The American Legion

The American Legion is an American war veterans’ organization headquartered in Indianapolis. It is made up of state, U.S. territory, and overseas departments, and these are in turn made up of local posts. The legislative body of The American Legion is a national convention, held annually.

The Legion is the country’s largest wartime veterans service organization with nearly 2 million members and more than 12,000 posts in communities throughout America. The American Legion, established by an act of Congress on Sept. 16, 1919, was instrumental in getting the original GI Bill through Congress and the creation of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Today, the organization is active throughout the United States, supporting current military personnel and veterans, sponsoring American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical Contests and other activities for youth, and pushing for the adoption of a constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration of the U.S. flag.

The American Legion’s 12th District, Department of Texas, is one of 23 Districts in the state. District 12 includes 15 Posts in the greater Tarrant County area. Each Post has a team of one or more Legion Family organizations working together – veterans helping veterans.

The American Legion is comprised of veterans from all service branches – the American Legion Auxiliary is comprised of female relatives of veterans; Sons of the American Legion are male descendants and the American Legion Riders are motorcycle enthusiasts who are also members of these organizations.

Although each element is a separate entity with its own charter and by-laws, they work as a Post Family by supporting activities and programs of each organization, other posts, communities across North Texas, the state and nation.

For more information about the American Legion, visit https://www.legion.org

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