American Legion World Series

2019 Media Guide and Record Book
2019 World Series schedule

THURSDAY – AUGUST 15
Game 1 – 10:00am – Southeast vs. Great Lakes
Game 2 – 1:00pm – Mid-South vs. Western
Game 3 – 4:00pm – Central Plains vs. Northwest
Game 4 – 7:30pm – Northeast vs. Mid-Atlantic

FRIDAY – AUGUST 16
Game 5 – 4:00pm – Great Lakes vs. Western
Game 6 – 7:00pm – Southeast vs. Mid-South
Off day
Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Central Plains, Northwest

SATURDAY – AUGUST 17
Game 7 – 1:00pm – Northwest vs. Northeast
Game 8 – 4:00pm – Mid-Atlantic vs. Central Plains
Game 9 – 7:30pm – Southeast vs. Western
Off day – Mid-South, Great Lakes

SUNDAY – AUGUST 18
Game 10 – 1:00pm – Mid-South vs. Great Lakes
Game 11 – 4:00pm – Northeast vs. Central Plains
Game 12 – 7:30pm – Mid-Atlantic vs. Northwest
Off day – Southeast, Western

MONDAY – AUGUST 19
Game 13 – 4:00pm – Stars winner vs. Stripes runner-up
Game 14 – 7:00pm – Stripes winner vs. Stars runner-up

TUESDAY – AUGUST 20 – CHAMPIONSHIP DAY
Game 15 – 6:30pm – winners from games 13 and 14

Welcome to the 2019 American Legion World Series

Welcome to the 2019 American Legion World Series in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina. Shelby is the home of America’s premier youth baseball program and is played at Veterans Field – Keeter Stadium on the campus of Shelby High School. Over 125,000 fans turned out for the 2018 ALWS that produced one of the Legion’s most classic championship games.

Upstart Wilmington, DE Post One scored in the bottom of the eighth inning to knock of tradition-rich Las Vegas, NV, 1-0.

For media covering the Series, It will be our pleasure to serve you in the press box with up-to-date statistics, game notes and box scores.

For additional information, feel free to ask.
Your friends in the press box.

JJ Guinozzo, Joanne McClellan, David Grose
2019 National Tournament Rules and Policies

These rules are not comprehensive and only are the rules and policies relevant to media and guests. For complete rules and policies, please see the tournament director.

INTRODUCTION

Since 1925, The American Legion has sponsored youth baseball as a national program for the primary purpose of teaching good sportsmanship (win or lose), teamwork and good citizenship, while providing competitive supervised recreation. Listed on the next several pages are various tournament rules and policies of The American Legion. These policies and rules are reviewed and approved annually by the National Americanism Commission. The Commission is a group of American Legion volunteers from many different Departments (states) who give of their time and service to supervise the youth programs of The American Legion.

All National Tournaments will be played under the policies and rules established by the National Americanism Commission. All disputes and questions shall be referred to the on-site National Tournament Director appointed by the National Commander. Any situations not specifically covered by National Rules or the tournament regulations will be referred to the National Americanism Division, whose decision shall be final.

It is important that the coaching staff read and understand these instructions, tournament rules and policies. There are many policies which are designed to provide for the safety of the players and also provide a level playing field.

AMERICAN LEGION FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The American Legion is the only youth program that provides for team transportation, meals, housing and several other tournament expenses at the national Regional and World Series.

In total The American Legion will spend over $1 million dollars hosting these tournaments and we want to share this information with you and the parents. No other youth baseball organization provides for transportation on to their national regional tournaments. Many of these youth organizations require the teams to pay all costs. Several of the other youth baseball programs will charge a large fee for your team to participate in their tournaments.
TOURNAMENT RULES and POLICIES

1. Teams competing in American Legion Baseball senior national tournaments must have nine players available for participation at a national tournament at all times. Teams with fewer than 12 players are permitted to transfer players registered on their affiliated junior American Legion Baseball team roster to the senior team in order to have 12 players. Any senior team that does not have nine players will forfeit its right to participate and the National Americanism Division, in consultation with the Department Baseball Chairman, shall determine a suitable replacement team. (National Rule 9.K.)

2. All Americanism Commission supervised tournaments will be eight team double elimination tournaments with the exception for the American Legion World Series.

3. Regional competition will include the host team and seven (7) teams determined by state playoffs. The World Series shall consist of the eight regional championship teams.

5. No team shall be required to play more than two games in one day.

6. Playing days may begin after 8:00 a.m. local time.

7. No tournament game shall start after 11:00 p.m. local time.

8. All State, Regional and World Series games are seven (7) innings. 10-Run mercy rule after five innings of play or 4 ½ innings if the home team has the last at-bat.

9. All games shall be played in accordance with National Rule 1 of the American Legion Baseball Rulebook.

10. Official Baseball Rules - Designated Hitter (DH) rule (pitcher only) will be used in tournament play as outlined in the Official Rules of Baseball.

11. The American Legion does NOT permit any type of re-entry rule during tournament play.

12. The American Legion does NOT permit courtesy runners during tournament play.

13. Suspended games will be completed from the point of suspension.
   a. A suspended game completed on a second day will not count toward the two games in one-day rule. Teams that complete a suspended game can still play an additional two (2) full games.

14. In the case of rain, games may be moved to other locations at the discretion of the Tournament Director on site. Note: American Legion tournaments have a time limitation, and Tournament Directors must make every effort to complete tournaments on time. The Tournament Director has additional instructions for rain delayed tournaments.

15. The pitch count rule will be observed throughout all levels of tournament play (Department, Regional, and World Series). The winning team traveling to the next level of play must comply with the required rest days.

16. Once American Legion Baseball national tournaments begin (State Tournament through World Series play) no player can participate in another amateur baseball event. (National Rule 6.D.)
HOME/VISITORS DETERMINATION

To determine Home/Visitors for double elimination and pool play games 1 through 12:
1. A coin toss will determine Home/Visitors for all games. A daily coin flip will be conducted at the morning coaches meeting.

To determine Home/Visitors for double elimination games 13 and 14, and pool play semifinals:
1. The undefeated team in double elimination will have choice of Home/Visitors.
2. The divisional champion in each pool will have choice of Home/Visitors.

To determine Home/Visitors for double elimination and pool play championship game 15:
1. In double elimination play, a coin toss will determine the Home/Visitors.
2. If both semifinal winners are divisional champions, a coin toss will determine the Home/Visitors.
3. If both semifinal winners are divisional runner-ups, a coin toss will determine the Home/Visitors.
4. If teams are from the same division in semifinal games, the divisional champion will have the choice of Home/Visitors.

GAME PROTESTS

Each tournament shall have a Tournament Rules and Protest Committee with at least three members. The Committee shall consist of the Tournament Director and two individuals, not affiliated with any team on the field. These members shall be appointed by the Tournament Director, who will chair the Committee. Protests will be handled and settled by the Tournament Rules and Protest Committee at the time they are lodged.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TIE BREAKER - Form #8

1. The American Legion is committed to giving each participating team an equal opportunity to win the tournament on the field. However, over the past nine decades we have experienced several game delays.
2. Rain, fog, hurricanes, power outages and other acts of God have required The American Legion and tournament personnel assigned to the tournament to take extraordinary measures to insure teams are given equal opportunity.
3. It must be understood that there are times in which a champion cannot be crowned on the field because of the weather. If rain or other acts of Mother Nature cause a serious delay in a game(s) or tournament. The Tournament Director is authorized to:
   a. Change the schedule and require teams to play games at a back-up facility.
   b. Move the tournament to another community (and ballpark) in order to complete the tournament.
4. If for unforeseen reasons we cannot crown a champion on the field of play or determine a “pool” winner, The American Legion will determine the winner by the following formula:

   If two teams remain:
   1. Head-to-head competition between teams
   2. Fewest runs allowed overall
   3. Most runs scored overall
   4. A coin flip

   If three or more teams remain:
   1. Fewest runs allowed overall
   2. Most runs scored overall
   3. Coin flip
PITCH COUNT RULE – National Rule 1.R.

1. No Player may pitch more than a total of 105 pitches per day.

2. No Player may make more than two (2) appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three (3) day period.

3. If a player returns as a pitcher in the game, he will be charged with another appearance.

4. No Player may enter the game as a pitcher unless having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in the chart below.

5. Any pitcher may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher is automatically removed AS A PITCHER when a coach makes a second trip to the mound in the same inning, and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game. Penalty for violating this rule by reinserting a pitcher: Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire in chief before the last out of the game.

6. American Legion Baseball does not follow Official Baseball Rule 5.10(m) – Limitation on the Number of Mound Visits per Game.

7. A day is defined as 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.
George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year

For over 25 years, George W. Rulon was the heart and soul of the American Legion baseball program. For his dedicated and loyal service to the legion program, the legion’s Player Of The Year award has been named in his honor.

The announcement came from the Legion’s national commander Dale L. Renaud in a surprise presentation during the pre-tournament Banquet of Champions prior to the 1986 American Legion World Series in Rapid City, South Dakota. Rulon was very much surprised and somewhat emotional but not to those who follow youth baseball. It was a fitting tribute and honor to Rulon for a program he faithfully directed for a quarter century. Rulon died in January 1989, but his memory remains strong in the program he loved.

The yearly recipient of the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year annually attends the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The player is honored in pre-game ceremonies at the Hall of Fame’s Classic game at Cooperstown’s Doubleday Field.

While the selection of the Rulon award is made on the basis of playing ability, integrity, attitude, cooperation, citizenship, sportsmanship and general good conduct. The ALWS all-tournament committee selects the Rulon award from its all-tournament team members.

The 2018 recipient was Chris Ludman, pitcher from the championship Wilmington DE team. In two starts at the ALWS, he went 2-0 and pitched 15 innings while not allowing a run. He gave up just seven hits (three and four) and collected eight strikeouts. He was masterful against Las Vegas in the championship game that included an extra inning shutout win.

Previous recipients:
1950 – J.W. Porter, C, Oakland CA Post 337
1951 – Grover Jones Jr., C, White Plains NY Post 135
1952 – Russell Nixon, C, Cincinnati OH Post 50
1953 – Charles Lindstrom, P, Winnetka IL Post 10
1954 – Billy Capps, 3B, San Diego CA Post 492
1955 – Frank Birri, 3B, Cincinnati OH Post 216
1956 – Jim Harwell, P, New Orleans LA Post 345
1957 – Fred Fox, 3B, Cincinnati OH Post 50
1958 – Kiebler James, P/SS, Greenwood SC Post 20
1959 – Fred Bowen Jr., SS, Detroit MI Post 187
1960 – Dick Roniger, P, New Orleans LA Post 125
1961 – Jim Gerber, SS, Cincinnati OH Post 554
1962 – Bill Matan Jr., C, St. Louis MO Post 229
1963 – Dick Dash, 2B, Long Beach CA Post 27
1964 – Rollie Fingers, P/OF, Upland CA Post 73
1965 – Ken Fila, P, Omaha NE Post 1
1966 – Billy Parker Jr., OF, Tuscaloosa AL Post 34
1967 – Ray Larson, C, Northbrook IL Post 791
1968 – Donnie Castle, P/OF, Memphis TN Post 1
1969 – John Adeimy, SS, W. Palm Beach FL Post 12
1970 – Carroll Watts, SS, Tulsa OK Post 1
1971 – Randolph Haas, OF, West Covina CA Post 790
1972 – Michael Murphy, P/OF, Ballwin MO Post 611
1973 – Tucker Ashford, SS, Memphis TN Post 1
1974 – Edwin Lopez, OF, Rio Piedras PR Post 146
1975 – Dave Elder, P/OF, Yakima WA Post 36
1976 – Gus Malespin, OF, Metairie LA Post 175
1977 – Bill Schell, SS, South Bend IN Post 50
1978 – Ross Jones, 1B, Hialeah FL Post 32
1979 – Pat Allen, 2B, Yakima WA Post 36
1980 – Tom Gil, OF, Hialeah FL Post 32
1981 – David Magadan, 3B/P, W. Tampa FL Post 248
1982 – Ivan Snyder, OF/P, Boyertown PA Post 471
1983 – Mike Hollaran, C, Edina MN Post 471
1984 – Jorge Robles, SS, Guayanabo PR Post 134
1985 – Tris Lipscomb, P/2B, Midlothian VA Post 186
1986 – Joe Grahe, P, Jensen Beach FL Post 126
1987 – Wilbur Stout, C, Boyertown PA Post 471
1988 – Mike Kessler, 1B/P, Cincinnati OH Post 507
1989 – Del Marine, C, Woodland Hills CA Post 826
1990 – Mark Foster, P/OF, May MD Post 226
1991 – Ryan Beeley, SS, Newark OH Post 85
1992 – David Lamb, SS, Newport Park CA
1993 – Ben Thomas, 1B/P, Rapid City SD Post 22
1994 – Fernando Rodriguez, P, Miami FL Post 346
1995 – Jason Adar, P/1B, Aiea HI
1996 – Christian Bourgeois, 1B, Gonzales LA Post 81
1997 – Nate Philo, CF, Medford OR Post 15
1998 – Chad Opel, SS, Edwardsville IL Post 199
1999 – Jeremy Roberts, OF, Rison AR Post 83
2000 – Josh Zender, P/OF, Blaine WA Post 86
2001 – Jay Threat, P/1B, Adrian MI Post 275
2002 – Ty Henkaline, P, Sidney OH Post 217
2003 – Jared Willis, 2B/SS, Logan WV Post 19
2004 – Nolan Gallagher, P, Red Lodge, MT
2005 – Fernando Irizarry, C, Cidra PR Post 76
2006 – Joseph Walsh, C, Weymouth MA Post 79
2007 – Blaine Drozd, P, Geona NE Post 263
2008 – Patrick Singletary, C, Henderson NC Post 77
2009 – Tyler Jacobson, IF/P, Pulaski WI Post 337
2010 – Charlie Drozd, C, Geona NE Post 263
2011 – Blake Schmit, SS, Eden Prairie MN
2012 – Emerson Gibb, P, New Orleans LA Post 125
2013 – Anthony Harrold, 1B, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
2014 – Sean Breen, 2B, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
2015 – Justin Hawkins, SS, Chapin-Newberry SC
2016 – Will Smith, C, Texarkana AR
2017 – Shane Spencer, P, Henderson NV Post 40
2018 – Chris Ludman, P, Wilmington DE Post 1
James F. Daniel Jr. Sportsmanship Award

