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From VA claims to baseball games

The Legion pushed legislation, made membership management more convenient, provided comfort to wounded troops and more in 2011. [Read](#)

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What do you think of the president's plan for a "leaner" military?



A moment in time

Who received the Legion's first posthumous Distinguished Service Medal?

[See the answer](#)



National Guard gets JCS spot

The 2012 Defense Bill gives a seat at the table with the Pentagon's top brass.

[Read both sides](#) | [Legion applauds](#)

This week's headlines

- VA to host career fair Jan. 18 in D.C.
- M&PA Committee to meet in Indianapolis
- Legion takes part in Military Bowl
- Expanded Veterans' Group Life Insurance available
- Posts take advantage of Flag Rewards
- **FINANCIAL CENTER:** Stick to plan in 2012
- **CWF:** Comfort from a canine friend
- Legion to evaluate VA's homelessness progress
- Legion staff make a warm donation
- Online baseball registration underway
- Legion, Freedom Car part ways
- Defense bill controls fee increases

Legionnaire has played Taps for same post since before WW II.

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Medal of Honor recipient and WWII vet, Mike Colalillo dies at 86.



Tell the Legion what your Post is doing this holiday season.

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Religion and the service member

Atheist group seeks to ban "religious preference" from military documentation [Read more](#)

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THE BIG Q

Should the military be banned from asking servicemembers their religious affiliations?



D.C. job fair

Military spouses are invited to career and hiring forum at the Walter E. Washington Center; the Legion to have booth at event.

[Read more](#)



Legacy Run registration underway

The motorcycle ride will begin in New York and finish in Indianapolis. A three-day expo will follow.

[Read more](#) | [Register online](#)

This week's headlines

- See what the Legion did for you this week
- Membership strategy: Filling a need
- Legion meetings to focus on health care
- Financial Center: Top 10 cities to launch second career
- Membership: Who will fill the gap?
- VA extends Gulf War filing deadline
- Recognize youth in 2012
- SAL: Wreath laying ceremonies in D.C.
- 'Flag Rewards' program benefits posts
- BLOG: The military radio debacle
- Women's role in military outpaces medical care
- Intelligence study glum on Afghan war, at odds with DOD portrayal



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—
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Petitioner,
v.
XAVIER ALVAREZ,
Respondent.

Stolen Valor Act challenge goes to court Feb. 22

Will the Court uphold the constitutionality of military phonies? [Read](#)

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THE BIG Q

What best expresses your position on the decision to block the permit for construction of the Keystone Pipeline?



A moment in time

What U.S. publishing pioneer was one of the first editors of The American Legion Magazine?

[See the answer](#)



Career fair held for military spouses

More than 1,100 military spouses attended a Washington, D.C. career fair that was organized specifically for them.

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This week's headlines

- Legion disappointed over pipeline denial
- Homeless veterans 'stand down' on Jan. 21
- Business conference registration open
- Emblem Sales baseball catalog available
- Get discount tickets to NBA game
- View the Legion's new Digital Archive
- See what the Legion did for you this week
- What are your health-care concerns?
- Commentary: U.N. never ceases to disappoint its supporters
- To revive a post
- Emblem Sales catalog includes 50 new items



Military atheists respond to controversial Burn Pit blog piece.

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OCW donations arrive at Lewis-McChord

Department of Washington Legionnaires, national staff distribute nearly \$50,000 worth of donations through Operation Comfort Warriors. [Read](#)

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THE BIG Q

With the State of the Union speech now delivered, do you expect any of the priorities to become law between now and elections?



A moment in time

Which Legion founder is considered a grandfather of the CIA?

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'Three days in August'

How a Special Forces Medic was railroaded by German protection laws. [Read more](#)

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- Event reaches out to D.C.-area homeless veterans
- New VA claims plan must put care first
- Business conference registration open
- Legion staffers guests at State of the Union address
- VA benefits recipients get COLA increase
- VA expands Agent Orange ship list
- Feb. 8 is the 85-percent membership target date
- Thousands attend D.C. vets job fair
- Legion to Congress: Avoid future DoD cuts
- PTS-TBI Committee prepared to carry on its work

Low error rate in national cemeteries

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Tips for a successful military transition

SEAL rescue against Somali Pirates.

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