puts veterans to work
- White House, Congress didn't do their job
- Legion schedules SWS site visits
- Education Week brochure provides ways posts can support youth

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Koutz announces resolution to extend contract with Shelby for World Series  
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## No debate over Legion credentialing campaign

Presidential contenders see eye-to-eye on credentialing, licensing issue.  
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## THE BIG Q

*The Department of Defense has categorized the 2009 Ft. Hood shooting as workplace violence and not terrorism. Do you agree with that determination?*



## A moment in time

What Washington institution did the Legion, and its first national historian, help push into being?

[See the answer](#)



## Ft. Hood: Terrorism or murder?

The Pentagon now says it will not reclassify the Fort Hood shootings as a terrorist attack over concern about biasing the case against the gunman. **Your thoughts?**

## This week's headlines

- Legion College under way Oct. 28
- Posts encouraged to reach out to SVA chapters
- OCW Facebook page launched
- Fall Meetings resolutions available
- Veterans Day 2012 materials available
- A tribute to Vietnam servicemembers
- Learn about Junior Law Cadet
- Nine students receive \$20,000 scholarships
- Legion mandates background checks
- CWF awards \$734,220 in grants
- Legion aims for all-time membership high
- See what the Legion is doing for you

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Romney in debate:  
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