This award was first presented at The American Legion World Series in 1956 and was named in honor of James F. Daniel in 1960. Daniel was the chairman of the Legion's Americanism Commission and was from Greenville, South Carolina. The 2018 recipient was Dubuque County IA Post 137 pitcher Sam Goodman. It was the first entry by an Iowa team at the World Series since 1986, who posted a 1.69 ERA in the Series.

Previous recipients:
1956 – Bill Oerding, Roseburg OR Post 16
1957 – Karl Haag, Portland OR Post 102
1958 – Scott Segre, Cincinnati OH Post 50
1960 – Robert Fry, Billings MT Post 4
1961 – Larry Staley, Phoenix AZ Post 1
1962 – John Matias, Honolulu HI Post 11
1963 – Oscar Brown, Long Beach CA Post 27
1964 – Joseph F. Moody III, Charlotte NC Post 9
1965 – William M. Oakley, Memphis TN Post 1
1966 – Buddy Plummer, Enid OK Post 4
1967 – Randall Ryan, Tuscaloosa AL Post 34
1968 – Lonnie Young, Timmonsville SC Post 47
1970 – Gil Stafford, Phoenix AZ Post 1
1971 – Michael L. Curran, Cedar Rapids IA Post 5
1972 – Mike Umfleet, Bellevue WA Post 158
1973 – Jose Ramon Lugo, Rio Piedras PR Post 146
1974 – Glenn Heard, Lake Oswego OR Post 92
1975 – Curtiss Becker, Cedar Rapids IA Post 5
1976 – Mike Boddicker, Cedar Rapids IA Post 5
1977 – Scott Benedict, West Palm Beach FL Post 12
1978 – John Maner, East Springfield MA Post 420
1979 – Steve Peterson, Barrington IL Post 158
1980 – Bob Melvin, Palo Alto CA Post 375
1981 – Keith Peterson, Bellevue WA
1982 – Mike Huffand, Kokomo IN Post 6
1983 – John Ludy, Boyertown PA Post 471
1984 – John McGgettigan, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
1985 – Bobby Jones, Sacramento CA
1986 – Tom Griffin, Las Vegas NV Post 8
1987 – Brett Blechschmidt, Vancouver WA Post 176
1988 – Peter Rose Jr., Cincinnati OH Post 507
1989 – Andy Sheets, Gonzales LA Post 81
1990 – Ricardo Otero, Bayamon PR Post 48
1991 – Jason Williams, Gonzales LA
1993 – Chad Stevenson, Las Vegas NV Post 8
1994 – Erick Gomez, Chino CA Post 299
1995 – Woody Health, Bellevue WA
1996 – Andy Hoffman, Midland MI Post 165
1997 – Andy Neufeld, Sanford FL Post 53
1998 – Ralph Roberts, Cherryville NC Post 100
1999 – Timothy A. Bruseau Jr., Wood River Jct., RI Post 39
2000 – Julius Smith, Lewiston ID Post 13
2002 – Ronny Woods, Dothan AL Post 12
2003 – Michael Badger, Rochester MN Post 92
2004 – Ryan Reid, Portland ME Nov
2005 – Tyson Seng, Enid OK Post 4
2006 – Brady Shoemaker, Terre Haute IN Post 346
2007 – Holden Killen, Columbia TN Post 19
2008 – Paul Sewald, Las Vegas NV Post 76
2009 – Garrett Yatch, Midland MI Post 165
2010 – Blake Schmit, Eden Prairie MN
2011 – Brandon Woodruff, Tupelo MS Post 49
2012 – Brett Tenuto, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
2013 – Robbie Prokosh, Gonzales LA Post 81
2014 – Tanner Gross, Midland MI
2015 – Ben Hess, New Orleans LA
2016 – Logan Virdine, Texarkana AR
2017 – Will Hanafan, Omaha NE Post 1
2018 – Sam Goodman, Dubuque County IA Post 137

Bob Feller Pitching Award

The Bob Feller Pitching Award goes to the pitcher that records the highest number of strikeouts in national competition (national regional and World Series games). Feller was the first player inducted into the Baseball Hall Of Fame that played American Legion Baseball.

The 2018 recipient was Jimmy Gamboa of Las Vegas NV Post 40 with 25 strikeouts in regional and national competition.

Previous award winners:
1978 Glen Roe, Caldwell NJ .................................. 15
1979 Brian Keith Reams, Norwalk CA ......................... 26
1980 Sid Fernandez, Honolulu HI ............................. 55
1981 Scott Anderson, Bellevue WA .......................... 44
1982 Rob Wassenaar, Edina MN .............................. 34
1983 John Ludy, Boyertown PA ............................... 52
1984 Lino Rivera, Guayanabo PR ............................ 35
1985 Gregg Olson, Omaha NE ............................... 44
1986 Joe Grahe, Jensen Beach FL ............................ 52
1987 Stan Spencer, Vancouver WA ........................... 40
1988 Scott Klingenbeck, Cincinnati OH ..................... 36
1989 Jeff Thelen, Janesville WI .............................. 34
1990 Clifton Foster, Texarkana AR .......................... 32
1991 Bob Pailthorpe, Union City CA ......................... 33
1992 Tighe Curran, Newbury Park CA ....................... 35
1993 Ben Thomas, Rapid City SD ........................... 27
1994 Lance Franks, Russellville AR .......................... 30
1995 Woody Heath, Bellevue WA ............................. 48
1996 Ben Sheets, Gonzales LA ............................... 37
1997 Steve Bechler, Medford OR ............................. 37
1998 Ralph Roberts, Cherryville NC ......................... 41
1999 Steve Grasley, New Brighton MN ....................... 43
2000 Ben Thurmond, Columbia SC .......................... 47
2001 Chad Billingsley, Napoleon OH ......................... 43
2002 (tie) Josh Johnson, West Point MS .................... 34
(tie) Matt Skundrick, Medford OR .......................... 34
2003 Chris Mason, Cherryville NC ......................... 69
2004 Ryan Reid, Portland ME ................................. 29
2005 Tyler Cheney, Pasco WA ................................. 41
2006 Robby Broach, Metairie LA ............................. 30
2007 Aaron Davidson, Bryant AR ............................ 31
2008 Cade Lynch, Jonesboro AR ............................. 33
2009 Matt Stites, Festus MO ................................. 30
2010 Kevin Hill, Midwest City OK ........................... 35
2011 Colton Loomis, Midland MI ............................ 35
2012 Emerson Gibbs, New Orleans LA ...................... 26
2013 Mike Shawaryn, Brooklawn NJ ......................... 33
2014 Jake Meyers, Omaha NE ............................... 29
2015 Jordan Ragan, Medford OR ............................. 23
2016 Gerald Hein, Kennewick WA ........................... 24
2017 Jordan Patty, Midland MI ............................... 19
2018 Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV ........................ 25
Louisville Slugger Award

The batting champion of the American Legion World Series annually receives the Louisville Slugger Award. The Hillerich and Bradsby Company of Louisville have presented this award yearly since 1945. The award is based on the player compiling the highest batting average in national competition (national regional and World Series games). The 2018 recipient was Sam Link of Dubuque County, Iowa. He hit 555 going 15-of-17 in regional and World Series play.

Previous award winners:
1926 Jack McCormick, Yonkers NY........583
1927 no national tournament
1928 Elinor Sorenson, Oakland CA ..........500
1929 Billy Joyce, Buffalo NY.................490
1930 Herbert Newburg, Baltimore MD .......375
1931 Wally Holen, South Chicago IL ........400
1932 Jimmie Frache, New Orleans LA .......450
1933 Ted Swed, Chico CA .....................414
1934 Charley Clark, Cumberland MD ..........433
1935 Jerry Bertolini, Sacramento CA ......365
1936 Pete Fowler, Spartanburg SC ...........550
1937 Ray Bessom, East Lynn MA .............555
1938 Charles Cudd, Spartanburg SC ..........444
1939 Eddie Goralski, Berwyn IL ..............500
1940 Clyde Dick, Albermarle NC .............452
1941 Griff Hayes, San Diego CA ..............429
1942 John Mauch, Los Angeles CA ...........429
1943 Buzz Wheeler, Richfield MN ..........375
1944 Ralph Kraus, Cincinnati OH ..........412
1945 Lee Carrey, Tucson AZ ..................400
1946 Victor Kauffman, Cincinnati OH .......467
1947 George Moeller, Cincinnati OH ......500
1948 Don Hunter, Omaha NE .................397
1949 J.W. Porter, Oakland CA ...............551
1950 J.W. Porter, Oakland CA ...............448
1951 Grover Jones Jr., White Plains NY ....408
1952 Horace Tucker Jr., San Diego CA ......452
1953 Charles Selinger, Winnetka IL .........457
1954 (tie) Jim Galasso, San Diego CA ......375
(tie) Jack Hopper, Gastonia NC ............375
1955 Richard Hergenrader, Lincoln NE ......389
1956 Lawrence Goudy, St. Louis MO ........449
1957 Fred Fox, Cincinnati OH ...............412
1958 Kenneth Peters, Cincinnati OH .......420
1959 Louis Webb, Phoenix AZ.................478
1960 Robert Fry, Billings MT ...............417
1961 Kenneth McEwen, Omaha NE ............548
1962 Fred Balmer, Hampton VA .............553
1963 Jerry Mattingly, Evansville IN .......413
1964 Rollie Fingers, Upland CA .............450
1965 Roland Goulet, Berlin NH ..............542
1966 Ron Harris, Washington DC ............406
1967 Joseph Cherico, Wilmington Manor DE ....514
1968 M.A. Dominguez, San Antonio TX .......409
1969 John Adeimy, West Palm Beach FL .....513
1970 R.L. Brown, Phoenix AZ ...............429
1971 R.D. Walton, Phoenix AZ ...............548
1972 Keith Kaurez, Memphis TN ............583
1973 Carlos Rodriguez, Rio Piedras PR ......435
1974 Edwin Lopez, Rio Piedras, PR ........433
1975 Arnulfo Camacho, San Juan PR .......417
1976 David Stokes, Metairie LA .............402
1977 Bill Schell, South Bend IN .............441
1978 Doug Palmer, New Ulm MN .............679
1979 Steve Wolff, Rapid City SD ............423
1980 Cedric Gray, Palo Alto CA .............567
1981 Roger Hulse, Tulsa OK ..................478
1982 Ivan Snyder, Boyertown PA ............600
1983 Chito Martinez, New Orleans LA .......566
1984 Jon Bradley, Millington TN ............461
1985 (tie) Bobby Jones, Sacramento CA ....500
(tie) Steve Nelson, Omaha NE ...............500
(tie) Gregg Olson, Omaha NE ...............500
1986 Mitch Hannahs, Maynard OH ...........486
1987 Brad Dolejsi, Midwest City OK .......432
1988 Scott Hughes, Cincinnati OH ..........465
1989 Del Marine, Woodland Hills CA .......459
1990 Brett O’Dea, Mayo MD .................514
1991 Bob Paulithorpe, Union City CA .......585
1992 (tie) Brannon Weigel, Fargo ND ......448
(tie) Ryan Kritscher, Newport Park CA ......448
1993 Ryan Merritt, Rapid City SD ...........490
1994 Bob Barth Jr., Brooklawn NJ ..........438
1995 Jason Adaro, Aiea HI ..................488
1996 Bryce Gehlen, Vancouver WA ..........514
1997 Nate Philo, Medford OR ...............520
1998 Chad Opel, Edwardsville IL ...........632
1999 Kenny Judd, Edmond OK ...............552
2000 Matt Ryan, Brooklawn NJ .............541
2001 Richard Chinn, Danville CA ..........538
2002 Josh Sowell, Dothan AL ...............503
2003 Andy Conose, Haddon Heights NJ ......514
2004 Tommy Cauley, DeLand FL ............500
2005 Mike Tamsin, Branford CT .............538
2006 Brady Shoemaker, Terre Haute IN ......523
2007 Kevin Hussey, Tucson AZ ..............533
2008 Brandon Bass, Omaha NE ..............586
2009 T.J. White, Las Vegas NV .............559
2010 Jake Hager, Las Vegas NV ..............476
2011 Dylan Huskey, Gaffney SC ............500
2012 Evan Ryan, Omaha NE ..................571
2013 Anthony Harrold, Brooklawn NJ .......529
2014 Sean Breen, Brooklawn NJ ............575
2015 Ben Hess, New Orleans LA ............467
2016 Tyler Villaroman, San Mateo CA .......475
2017 Jordan Patty, Midland MI ..............529
2018 Sam Link, Dubuque County IA ......555

Dr. Irvin L ‘Click’ Cowger RBI Award

The Dr. Irvin L ‘Click’ Cowger RBI Award goes to the player compiling the most RBI in national competition (World Series and national regional tournaments). The award is named in honor of Dr. Irvin L. Cowger at the request of and donated by the Department of Kansas. The award is presented during post-tournament ceremonies at the American Legion World Series. The 2018 recipient was Bryce Marsh, Randolph County NC with 15 rbi in national competition.

Previous award winners:
1970 John Dalton, Wilmington NC ...........12
1971 Rod Walton, Phoenix AZ ..............20
1972 Michael Murphy, Ballwin MO ..........12
1973 Guillerman Bonilla, Rio Piedras PR ....12
1974 Charles Johnson, Cheverly MD ..........10
1975 David Edler, Yakima WA ...............19
1976 Gus Malespin, Metairie LA .............20
1977 Lee Wenzel Jr., Santa Monica CA ......9
1978 Pete Kumiega III, East Springfield MA ....20
1979 Juan Cruz, Yakima WA ...............30
Rawlings Big Stick Award

The Rawlings Big Stick Award goes to the player compiling the most total bases in national competition (World Series and national regional tournaments). The award is presented at the World Series ceremonies. The award is presented by the Rawlings Sporting Goods Company. The 2018 recipient was Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE and Dawson Painter, Randolph County NC with 20 total bases each.

Previous award winners:
1972 Keith Kaurez, Memphis TN
1973 Tucker Ashford, Memphis TN
1974 Greg Tooley, Rockport IN
1975 Bill Wilson, Cedar Rapids IA
1976 Gus Malespin, Metairie LA
1977 Doug Roberson, West Palm Beach FL
1978 Ivan Mesa, Hialeah FL
1979 Juan Cruz, Yakima WA
1980 Tomas Gil, Hialeah FL
1981 Kevin Sickinger, Richmond VA
1982 Ron DeLucchi, Lafayette CA
1983 Chito Martinez, New Orleans LA
1984 Jose Marzan, Guaynabo PR
1985 Mike Musolino, Sacramento CA
1986 Danny Opperman, Las Vegas NV
1987 (tie) Tad Thompson, Vancouver WA
1988 Scott Hughes, Cincinnati OH
1989 Del Marine, Woodland Hills CA
1990 Ricardo Otero, Bayamon PR
1991 Bob Pailthorpe, Union City CA
1992 Trent Martin, Newbury Park CA
1993 (tie) Allen Layman, Norman OK
1994 Frank Hinojosa, Chino CA
1995 (tie) Larry Lockridge, Columbia TN
1996 Christian Bourgeois, Gonzales LA
1997 Brian Fatchet, Medford OR
1998 Chris Wright, State College PA
1999 Brian Paone, New Brighton MN
2000 Al Smith, Omaha NE
2001 (tie) Josh Burton, Lewiston ID
2002 Spencer Ingaldson, Rapid City SD
2003 (tie) Joey Briggs, Corvallis OR
2004 Troy Peterson, Eden Prairie MN
2005 Zac Berg, Enid OK
2006 Brady Shoemaker, Terre Haute IN
2007 Aaron Tapia, Tucson AZ
2008 Max Garrett, Pasco WA
2009 Kyle O’Boyle, Midland MI
2010 Vince Amp, Roseburg OR
2011 Blake Schmert, Eden Prairie MN
2012 (tie) Matthieu Robert, New Orleans LA
2013 Robert Busse, Petaluma CA
2014 Jordan Mopas, Waipahu HI
2015 Justin Hawkins, Chapin-Newberry SC
2016 Angelo Bortolin, San Mateo CA
2017 Zack Luckey, Omaha NE
2018 Bryce Marsh, Randolph County NC

Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award

The winning manager and coaches of the American Legion World Series receive the Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award. The award is named in honor of the former adjutant of the Department of North Dakota. Williams, whose service to the legion spanned 49 years, stressed the importance of adult leadership with youth activities. This award is presented annually at the conclusion of the American Legion World Series. Previous recipients
1968 – manager Tony Gagliano, coach John Camp, Memphis TN Post 1
1969 – manager Leo Wyans, coach Dick McClain, Portland OR Post 105
1970 – manager Don Sealy, coach Joe Opatkiewicz, West Covina CA Post 790.
1971 – manager Don Sealy, coach William Kagy, West Covina Ca Post 790.
1972 – manager Bill Bullock, coaches Don Loehr; Bob Umfleet, Ballwin MO P611.
1975 – manager Robert A. Garretson, coach Dale Ehler, Yakima WA Post 36.
1976 – manager Al Montanari, coach Tom McCaffrey, Santa Monica CA Post 123.
1977 – manager Mel Machuca, coach Bill Barcome, South Bend IN Post 50.
1980 – manager Clyde Hayashida, coach Ronald Jacobs, Honolulu Hi.
1982 – manager Dick Ludy, coach Dave Specht, Boyertown PA Post 471.
1986 – manager Bob Shaw, coach Hondo Wilkes, Jensen Beach FL Post 126.
1987 – manager Dave Specht, coach Rick Moatz, Boyertown PA Post 471.
1993 – manager Dave Ploof, coach Steve Wolff, Rapid City SD Post 22.
1995 – manager Alan Higuchi, coaches Garrett Nago, Garrett Yukumoto, Aiea Hi.
1998 – head coach Ken Schaaeke and coaches Steve Haug, Keith Opel and Mike Schaaeke, Edwardsville IL Post 199.
1999 – head coach Jeff Larson and coaches Mark Paone, Mike Naslowski, New Brighton MN Post 513.
2001 – manager Joe Barth Sr.; coaches Dennis Barth, Tim Gunn, Brooklawn P72.
2002 – manager Frank Porter; coach Tyler Bratton, W.Point MS Post 212.
2004 – manager Mike D’Andrea; coaches Daniel McDuffie and Chris Grant, Portland ME Nova.

2006 – manager David Baudry and coaches Brad Benoit and Anthony Longo, Metairie LA Post 175.
2009 – manager Steven Cronkright, coaches Daniel Cronkright and Patrick Dawson; student coach Max Yatch, Midland MI Post 165.
2010 – manager Doug Weese, coaches Shane Hawk, Jerry Long and Derek Snell, Midwest City OK.
2011 – Head Coach Scott Hackett and assistant coaches Mike Halloran and John Buteyn, Eden Prairie MN.
2012 – Manager Joe Latino and coaches Jeff Chappuis, Ken Goodlett and Joseph Licipardi, New Orleans LA Post 125.
2013 – Head Coach Joe Barth Sr., Associate Head Coach Dennis Barth and coaches Michael Brown, Josh Capskey, Bill Gore, Steve Molidle and Mike Rucci, Brooklawn NJ.
2014 – Head Coach Joe Barth Sr., Associate Head Coach Dennis Barth and coaches Michael Brown, Josh Capskey, Steve Molidle and Mike Rucci, Brooklawn NJ.
2015 – Head Coach Daniel Gregory and coaches David Coats, Michael Robertson and Marion Baker, Chapin-Newberry SC.
2016 – Manager Dane Peavy and coaches Jonathan Butcher, Steve Goodheart, Jonathan Orr and Reid Peavy, Texarkana AR.
2017 – Manager Scott Baker and coaches Tyler Baker, Essex Burton, Shawn Dickson, Jerahmie Libke and Roberto Persona, Henderson NV.
2018 – Manager Brent Treml, coaches Stephen Lex, Matt Schubert, Mark Wilhelm, Dane Walter.

Stat Award winners

From left-to-right:
Sam Link, Dubuque County IA – batting
Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV – pitching
Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE – total bases
Bryan Marsh, Randolph County NC – RBIs
ALWS all-tournament teams are rich in talent and ability

The All-Tournament squad is selected based on performance during the American Legion World Series only. The selections are chosen by a committee of knowledgeable officials. The committee watches every game and every pitch and meets daily to discuss the games. The committee meets on championship day early to make recommendations and then during the championship game, the final selections are made.

1995
Bill Lockwood, catcher, Osseo MN; Jason Adaro, first base, Aiea HA; Greg Anderson, second base, Osseo MN; Davey Meguro, third base, Aiea HA; Lon Yamaguchi, shortstop, Aiea HA; Dom Crispo, outfield, Bellevue WA; Larry Lockridge, outfield, Columbia TN; Mike Wirrick, outfield, Bellevue WA; Bobby Morgan, utility, Columbia TN; Matt Erickson, pitcher, Osseo MN; Woody Heath, pitcher, Bellevue WA.

1996
Andy Fontenot, catcher, Gonzales LA; Christian Bourgeois, first base, Gonzales LA; Casey Lambert, second base, Gonzales LA; Bryce Gehlen, third base, Vancouver WA; Kevin Quinn, shortstop, Midland MI; Matt Madison, leftfield, Vancouver WA; John Wakely, centerfield, Yardley PA; Kip Harris, rightfield, Midland MI; James Jarreau, designated hitter, Gonzales LA; Travis Goins, utility, Rowan County NC; Ben Sheets, pitcher, Gonzales LA; Andy Hoffman, pitcher, Midland MI.

1997
Rick Dorman, catcher, Medford OR; Clyde Williams, first base, Sanford FL; Tim Raines Jr., second base, Sanford FL; Andy Neufeld, shortstop, Sanford FL; Brian Fachet, third base, Medford OR; Chris Louwsma, utility player, Sanford FL; Shawn Walker, designated hitter, Medford OR; Nate Philo, outfield, Medford OR; Bob Vanhoorbeck, outfield, Rock Island IL; Paulo Silva, outfield, Sanford FL; Steve Becher, pitcher, Medford OR; Jeff Monaco, pitcher, Sanford FL.

1998
B. J. Vesce, catcher, Danville CA; Ryan Lee, first base, Las Vegas NV; Brad Lane, second base, Cherryville NC; Chad Opel, shortstop, Edwardsville IL; Matt Furman, third base, Brooklawn NJ; Justin Alumbaugh, outfield, Danville CA; Ralph Roberts, outfield, Cherryville NC; Dave Crouthers, outfield, Edwardsville IL; Chris Wright, designated hitter, State College PA; Josh Reynolds, utility, Jefferson City MO; James Hutton, pitcher, Edwardsville IL; Ben Hutton, pitcher, Edwardsville IL.

1999
Darren Osborne, catcher, Gallatin TN; Brian Paone, first base, New Brighton MN; Billy Schneider, second base, New Brighton MN; Tyrel Davis, third base, Kennewick WA; Andy Kranz, shortstop, Bloomington MN; Peter Wiedwitsch, outfield, New Brighton MN; Travis Lee, outfield, Edmond OK; Joel Keith, outfield, Bloomington MN; Dave Coogan, designated hitter, Kennewick WA; Anthony Aquilino, utility, Brooklawn NJ; Steve Grasley, pitcher, New Brighton MN; Ben Hendrickson, pitcher, Bloomington MN.

2000
Tim Gilhooly, catcher, Danville CA; Ryan Lymangrover, first base, Danville CA; Eddie Hannan, second base, Paducah KY; Mark Michael, third base, Brooklawn NJ; Adam Ricks, shortstop, Danville CA; Al Smith, outfield, Omaha NE; Matt Ryan, outfield, Brooklawn NJ; Kevin Flaherty, outfield, Danville CA; Geoffrey Kirksey, designated hitter, Paducah; Mike Rucci, utility, Brooklawn NJ; Matt Brown, pitcher, Danville CA; Mateo Miramontes, pitcher, Danville CA.

2001
Mike Rucci, catcher, Brooklawn NJ; Dayton Ries, first base, Midwest City OK; Brendan Winn, second base, Milford MA; Allen Balmer, third base, Lewiston ID; Joe Lamb, shortstop, Brooklawn NJ; John Devaney, outfielder, Danville CA; Joe Pietro, outfielder, Omaha NE; Nate Martin, outfielder, Lewiston ID; Josh O’ Dell, designated hitter, Midwest City OK; Nate Schill, utility, Brooklawn NJ; Andrew Noe, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Julius Smith, pitcher, Lewiston ID.

2002
Spencer Ingaldson, catcher, Rapid City SD; Marcus McKenzie, first base, Excelsior MN; Cody Moser, second base, Rapid City SD; Andy Shepherd, third base, Rapid City SC; Pat Moran, shortstop, Rapid City SD; Josh Sowell, outfielder. Dothan AL; Jeff Engel, outfielder, Excelsior MN; Corey Carter, outfielder, West Point MS; Dustin Snider, designated hitter, West Point MS; Josh Johnson, utility, West Point MS; Jeff Shafer, pitcher, West Point MS; Brent Goble, pitcher, Medford OR.

2003
David Wise, catcher, Cherryville NC; Brett Brunner, first base, Corvallis OR; Chris Kunda, Corvallis OR; Justyn Grant, third base, Rochester MN; Robert Marcial, shortstop, Northridge CA; Andy Console, outfielder, Haddon Heights NJ; Nathan Bowers, outfielder, Rochester MN; Joey Briggs, outfielder, Corvallis OR; Ted Garry, designated hitter, Rochester MN; Jay Heafner, utility, Cherryville NC; Chris Mason, pitcher, Cherryville NC; Michael Badger, pitcher, Rochester MN; Aaron Craig, pitcher, Rochester MN.

2004
Forrest Rice, pitcher, Kennewick WA; Mike Powers, pitcher, Portland ME; Nick Pugliese, pitcher, DeLand FL; Kody Gibson, first base, Edmond OK; Kody Gaiser, second base, Edmond OK; Shane Schoenberg, third base, Kennewick WA; Tommy Cauley, shortstop, DeLand FL; Sean Sloppy, catcher, Kennewick WA; Matt Cotellese, outfielder, Boyertown PA; Scott Brown, outfielder. Portland ME; Ryan Reid, outfielder, Portland ME; Steve Marquardt, utility, Kennewick WA.

2005
Jeremy Stumetz, pitcher, Pasco WA; Matt Peck, pitcher, Enid OK; Michael Tamisin, first base, Cranford CT; Adam Tussey, second base, Brooklawn NJ; Joe Bonfe, third base, Woodbury MN; Tyson Seng, shortstop, Enid OK; Schyler Burns, catcher, Enid OK; Kyle Conley, outfielder, Pasco WA; Paul Martin, outfielder, Pasco WA; Zac Berg, outfielder, Enid OK; Tyler Fleming, utility, Enid OK; Tyler Roberts, designated hitter, Twin Cities WA.

2006
Robby Broach, pitcher, Metairie LA; Cole Vicars, pitcher, Terre Haute IN; Daniel Gordon, first base, Sumter SC; Kevin Weidenbacher, second base, Metairie LA; Phil Cerretto, third base, Midlothian VA; Taylor Cole, shortstop, Las Vegas NV; Josh Phegley, catcher, Terre Haute IN; Grayson Tanner, outfielder, Sumter SC; Travis Winterspoon, outfielder, Sumter SC; Brady Shoemaker, outfielder, Terre Haute IN; Michael Liberto, utility, Metairie LA; Kirk Cunningham, DH, Metairie LA.

2007
Danny Miller, pitcher, Eden Prairie MN; Chris Moody, pitcher, Tucson AZ; Scott Beasley, pitcher, Columbia TN; Aaron Tapia, first base, Tucson AZ; Alan Kennedy, second base, Bellingham WA; Chris Lovett, third base, Columbia TN; Mike Olt, shortstop, Branford CT; Cody Pomeroy, catcher, Columbia TN; J.T. Canakes, outfielder, Eden Prairie MN; Holden Killen, outfielder,
Columbia TN; James Balzano, outfielder, Branford CT; Kyle Geason, utility, Eden Prairie MN; Marc Damon, designated hitter, Tucson AZ; MVP – Danny Miller, Eden Prairie MN.

2008
Matt Price, pitcher, Sumter SC; Matt Hall, pitcher, Las Vegas NV; Blake Hauser, pitcher, South Richmond VA; Jeff Malm, first base, Las Vegas NV; Brittan Hammer, second base, Pasco WA; Scott Dysinger, third base, Las Vegas NV; Brad Shaban, shortstop, South Richmond VA; Max Garrett, catcher, Pasco WA; Travis Witherspoon, outfield, Sumter SC; Jamison Rowe, outfield, Pasco WA; Thad Thornburg, outfield, Jonesboro AR; Matt Talley, utility, Sumter SC; Sam Key, designated hitter, Sumter SC.

2009
Cad Mayle, pitcher, Midland MI; Braden Shipley, pitcher, Medford OR; Michael Wacha, pitcher, Texarkana TX; Lewis Sebrell, catcher, Medford OR; Trey Holmes, first base, Rowan County NC; Johnny Field, second base, Las Vegas NV; Eric Dawson, third base, Midland MI; Jordan Dean, shortstop, Midland MI; Jake Matuszak, outfield, Berlin CT; Jake Ringold, outfield, Mt. Airy MD; Kendrick Henderson, outfield, Texarkana TX; Matt Maurer, designated hitter, Medford OR; TJ White, utility, Las Vegas NV.

2010
Blake Schmit, utility, Eden Prairie MN; Alex Swim, catcher, Kernersville NC; Tanner Hessman, first base, Midwest City OK; Tony Skjefte, second base, Eden Prairie MN; Josh Halbert, third base, Midwest City OK; Jake Hager, shortstop, Las Vegas NV; Cameron Newell, outfield, Roseburg OR; Tim Miller, designated hitter, Eden Prairie MN; Turner Coon, outfield, Midwest City OK; Vince Ampi, designated hitter, Roseburg OR; Brandon Jackson, pitcher, Roseburg OR; Dalton Bernardi, pitcher, Midwest City OK; Kelvin Hill, pitcher, Midwest City OK.

2011
Alex Rapanos, designated hitter, Midland MI; Erik VanMeetren, catcher, Las Vegas NV; Channing Nanney, utility, Tupelo MS; Tyler Peterson, first base, Eden Prairie MN; Tony Skjefte, second base, Eden Prairie MN; Blake Schmit, shortstop, Eden Prairie MN; TJ White, third base, Las Vegas NV; Dillon Palencia, outfield, Gaffney SC; AJ VanMeetren, outfield, Las Vegas NV; David Belusky, utility, Eden Prairie MN; Kaleb Earls, pitcher, Gaffney SC; Will Cox, pitcher, Tupelo MS; Brandon Woodruff, pitcher, Tupelo MS.

2012
Emerson Gibbs, pitcher, New Orleans LA; Cody Brown, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Brandon Mahovlich, pitcher, Bellevue WA; Jimmy Sinatros, catcher, Bellevue WA; Luke Voiron, designated hitter, New Orleans LA; Taylor Elam, first base, Omaha NE; Joe Brooks, second base, Brooklawn NJ; Brent Tenuto, third base, Brooklawn NJ; Tony Fortier-Benson, shortstop, New Orleans LA; Evan Ryan, outfield, Omaha NE; Zach Shields, outfield, Florence SC; Pat Kane, outfield, Brooklawn NJ; Akeem Bostick, utility, Florence SC.

2013
Mike Shawaryn, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Jimmy Flatt, pitcher, Petaluma CA; Joe O’Donnell, pitcher, Wilmington NC; Austin Nagamine, catcher, Waipahu HI; Weston Bryan, designated hitter, Petaluma CA; Anthony Harrold, first base, Brooklawn NJ; Robbie Podrosky, second base, Gonzales LA; Nick Cieri, third base, Brooklawn NJ; Steven Linkous, shortstop, Wilmington NC; Ryan Walsh, outfield, Petaluma CA; Tanner Tokunaga, Waipahu HI; Collin Delaune, outfield, Gonzales LA.

2014
Tyler Modile, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Eric Schorr, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Evan Marquardt, pitcher, Midland MI; Anthony Harrold, first base, Brooklawn NJ; Sean Breen, second base, Brooklawn NJ; Tanner Gross, third base, Midland MI; Matt Waldron, shortstop, Omaha NE; Kamalu Neal, catcher, Waipahu HI; Kyle Pausche, designated hitter, Jacksonville FL; Jonathon Hentschel, utility, Midland MI; Tanner Tokunaga, outfield, Waipahu HI; Pete Farlow, outfield, Brooklawn NJ; Adam Fitzgibbon, outfield, Brooklawn NJ.

2015
Anthony Harrold, first base, Brooklawn NJ; Peyton Spangler, second base, Chapin-Newberry SC; Hayden Fuentes, third base, New Orleans LA; Justin Hawkins, shortstop, Chapin-Newberry SC; Keke Rios, catcher, Waipahu HI; Micah Brown, utility, Medford OR; Ben Hess, designated hitter, New Orleans LA; Cole Brooks, outfield, Midland MI; Danton Hyman, outfield, Chapin-Newberry SC; Dylant Sugimoto, outfield, Waipahu HI; Cody Coggins, pitcher, Medford OR; Lucas Rollins, pitcher, Brooklawn NJ; Stay Huggins, pitcher, Chapin-Newbery SC.

2016
Knice Knecht, first base, San Mateo CA; Tanner File, second base, Rowan County NC; Juan Garcia, third base, Rowan County NC; Zach Luckey, shortstop, Omaha NE; Will Smith, catcher, Texarkana AR; Felix Aberouette, utility, San Mateo CA; Jakob Shuler, utility, Rockport IN; Chris Wright, Cumberland RI, designated hitter, Tyler Villaroman, outfield, San Mateo CA; Blake Hall, outfield, Texarkana AR; Lee Poteat, outfield, Rowan County NC; Hunter Shepherd, pitcher, Rowan County NC; Austin Cross, pitcher, Texarkana AR; Sawyer Strickland, pitcher, Rowan County NC.

2017
Zach Luckey, designated hitter, Omaha NE; Jordan Patty, utility/athlete, Midland MI; Roger Riley, catcher, Henderson NV; Jack Thomas Wold, first base, Henderson NV; Peyton Williams, second base, Randolph County, NC; Tom Steier, third base, Omaha NE; Will Karp, shortstop, Hopewell NJ; Will Hanafan, outfield, Omaha NE; Logan Allen, outfield, Bryant AR; A.J. Light, utility, Lewiston ID; Matt Sansky, Strewsbury MA; Josh Culliver, pitcher, Omaha NE; Shane Spencer, pitcher, Henderson NV.

2018
Jack Merrifield, first base, Gonzales LA; Brayden Caskey, second base, Gonzales LA; Edarrian Williams, third base, Las Vegas NV; Nate Thomas, shortstop, Wilmington DE; Parker Schmidt, catcher, Las Vegas NV; Sam Link, utility/athlete, Dubuque County IA; Eric Ludman, designated hitter, Wilmington DE; Austin Colmery, outfield, Wilmington DE; Jason Sharman, outfield, Las Vegas NV; Trevor Marsh, outfield, Randolph County NC; Jimmy Gamboa, pitcher, Las Vegas NV; Sam Goodman, pitcher, Dubuque County IA.

Most Valuable Player Award
The Most Valuable Player award of the American Legion World Series was given from 1999-2010:

1999 – Peter Wiedewitsch, OF, New Brighton MN Post 513
2000 – Matt Brown, pitcher, Danville CA Post 246
2001 – Mike Rucci, catcher, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
2002 – Josh Johnson, pitcher, West Point MS Post 212
2003 – Chris Mason, pitcher, Cherrivile NC Post 100
2004 – Scott Brown, outfield/pitcher, Portland ME
2005 – Zac Berg, outfield, Enid OK Post 4
2006 – Mike Libert, shortstop, Metaire LA Post 175
2007 – Danny Miller, pitcher, Eden Prairie MN
2008 – Jeff Malm, first base/pitcher, Las Vegas NV
2009 – Jordan Dean, shortstop, Midland MI Post 165
2010 – Dalton Bernardi, pitcher, Midwest City OK
2018 American Legion World Series all-tournament team


American Legion Baseball + Major League success = Baseball Hall of Fame

Eighty-one American Legion Baseball alumni are now enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame. The newest additions include Harold Baines, Roy Halladay, Mike Mussina and Lee Smith. They were inducted last month in the Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Cooperstown NY.

Baines was a standout Legion player for Talbot MD Post 70. In the Majors he collected a lifetime average of .289 playing 22 years mostly with the White Sox and A’s as an outfielder and DH. He was a six time all-star

Halladay played Legion Baseball in Colorado and won 203 games with Toronto and Philadelphia. He won two Cy Young awards as top pitcher and pitched in eight all-star game.

Mussina played Legion Baseball in Montoursville PA for Post 104. In the Majors, won seven Golden Glove awards and was a eight time all-star.

Smith played Legion Baseball for Natchitoches LA and in the Majors he collected 478 saves, a record when he retired. Most of the record saves came as a pitcher for the Cubs. He was a seven-time all-star

Legion alumni in the Hall of Fame

1962 – Bob Feller, pitcher
1966 – Ted Williams, outfielder
1968 – Joe Medwick, outfielder
1969 – Stan Musial, outfielder/first base
    Roy Campanella, centerfield
1970 – Lou Boudreau, shortstop
1972 – Yogi Berra, catcher
    Early Wynn, pitcher
1973 -- Warren Spahn, pitcher
1975 – Ralph Kiner, outfielder
1976 -- Robin Roberts, pitcher
    Bob Lemon, pitcher
1978 – Eddie Mathews, third base
1980 -- Al Kaline, outfielder
1981 -- Bob Gibson, pitcher
1982 -- Frank Robinson, outfielder
1983 – George Kell, third base
    Brooks Robinson, third base
1984 – Don Drysdale, pitcher
    Harmon Killebrew, first/third base
    PeeWee Reese, shortstop
1985 – Hoyt Wilhelm, pitcher
1986 -- Bobby Doerr, second base
1987 – Jim ‘Catfish’ Hunter, pitcher
1988 -- Willie Stargell, outfielder
1989 – Johnny Bench, catcher
    Carl Yastrzemski, outfielder/first base
1990 – Joe Morgan, second base
    Jim Palmer, pitcher
1991 – Gaylord Perry, pitcher
1992 – Rollie Fingers, pitcher
    Hal Newhouser, pitcher
    Tom Seaver, pitcher
1993 – Reggie Jackson, outfielder
1994 – Steve Carlton, pitcher
1995 – Richie Ashburn, outfielder
1996 – Jim Bunning, pitcher
    Earl Weaver, manager
1997 – Phil Niekro, pitcher
    Nellie Fox, second base

Top left: Harold Baines. Top right: Roy Halladay.
Bottom left: Mike Mussina. Bottom right: Lee Smith.
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Rollie Fingers is only player to win MVP honors at the American Legion World Series and the Major League World Series.

Left: Yogi Berra and above Bob Gibson were both Legion standouts.
Neil Walker is Grad of Year


The multi-positioned athlete (all in infield), Walker was the recipient of the Silver Slugger Award in 2014. He was involved in the first 4-5-4 triple play in MLB history in 2015 against the Cardinals. Playing second, he caught a line drive. He threw to third for second out and then went to second forcing runner completing the triple play.

Most of his 11-year stint in the Majors, he spent with the Pirates. A dream for him because he grew up in the Pittsburgh area.

Previous award recipients:
1958 – Sherman Lollar, White Sox
1959 – no award
1960 – Ted Williams, Red Sox
1961 – Stan Musial, Cardinals
1962 – Bobby Richardson, Yankees
1963 – Warren Spahn, Braves
1964 – Brooks Robinson, Orioles
1965 – Gene Fisher, White Sox
1966 – Frank Robinson, Reds
1967 – Carl Yastrzemski, Red Sox
1968 – Mickey Lolich, Tigers
1969 – Harmon Killebrew, Twins
1970 – Dave McNally, Orioles
1971 – Steve Carlton, Cardinals
1972 – Al Kaline, Tigers
1973 – Johnny Bench, Reds
1974 – Wilbur Woods, White Sox
1975 – Carlton Fisk, Red Sox
1976 – Rick Monday, Cubs
1977 – Dave Winfield, Padres
1978 – Ron Guidry, Yankees
1979 – Mike Flanagan, Orioles
1980 – George Brett, Royals
1981 – Gary Carter, Expos
1982 – Jim Sunberg, Rangers
1983 – Andre Thornton, Indians
1984 – Ryne Sandberg, Cubs
1985 – Jeff Reardon, Expos
1986 – Dale Murphy, Braves
1987 – Don Mattingly, Yankees
1988 – Roger Clemens, Red Sox
1989 – Alan Trammel, Tigers
1990 – Harold Reynolds, Mariners
1991 – Sid Bream, Braves
1992 – Terry Steinbach, A’s
1993 – Bill Swift, Giants
1994 – Greg Maddux, Braves
1995 – Bob Tewksbury, Padres
1996 – Paul Molitor, Twins
1997 – Mo Vaughn, Red Sox
1998 – Tony Gwynn, Padres
1999 – Steve Finley, Padres
2000 – Chipper Jones, Braves
2001 – Todd Stottlemyre, Diamondbacks
2002 – Luis Gonzalez, Diamondbacks
2003 – Jeff Bagwell, Astros
2004 – Darin Erstad, Angels
2005 – Scott Rolen, Cardinals
2006 – Albert Pujols, Cardinals
2007 – Chris Carpenter, Cardinals
2008 – Justin Verlander, Tigers
2009 – Lyle Overbay, Blue Jays
2010 – Brandon Inge, Tigers
2011 – Corey Hart, Brewers
2012 – Mark Ellis, Dodgers
2013 – Chad Billingsley, Dodgers
2014 – Michael Cuddyer, Rockies
2015 – Alex Gordon, Royals
2016 – Cliff Lee, Phillies
2017 – Brian Dozier, Twins
2018 – Brian Duensing, Cubs
2019 – Neil Walker, Marlins

Neil Walker – 2019 American Legion Graduate of Year
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<td>11-4</td>
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<td>Memphis TN</td>
<td>Baltimore MD Post 81</td>
<td>New Orleans LA</td>
<td>10-4</td>
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1990 Midland MI
1991 Newark OH
1992 Arlington Hts. IL
1993 Osseo MN
1994 Blissfield MI
1995 Osseo MN
1996 Midland MI
1997 Rock Island IL
1998 Edwardsville IL
1999 Bloomington MN
2000 Paducah KY
2001 Napoleon OH
2002 Excelsior MN
2003 Excelsior MN
2004 Paducah KY
2005 Woodbury MN
2006 Terre Haute IN
2007 Rockport IN
2008 Midland MI
2009 Midland MI
2010 Moline IL
2011 Midland MI
2012 Moline IL
2013 Napoleon OH
2014 Midland MI
2015 Midland MI
2016 Rockport IN
2017 Midland MI
2018 Midland MI

REGION SIX
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1961 Omaha NE
1962 West Allis WI
1963 Omaha NE
1964 Waterloo IA
1965 Omaha NE
1966 Enid OK
1967 Grand Forks ND
1968 Omaha NE
1969 Fargo ND
1970 Omaha NE
1971 Cedar Rapids IA
1972 Ballwin MO
1973 Richfield MN
1974 Cedar Rapids IA
1975 Cedar Rapids IA
1976 Cedar Rapids IA
1977 Rapid City SD
1978 New Ulm MN
1979 Rapid City SD
1980 Crestwood MO
1981 Omaha NE
1982 Edina MN
1983 Edina MN
1984 Rapid City SD
1985 Omaha NE
1986 Cedar Rapids IA
1987 Quincy IL
1988 Moorhead MN
1989 Fargo ND
1990 Olathe KN
1991 Kansas City KN
1992 Fargo ND
1993 Rapid City SD
1994 Omaha NE
1995 Rapid City SD
1996 Rapid City SD
1997 New Brighton MN
1998 Excelsior MN
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2000 Omaha NE
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2003 Whitehouse OH
2004 Paducah KY
2005 Woodbury MN
2006 Terre Haute IN
2007 Rockport IN
2008 Midland MI
2009 Midland MI
2010 Moline IL
2011 Midland MI
2012 Moline IL
2013 Napoleon OH
2014 Midland MI
2015 Midland MI
2016 Rockport IN
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2018 Midland MI

REGION SEVEN
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1962 Billings MT
1963 Roseburg OR
1964 Lewiston ID
1965 Portland OR
1966 Lewiston ID
1967 Klamath Falls OR
1968 Klamath Falls OR
1969 Colo. Springs CO
1970 Phoenix AZ
1971 Phoenix AZ
1972 Lewiston ID
1973 Portland OR
1974 Lake Oswego OR
1975 Yakima WA
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2017 Lewiston ID
2018 Meridian ID

REGION EIGHT
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2016 San Mateo CA
2017 Henderson NV
2018 Las Vegas NV

Bold indicates ALWS champions

Sectional champions
1926 - Pocatello ID, El Dorado KN (W), Springfield OH, Yonkers NY (E).
1927 - Oakland CA (W), Worchester MA (E).
1929 - New Orleans LA (W), Buffalo NY (E).
1930 - New Orleans LA (W), Baltimore MD (E).
1931 - South Chicago IL (W), Columbia SC (E).
1932 - New Orleans LA (W), Springfield MA (E).
1933 - Chicago IL (W), Trenton NJ (E).
1934 - New Orleans (W), Cumberland MD (E).
1933 - Sacramento CA (W), Gastonia NC (E).
1936 - Los Angeles CA (W), Manchester NH (NE), Spartanburg SC (SE).
1937 - Omaha NE (W), East Lynn MA (NE), New Orleans LA (SE).
1938 - San Diego CA (W), Detroit MI (NE), Spartanburg SC (SE).
1939 - Omaha NE (W), Passaic NJ (NE), Berwyn IL (SE).
1940 - SanDiego (W), Albermarle NC (NE), St.Louis SE).
1941 - San Diego CA (W), Flint MI (NE), Berwyn IL (SE).
1942 - St. Louis MO (NW), Los Angeles CA (SW), Manchester NH (NE).
1943 - Richfield MN (NW), New Orleans LA (SW), Flint MI (NE), Springfield OH, Whiteville NC (SE).
1944 - Cincinnati OH (NW), Tucson AZ (SW), Brockton MA (NE), Albermarle NC (SE).
1945 - Oak Park IL (NW), Tucson AZ (SW), Trenton NJ (NE), Shelby NC (SE).
1946 - Trenton NJ (A), New Orleans LA (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Los Angeles CA (D).
1947 - Manchester NH (A), Little Rock AR (B), Cincinnati OH (C), San Diego CA (D).
1948 - Trenton NJ (A), Jackson (B), Belleville IL (C), Omaha NE (D).
1949 - Wheeling WV (A), Atlanta GA (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Oakland CA (D).
1950 - Bristol RI (A), Richmond VA (B), St. Louis MO (C), Oakland CA (D).
1951 - White Plains NY (A), Jackson FL (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Los Angeles (D).
1952 - Millford MA (A), Austin TX (B), Cincinnati OH (C), San Diego CA (D).
1953 - Millford WA (A), Cherryville NC (B), Winnetka IL (C), Yakima WA (D).
1954 - Baltimore MD (A), Gastonia NC (B), Maplewood MN (C), San Diego CA (D).
1955 - Washington DC (A), Salisbury NC (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Lincoln NE (D).
1956 - Yonkers NY (A), New Orleans LA (B), St. Louis MO (C), Roseburg OR (D).
1957 - Washington DC (A), Greer SC (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Portland OR (D).
1958 - Everett MA (A), Greenwood SC (B), Cincinnati OH (C), Billings MT (D).
1959 - West Hartford CT (A), Hampton VA (B), Detroit MI (C), Phoenix AZ (D).

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Scenes from Yesteryear…
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Note: Pennsylvania, Washington, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri and Puerto Rico tied with 3

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Note: Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania tied with 4

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Top middle: ALWS officials Gary Stone, Rick Cash
Below: Capacity crowd during 2015 Series in Shelby NC.
American Legion World Series Records

New Era records – since 2018

INDIVIDUAL GAME

OFFENSE
- Most at bats – 5
  Brayden Caskey, Gonzales LA vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
  Preston Thrash, Gonzales LA vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
  TJ Deardorff, Dubuque Co. IA vs. Braintree MA – 2018
  Landon Smith, Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018
  Trevor Marsh, Randolph Co. NC vs. Las Vegas NV, 2018
  Jack Dubecq, Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018
  Tyler David, Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
- Most runs scored – 3
  Chaison Miklich, Las Vegas NV vs. Meridian ID – 2018
- Most hits – 3
  Chaison Miklich, Las Vegas NV vs. Meridian ID – 2018
  Brayden Caskey, Gonzales LA vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
  Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE vs. Gonzales LA – 21018
  Alex Kennedy, Braintree MA vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
  Jon Milner, Meridian ID vs. Midland MI – 2018
- Most two-base hits – 2
  Sam Link, Dubuque Co. IA vs. Braintree MA – 2018
- Most three-base hits – 1
  Austin Colmery (3b), Wilmington DE vs. Gonzales LA – 2018
  Edarian Williams, Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- Most home runs – 1
  Tristan Marsh, Randolph Co. NC vs. Meridian ID – 2018
  Logan LaCourse, Midland MI vs. Meridian ID – 2018
  Chaison Miklich, Las Vegas NV vs. Gonzales LA – 2018
- Most rbi – 3
  Chaison Miklich, Las Vegas NV vs. Meridian ID – 2018
  Edarian Williams, Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- Most total bases – 6
  Austin Colmery (3b-1b-2b), Wilmington DE vs. Gonzales LA – 2018
  Logan LaCourse (hr,2b), Midland MI vs. Meridian ID – 2018
- Most base on balls – 3
  Matt Poma, Wilmington DE vs. Gonzales LA – 2018
  Aaron Roberts, Las Vegas NV vs. Midland MI – 2018
  Zane Zeppuhar, Gonzales LA vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Most stolen bases – 2
  Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE vs. Braintree MA – 2018

DEFENSE
- Most put outs – 16
  by Eric Ludman, Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018
- Most assists – 7
  Nate Thomas, Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018
- Most errors – 2
  Nolan Freeman, Braintree MA vs. Dubuque IA – 2018

PITCHING
- Most innings pitched – 8
  Chris Ludman, Wilmington DE vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Most hits allowed – 10
  Jaydon Yancey, Meridian ID vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Most runs allowed – 9
  Jaydon Yancey, Meridian ID vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Most earned runs allowed – 8
  Jaydon Yancey, Meridian ID vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Most base on balls – 6
  JT Tomovich, Wilmington DE vs. Gonzales LA – 2018
- Most strikeouts – 9
  Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV vs. Meridian ID – 2018
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- Most hit batters – 4
  Bryce Marsh, Randolph Co. NC vs. Midland MI – 2018
- Most wild pitches – 2
  JT Tomovich, Wilmington DE vs. Gonzales LA – 2018
  Braxton Davis, Randolph Co. NC vs. Meridian ID – 2018
  Travis Winslow, Randolph Co. NC vs. Meridian ID – 2018
  Riley Harrison, Meridian ID vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  Chaison Miklich, Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- Most balks – 1
  Dylan Gotto, Dubuque Co. IA vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
  Josh Sharman, Las Vegas NV vs. Midland MI – 2018
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- Most passed balls – 1
  Joel Vaske, Dubuque Co. IA vs. Braintree MA – 2018
  Reid Bouchereau, Gonzales LA vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

OFFENSE
- Most at bats – 18

2018
Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE – 2018

- Most runs scored – 5
  Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Parker Schmidt, Las Vegas NV – 2018
  Jason Sharman, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Most hits – 8
  Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Jason Sharman, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Highest batting average (min. 9ab) – .556
  Sam Link (5-for-9), Dubuque Co. IA – 2018

- Most two-base hits – 2
  Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Eric Ludman, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Nate Thomas, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Sam Link, Dubuque Co. IA – 2018
  Riley Harrison, Meridian ID – 2018
  Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Most three-base hits – 1
  Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Edarian Williams, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Most home runs – 1
  Chaison Miklich, Las Vegas NV – 2018
  Tristan Marsh, Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  Logan LaCourse, Midland MI – 2018

- Most rbi – 7
  Chaison Miklich, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Most total bases – 12
  Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE – 2018

- Most base on balls – 7
  Tristan Marsh, Randolph Co. NC – 2018

- Most strikeouts – 5
  Eric Ludman, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Jack Dubecq, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Matt Poma, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Zane Zeppuhar, Gonzales LA – 2018
  Aaron Roberts, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Most stolen bases – 2
  Eric Ludman, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Jack Dubecq, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE – 2018

- Most hit by pitch – 2
  Austin Curry, Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  Garrett Willis, Midland MI – 2018
  Joel Vaske, Dubuque Co. IA – 2018
  Braxton Mills, Meridian ID – 2018

- Most sacrifice hits – 3
  Chris Ludman, Wilmington DE – 2018

- Most sacrifice flies – 2
  Wil Courtney, Dubuque Co. IA – 2018

Edarian Williams, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Highest fielding percentage (min. 18att) – 1.000
  Parker Schmidt, Las Vegas NV (33-4) – 2018
  Aaron Roberts, Las Vegas NV (22-4) – 2018
  Joseph Vanelli, Braintree MA (23-1) – 2018
  Bryce Marsh, Randolph Co. NC (18-3) – 2018
  Jack Merrifield, Gonzales LA (15-3) – 2018
  Charles Tentinger, Meridian ID (17-1) – 2018

PITCHING

- Most wins – 2
  Chris Ludman, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Most losses – 1
  15 pitchers – all in 2018

- Most saves – 1
  Preston Thrash, Gonzales LA – 2018
  Jeff Allen, Midland MI – 2018
  Seth Gower, Midland MI – 2018
  Alex Nielebeck, Meridian ID – 2018

- Most shutouts – 2
  Chris Ludman, Wilmington DE – 2018

- innings pitched – 15.0
  Chris Ludman, Wilmington DE – 2018

- Most hits allowed – 12
  Evan Schlatter, Midland MI – 2018

- Most runs allowed – 9
  Jaydon Yancey, Meridian ID – 2018

- Most earned runs allowed – 8
  Jaydon Yancey, Meridian ID – 2018

- Most base on balls – 6
  Jack Dubecq, Wilmington DE – 2018
  JT Tomovich, Wilmington DE – 2018

- Most strikeouts – 18
  Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Most hit batters – 4
  Bryce Marsh, Randolph Co. NC – 2018

- Most wild pitches – 2
  JT Tomovich, Wilmington DE – 2018
  Travis Winslow, Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  Braxton Davis, Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  Riley Harrison, Meridian ID – 2018
  Chaison Miklich, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Most balks – 2
  Josh Sharman, Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Most passed balls – 1
  Reid Bouchereau, Gonzales LA – 2018
  Joel Vaske, Dubuque Co., IA – 2018

TEAM GAME

OFFENSE

- Most at bats – 37
  Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018

- Fewest at bats – 18
  Meridian CT vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018

- Most runs scored – 10

DEFENSE

- Most put outs – 48
  Eric Ludman, Wilmington DE – 2018

- Most assists – 22
  Nate Thomas, Wilmington DE – 2018

- Most errors – 3
  Issiah Vega, Meridian ID – 2018
  Zach Czerniawski, Las Vegas NV – 2018

TEAM GAME

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### PITCHING
- **Most innings pitched**
  - Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018
  - Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
- **Most hits allowed**
  - Midland MI vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Fewest hits allowed**
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Gonzales LA – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Most runs allowed**
  - Midland MI vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Fewest runs allowed**
  - Wilmington DE vs. Dubuque Co. IA – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Most earned runs allowed**
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Most base on balls allowed**
  - Wilmington DE vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Fewest base on balls allowed**
  - Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
  - Wilmington DE vs. Dubuque Co. IA – 2018
- **Most strikeouts**
  - Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018
  - Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Fewest strikeouts**
  - Brunswick MA vs. Gonzales LA – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Most wild pitches**
  - Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018
  - Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Most hit batters**
  - Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018
  - Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018

### DEFENSE
- **Most put outs – 30**
  - Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018
  - Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
- **Most assists – 16**
  - Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018
- **Most errors – 3**
  - Meridian ID vs. Las Vegas NV – 2018
- **Most double plays – 2**
  - Randolph Co. NC vs. Meridian ID – 2018
  - Wilmington DE vs. Midland MI – 2018
  - Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  - Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE – 2018

### SUNDRY
- **Most Left on base – 14**
  - Randolph Co. NC vs. Meridian ID – 2018
  - Wilmington DE vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Fewest Left on base – 1**
  - Randolph Co. NC vs. Meridian ID – 2018
  - Wilmington DE vs. Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- **Fastest game (by time)**
  - 2:59 – Midland MI vs. Wilmington DE (10 innings) – 2018
  - 2:53 – Las Vegas NV vs. Randolph Co. NC (7 inn) – 2018
- **Shortest game (by time)**
  - 1:19 – Gonzales LA vs. Wilmington DE – 2018
TEAM TOURNAMENT
OFFENSE

- Highest batting average – .306
  by Randolph County NC – 2018
- Lowest batting average – .197
  by Braintree MA – 2018
- Most at bats – 134
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Fewest at bats – 68
  by Meridian ID – 2018
- Most runs scored – 24
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Fewest runs scored – 4
  by Braintree MA – 2018
- Most hits – 38
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Fewest hits – 15
  by Braintree MA – 2018
- Most two-base hits – 9
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
- Fewest two-base hits – 0
  by Gonzales LA – 2018
- Most three-base hits – 1
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Fewest three-base hits – 0
  by six teams – all in 2018
- Most home runs – 1
  by Randolph County NC – 2018
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Fewest home runs – 0
  by six teams – all in 2018
- Most rbi – 22
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Fewest rbi – 4
  by Braintree MA – 2018
- Most total bases—50
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Fewest total bases – 17
  by Braintree MA – 2018
- Most base on balls – 17
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
- Fewest base on balls – 3
  by Meridian ID – 2018
- Most strikeouts – 31
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
- Fewest strikeouts – 12
  by Dubuque County IA – 2018
- Most sacrifice flies – 2
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
  by Gonzales LA – 2018
  by Dubuque County IA – 2018
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Most sacrifice hits: -- 5
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
- Most stolen bases 8
  by Wilmington NC – 2018
- Fewest stolen bases – 0
  by Braintree MA – 2018
  by Dubuque County IA – 2018
- Most stolen base attempts – 10
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
- Fewest stolen base attempts – 1
  by Braintree MA – 2018
  by Dubuque County IA – 2018
  by Meridian ID – 2018

DEFENSE

- Most put outs – 115
  by Wilmington DE -- 2018
- Fewest put outs – 51
  by Meridian ID -- 2018
- Most assists – 57
  by Wilmington DE -- 2018
- Fewest assists – 12
  by Meridian ID -- 2018
- Most errors – 7
  by La Vegas NV -- 2018
- Fewest errors – 2
  by Gonzales LA -- 2018
- Most double plays – 4
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
  by Randolph County NC -- 2018

PITCHING

- Lowest ERA – 1.80
  by Dubuque Co. IA – 2018
- Highest ERA – 8.47
  by Meridian ID – 2018
- Most saves – 2
  by Midland MI – 2018
- Fewest saves – 0
  by Dubuque Co. IA – 2018
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
  by Braintree MA – 2018
  by Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- Most innings pitched – 38.1
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
- Fewest innings pitched – 17.0
  by Meridian ID -- 2018
- Most hits allowed – 16
  by Dubuque Co. IA – 2018
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
  by Braintree MA – 2018
  by Randolph Co. NC – 2018
- Most runs allowed – 19
  by Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  by Meridian ID -- 2018
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
- Most earned runs allowed – 4
  by Dubuque Co. IA – 2018
  by Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
- Most base on balls – 4
  by Dubuque Co. IA – 2018
  by Randolph Co. NC – 2018
  by Wilmington DE – 2018
• Most base on balls – 18
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
• Most strikeout – 33
  by Las Vegas NV -- 2018
• Fewest strikeouts – 9
  by Braintree MA – 2018
• Fewest wild pitches – 1
  by Midland MI -- 2018
• Most wild pitches – 5
  by Randolph Co. NC -- 2018
• Fewest hit batters – 0
  by Dubuque Co. IA – 2018
• Most hit batters – 7
  by Wilmington DE -- 2018
• Most balks – 2
  by Las Vegas NV – 2018
• Most passed balls – 1
  by Gonzales LA – 2018
• Most home runs allowed – 2
  by Meridian ID – 2018

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  26 – New Orleans LA (34-26-1) in 15 appearances*
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• Most wins by championship club
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• Highest win percentage by championship club
  .698 – Upland CA (37-16) 1964

• Most runs scored tournament (ALWS—9 only)
  282 – Las Vegas NV in 1998 (15 games)
• Most runs scored ALWS-7 only

SUNDRY RECORDS

Includes all ALWS years unless noted
• Longest game (innings)
  14 – Brooklawn NJ beat Bedford MA, 5-4 – 1994
  14 – West Covina CA beat Manchester NH, 1-0 – 1970
  14 – Springfield OH beat Omaha NE, 3-1 – 1968
  14 – Manchester NH beat Nashville TN, 9-8 – 1966
  14 – Spartanburg SC beat San Diego CA, tie 8-8 – 1938
  14 – South Chicago IL beat Columbia SC, 1-0 – 1931

• Shortest game (innings)
  5 – Yonkers NY vs. El Dorado KN – 1926*
  5 – Las Vegas NV vs. Meridian ID – 2018 (10-run rule)
  *Indicates that game was called so legion officials could attend
  convention parade in Philadelphia.

• Shortest game (time – nine innings)
  1:27 – Henderson NV vs. Shrewsbury MA – 2017

• Shortest game (time – seven innings)
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• Most runs scored tournament (ALWS—9 only)
  282 – Las Vegas NV in 1998 (15 games)
• Most runs scored ALWS-7 only
NEW ERA NATIONAL COMPETITION RECORDS

- **Highest batting average**
  .555 by Sam Link, (15-of-27) Dubuque Co. IA – 2018

- **Most rbi**
  15 by Bryce Marsh, Randolph Co. NC – 2018

- **Most total bases**
  21 by Austin Colmery, Wilmington DE – 2018
  20 by Dawson Painter, Randolph Co. NC – 2018

- **Most strikeouts (by pitchers)**
  25 by Jimmy Gamboa, Las Vegas NV – 2018

NOTE: the above statistical categories are based on national competition which is national regional and World Series games.

NEW ERA TOURNAMENT RECORDS

**Batting average**
- .255 (198-of-776) in 2018

**At Bats**
- 776 in 2018

**Runs**
- 109 in 2018

**Hits**
- 198 in 2018

**Two-base hits**
- 37 in 2018

**Three-base hits**
- 2 in 2018

**Home Runs**
- 3 in 2018

**Total Bases**
- 248 in 2018

**Base on Balls**
- 90 in 2018

**Strikeouts**
- 155 in 2018

**Stolen Bases**
- 19 in 2018

**Stolen Base attempts**
- 26 in 2018

**Earned Run average**
- 3.76 in 2018

**Saves**
- 4 in 2018

**Innings pitched**
- 205.2 in 2018

**Strikeouts**
- 155

**Base on Balls**
- 90

**Earned Runs**
- 86

**Earned Run Average**
- 3.76

Special note:
Beginning with 2018 national tournament competition (regional tournaments and World Series), all games are scheduled for seven innings (unless shorten by mercy rule or extended by extra innings). New Era records will include games from 2018-present with exception to certain Sundry records. Individual/team game and ALWS records will reflect records based on reduction of play from nine to seven innings.

For complete list of ALL records (1926-2017 and 2018-present), please see John Guinozzo.
American Legion World Series performances/ Records in the nine-inning era

Note: game records (individual/team/two-team) include World Series games only. Tournament records, those that include (individual/team/tournament) come from national competition (national regional and World Series games) unless noted.

Game records
Individual, team, two-team
Offense

MOST AT BATS

INDIVIDUAL
7 by Dan Henning (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Rhett Fenton (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by T.J. Fife (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Mike Olt (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Mike Depolo (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by James Balzano (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Andrew Johnson (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Preston Young (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Joel Perez (Guaynabo PR vs. Woodland Hills CA)—1989
7 by Jorge Robles (Guaynabo PR vs. Woodland Hills CA)—1989
7 by Al Smith (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Ryan Illich (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Preston Young (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Dylan Rasmussen (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Michael Quinton (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Ryan Illich (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Michael Quinton (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Preston Young (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Dylan Rasmussen (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Michael Quinton (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007

TEAM
25 by Jefferson City MO vs. Brooklawn NJ (7 innings)—1998
23 by Omaha NE vs. Roseburg OR—1963
34 – Oakland CA (22) vs. Bristol RI (12)—1950

MOST RUNS

INDIVIDUAL
5 by Reid Akau (Waipahu HI vs. Wilmington NC)—2013
5 by Brian Kekee (Jefferson City MO vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1998
5 by Burke Eathome (Bellevue WA vs. Columbia TN)—1995
5 by Dan Catlin (East Hartford CT vs. Medford OR)—1992
5 by Mitch Hannahs (Maynard OH vs. Cedar Rapids IA)—1986
5 by Ron Ramie (Honolulu HI vs. West Allis WI)—1962

TEAM
25 by Jefferson City MO vs. Brooklawn NJ (7 innings)—1998
23 by Omaha NE vs. Roseburg OR—1963
34 – Oakland CA (22) vs. Bristol RI (12)—1950

MOST HITS

INDIVIDUAL
6 by Reid Akau (Waipahu HI vs. Wilmington NC)—2013
6 by Jorge Robles (Guaynabo PR vs. Woodland Hills CA)—1989
6 by Al Smith (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
6 by Ryan Illich (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007

TEAM
22 by Milton MA vs. Lawrence KS—2006
22 by Corvallis OR vs. Whitehouse MN—2003
22 by Edina MN vs. Chino CA—1983
22 by Tulsa OK vs. Manchester NH—1970
22 by Oakland CA vs. Bristol RI—1950

MOST TWO-BASE HITS

INDIVIDUAL
4 by Jason Williams (Gonzales LA vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1991
4 by Mike Maupin (Richmond VA vs. Kokomo IN)—1982
4 by Scott Gilbert (Boyertown PA vs. Lafayette CA)—1982

TEAM
9 by Sanford FL vs. Medford OR—1997
13 – Omaha NE (8) vs. Brooklawn NJ (5)—2001
13 – Sanford FL (9) vs. Medford OR (4)—1997

MOST THREE-BASE HITS

INDIVIDUAL
2 by Nick Cioci (Terre Haute IN vs. Metairie LA)—2006
2 by Josh Sowell (Dothan AL vs. Woodbury MN)—2005
2 by Chris Wright (State College PA vs. Cherryville NC)—1998
2 by Jason Funk (Saverna Park MD vs. Bristol CT)—1997
2 by Dominick Crispo (Bellevue WA vs. Columbia TN)—1995
2 by Wil Vespe (Brooklawn NJ vs. Guaynabo PR)—1984
2 by Jorge Robles (Guaynabo PR vs. Roseburg OR)—1984
2 by Mike Halloran (Edina MN vs. Boyertown PA)—1983
2 by Steve Nepa (Wilmington DE vs. Manchester NH)—1967
2 by Bob Fry (Billings MT vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1960

TEAM
4 by Bellevue WA vs. Columbia TN—1995
4 by Brooklawn NJ vs. Las Vegas NV—1984
4 – Rockport IN (2) vs. Las Vegas NV (2)—1984
4 – Bellevue WA (4) vs. Columbia TN (0)—1995
4 – Brooklawn NJ (4) vs. Las Vegas NV (0)—1984

TWO-TEAMS
111 – Branford CT (56) v. Bellingham W (55) (13inn)—2007
37 – Branford CT (19) vs. Bellingham WA (18)—2007
37 – Paducah KY (19) vs. Omaha NE (18)—2000
37 – Omaha NE (19) vs. Hamilton Square NJ (18)—2000

TWO-TEAM
4 – Rockport IN (2) vs. Las Vegas NV (2)—1984
4 – Bellevue WA (4) vs. Columbia TN (0)—1995
4 – Brooklawn NJ (4) vs. Las Vegas NV (0)—1984
### Most Home Runs

**Individual**
- 3 by Marc Damon (Tucson AZ vs. Branford CT)—2007
- 12 by Marc Damon (Tucson AZ vs. Branford CT)—2007
- 4 by Ryan Lymangrover (Danville CA vs. Paducah KY)—2000

**Team**
- 44 by Tucson AZ vs. Branford CT—2007
- 7 by Cherryville NC vs. Corvallis OR—2003

**Two-Team**
- 11 – Tucson AZ (7) vs. Branford CT (4)—2007

### Most Total Bases

**Individual**
- 8 by Marc Damon (Tucson AZ vs. Branford CT)—2007
- 12 by Ryan Lymangrover (Danville CA vs. Paducah KY)—2000

**Team**
- 44 by Tucson AZ vs. Branford CT—2007
- 72 – Tucson AZ (44) vs. Branford CT (28)—2007

**Two-Team**
- 7 by Rowan County NC vs. San Mateo CA—2016
- 7 – Rowan County NC (7) vs. San Mateo CA (0)—2016

### Most RBI

**Individual**
- 8 by Chris Wright (State College PA vs. Cherryville NC)—1998
- 12 by Marc Damon (Tucson AZ vs. Branford CT)—2007
- 12 by Ryan Lymangrover (Danville CA vs. Paducah KY)—2000

**Team**
- 22 by Omaha NE vs. Roseburg OR—1963

**Two-Team**
- 31 – Sacramento CA (17) vs. West Covina CA (14)—1985

### Most Hit by Pitch

**Individual**
- 2 by Bryan Kloetzke (Woodbury MN vs. Dothan AL)—2005
- 2 by Brock Alexander (Cherryville NC vs. Corvallis OR)—2003
- 2 by Dan Lyons (Rochester MN vs. Corvallis OR)—2003
- 2 by Matt Webb (Blue Springs MO vs. Northridge CA)—2003
- 2 by Lucas Rapa (Omaha NE vs. Kennewick WA)—2016
- 2 by Caleb Helms (Rockport IN vs. Kennewick WA)—2016
- 2 by Trent Hulse (Enid OK vs. Brooklawn NJ)—2005
- 2 by Kenny Thorpe (Boytown PA vs. Eden Prairie MN)—2004

**Team**
- 6 by Lake Oswego OR vs. Rockport IN—1974
- 6 by Rio Piedras PR vs. Metairie LA—1974
- 6 by Memphis TN vs. Klamath Falls OR—1968

**Two-Team**
- 7 – Sacramento CA (4) vs. Bellevue WA (3)—1981
- 7 – Lake Oswego OR (6) vs. Rockport IN (1)—1974
- 7 – Rio Piedras PR (6) vs. Metairie LA (1)—1974

### Most Sacrifice Flies

**Individual**
- 2 by Daryl Moore (Yakima WA vs. Moorhead MN)—1988

**Team**
- 4 by Midland MI vs. Eden Prairie MN—1988
- 4 by Omaha NE (2) vs. Brooklawn NJ (2)—2001

### Most Stolen Bases

**Individual**
- 6 by Tomas Gil (Hialeah FL vs. Allen Park MI)—1978
- 6 by Edward Heydash (West Hartford CT vs. Detroit MI)—1959

**Team**
- 6 by Petaluma WA vs. Brooklawn NJ—2013
- 6 by Maynard OH vs. Cedar Rapids IA—1986

**Two-Team**
- 26 – Maplewood MN (14) vs. San Diego CA (12)—1954
19 by West Hartford CT vs. Detroit MI—1959

TWO-TEAM
25 – West Hartford CT (19) vs. Detroit MI (6)—1959

INDIVIDUAL (stolen bases in inning)
3 by Robbie Podrosky (Gonzales LA vs. Petaluma CA)—2013. Note: Podorsky is only player to steal second, third and home in same inning

TRIPLE STEAL
1 by Metairie LA (sixth inning: Kevin Weidenbacher stole second, Tyler Koelling stole third and Brett Accardo stole home) vs. Midlothian VA—2007

Pitching

NO-HIT (complete) GAMES
- Richard Schroeder (Santa Monica CA vs. Cedar Rapids IA)—1976 (Game went ten innings. Santa Monica won 1-0)
- Gene Guerriero (Staten Island NY vs. Springfield MA)—1968. Staten Island won 2-0

ONE-HIT (complete) GAMES
- Kevin Ebenwein (Las Vegas NV vs. Rockland Co. NY)—1993. Las Vegas won 12-0.
- Clyde Keller (Sacramento CA vs. Midlothian VA)—1985. Sacramento won 1-0.
- Mike Innes (Tuscaloosa AL vs. Oakland CA)—1966. Tuscaloosa won 6-2.
- Steve Chamberlain (Portland OR vs. Berlin NH)—1965. Portland won 3-0.
- Bob Boyd (Charlotte NC vs. Upland CA)—1964. Charlotte won 2-0.
- Jim Harwell (New Orleans LA vs. Yorkers NY)—1956. New Orleans won 2-0.
- Boots Kent (Shelby NC vs. Oak Park IL)—1945. Shelby won 2-1 in 10 innings. Kent pitched nine innings of no-hit ball allowing a hit and run in tenth inning.
- Wes Kennerly (San Diego CA vs. Berwyn IL)—1941. San Diego won 1-0.

MOST INNINGS PITCHED

INDIVIDUAL
14 by Al Lawler (South Chicago IL vs. Columbia SC)—1931
14 by Kirby Higbe (Columbia SC vs. South Chicago IL)—1931

TEAM
14 by Brooklawn NJ vs. Bedford VA—1994
14 by Brooklawn NJ vs. Manchester NH—1970
14 by Springfield OH vs. Omaha NE—1968
14 by Manchester NH vs. Nashville TN—1966
14 by Spartburg SC vs. San Diego CA—1938
14 by South Chicago IL vs. Columbia SC—1931

MOST RUNS ALLOWED

INDIVIDUAL
14 by Jonathan Kuetz (Excelsior MN vs. Las Vegas NV)—1998

TEAM

TWO-TEAM
34 – Bristol RI (12) vs. Oakland CA (22)—1950

MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED

INDIVIDUAL
13 by Jonathon Kuetz (Excelsior MN vs. Las Vegas NV)—1998
18 by Bristol RI vs. Oakland CA—1950

TEAM
28 – Bristol RI (18) vs. Oakland CA (10)—1950

MOST HITS ALLOWED

INDIVIDUAL
17 by Mark Peddeersen (New Brighton MN vs. Sanford FL)—1997

TEAM
22 by Whitehouse OH vs. Corvallis OR—2003
22 by Chino CA vs. Edina MN—1983
22 by Manchester NH vs. Tulsa OK—1970
22 by Bristol RI vs. Oakland CA—1950

TWO-TEAM
34 – Bristol RI (12) vs. Oakland CA (22)—1950

MOST STRIKEOUTS

INDIVIDUAL
19 by Dave Lemonds (Charlotte NC vs. Omaha NE)—1965
19 by Garry Hill (Charlotte NC vs. Omaha NE)—1965
19 by Dave McNally (Billings MT vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1960

SEVEN-INNING GAME STRIKEOUT
15 by Kevin Hill (Midwest City OK vs. Chesapeake VA)—2010

TEAM
21 by Danville CA vs. Columbia SC—2000 (13 innings)
21 by West Covina CA vs. Manchester NH—1970 (14 innings)

TWO-TEAM
30 – Danville CA (21) vs. Columbia SC (9)—2000 (13 innings)

MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED

INDIVIDUAL
3 by Brian Monack (Branford CT vs. Tucson AZ)—2007
3 by Brett Brunner (Corvallis OR vs. Cherryville NC)—2003
3 by Alex DeAngelis (Corvallis OR vs. Cherryville NC)—2003
3 by Peter Nemeth (Midland MI vs. Rockland Co. NY)—1996

TEAM
7 by Branford CT vs. Tucson AZ—2007
7 by Corvallis OR vs. Cherryville NC—2003

TWO-TEAM
9 by Guaynabo PR (3) vs. Midlothian VA (6)—1985

MOST BASE ON BALLS ALLOWED

INDIVIDUAL
12 by Mike Pstragowski (Manchester NH vs. Memphis TN)—1967

TEAM
17 by Brooklawn NJ vs. Brooklawn NJ vs. Petaluma CA—2013
17 by Cedar Rapids IA vs. Maynard OH—1986

TWO-TEAM
26 – San Diego CA (12) vs. Maplewood MN (14)—1954

MOST WILD PITCHES

INDIVIDUAL
5 by Madison Boer (Eden Prairie MN vs. Boyertown PA)—2007
TEAM
8 by Texarkana AR vs Rowan County NC—2016 (12 innings)

TWO-TEAM
10 by Danville CA (7) vs. Lewiston ID (3)—2001

MOST HIT BATTERS
INDIVIDUAL
4 by Chad Billingsley (Napoleon OH vs. Lewiston ID)—2001
4 by J.P. George (Bloomington MN vs. Kennewick WA)—1999
4 by Pat Muncher (Bedford VA vs. Salem OR)—1994

TEAM
7 by Texarkana AR vs. Rowan County NC—2016

TWO-TEAM
8 – by Rowan County NC (2) vs. Kennewick WA (6)—2016

Fielding

TOTAL PUTOUTS
INDIVIDUAL (first base)
19 by Travis Goins (Rowan County NC vs. Rapid City SD)—1996 (10inn)
19 by Mike Barnard (Des Plaines IL vs. Warwick RI)—1976 (13 innings)
NINE INNING (regular game)
17 by Weston Bryan (Petaluma CA vs. Waipahu HI)—2013
17 by Colin Dolan (Wilmington NC vs. Branford CT)—2013

INDIVIDUAL (infielder)
8 by Mike Ramseth (Edina MN vs. Grand Junction CO)—1982

INDIVIDUAL (catcher)
20 by Tim Gilhooly (Danville CA vs. Columbia SC)—2000 (13 innings)

INDIVIDUAL (outfielder)
8 by Pat Desimone (Des Plaines vs. Metairie LA)—1976

TEAM
52 by Brooklawn NJ and Bedford VA—1994
52 by West Covina CA and Manchester NH—1970
52 by Springfield OH and Omaha NE—1968
52 by Spartanburg SC and San Diego CA—1938
52 by South Chicago IL and Columbia SC—1931

Note: all games above went 14 innings

TWO-TEAM
104 – Brooklawn NJ and Bedford VA—1994
104 by West Covina CA and Manchester NH—1970
104 by Springfield OH and Omaha NE—1968
104 by Spartanburg SC and San Diego CA—1938
104 by South Chicago IL and Columbia SC—1931

TOTAL ASSISTS
INDIVIDUAL (infielder)
10 by Ronny Woods (ss) (Dothan AL vs. Excelsior MN)—2002

INDIVIDUAL (outfielder)
3 by Mike Sinclair (Detroit MI vs. Hampton VA)—1959

INDIVIDUAL (catcher)
3 by Jerry Vaught (Tulsa OK vs. Yakima WA)—1979
3 by Fred Combs (Phoenix AZ vs. Cincinnati OH)—1961

INDIVIDUAL (pitcher)
6 by Shane Robinson (Russellville AR vs. Blessfield MI)—1994
6 by Darryl Schoenly (Boyertown PA vs. Hamlet NC)—1983
6 by Dave Magadan (West Tampa FL vs. Omaha NE)—1981
6 by Mike Bodickler (Cedar Rapids IA vs. Santa Monica CA)—1976

6 by Scott Simonds (Cincinnati OH vs. Phoenix AZ)—1961
6 by Harry Amato (Springfield OH vs. Minneapolis MN)—1943
6 by Bob Danielson (Minneapolis MN vs. Springfield OH)—1943
6 by Wes Kennerly (San Diego CA vs. Beryn IL)—1941

TEAM
26 by DesPlaines IL vs. Warwick RI—1976 (13 innings)

TWO-TEAM
47 – DesPlaines IL (26) vs. Warwick RI (21)—1976 (13 innings)

PASSED BALLS
INDIVIDUAL
3 by Colin Gilbert (Napoleon OH vs. Danville CA)—2000

TOTAL ERRORS
INDIVIDUAL (infielder)

4 by Casey Garven (2b) (Bloomington MN vs. Portland ME)—1999
4 by Harry Rivera (ss) (East Hartford CT vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1992
4 by Tony Aquino (ss) (Las Vegas NV vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1984
4 by Steve Routos (ss) (Bellevue WA vs. Richmond VA)—1981

INDIVIDUAL (outfielder)

2 by John Ivie (Columbia TN vs. Eden Prairie MN)—2007
2 by Matt Webb (Blue Springs MO vs. Haddon Heights NJ)—2003

INDIVIDUAL (catcher)

3 by Mike Pratt (E) Dorado KN vs. Yonkers NY)—1926

INDIVIDUAL (pitcher)
2 by Tom Taylor (Los Angeles CA vs. Manchester NH)—1942

TEAM
14 by Roseburg OR vs. Omaha NE—1963

TWO-TEAM
16 – Northbrook IL (12) vs. Oakland CA (4)—1966
16 – Roseburn OR (14) vs. Omaha NE (2)—1966

TOTAL DOUBLE PLAYS (turned)
TEAM
4 by Burnsville MN vs. Brooklawn NJ—2013
4 by Las Vegas NV vs. Midland MI—2011
4 by Las Vegas NV vs. Moline IL—2010
4 by Corvallis OR vs. Rochester MN—2003
4 by State College PA vs. Jefferson City MO—1998
4 by Rapid City SD vs. Rockland CO NY—1993
4 by Los Angeles CA vs. Manchester NH—1942

TWO-TEAM
6 by Las Vegas NV (4) vs. Midland MI (2)—2011
6 by Pasco Twin Cities WA (3) vs. Brooklawn NJ (3)—2005
6 by Medford OR (3) vs. Rapid City SD (3)—2002

TRIPLE PLAYS
TEAM
1 by Deland FL vs. Portland ME—2004 (fifth inning)
1 by Rockland CO NV vs. Rapid City SD—1996 (third inning)
1 by Wilmington Manor DE vs. Manchester NH—1967 (1 inning)
1 by Enid OK vs. Oakland CA—1966 (seventh inning)
1 by Cincinnati OH vs. Portland OR—1957 (fifth inning)
1 by Oakland CA vs. Cincinnati OH—1949 (third inning)

LEFT ON BASE
TEAM
20 by Danville CA vs. Omaha NE—2001

TWO-TEAM
32 – Warwick RI (17) vs. DesPlaines IL (15)—1976 (13 innings)
**Offense**

### MOST AT BATS
- **INDIVIDUAL** 60 by Tom Proutt, Cincinnati OH—1955
- **TEAM** 438 by Pasco Twin Cities WA—2005

### MOST RUNS
- **INDIVIDUAL** 23 by David Ward, New Orleans LA—1983
- **TEAM** 133 by New Brighton MN—1999

### MOST HITS
- **INDIVIDUAL** 30 by Chito Martinez, New Orleans LA—1983
- **TEAM** 161 by Medford OR—1997

### MOST TWO-BASE HITS
- **INDIVIDUAL** 11 by Nate Philo, Medford OR—1997
- **TEAM** 41 by Chino CA—1994

### MOST THREE-BASE HITS
- **INDIVIDUAL** 5 by Bill Wilson, Cedar Rapids IA—1975
- **TEAM** 12 by San Diego CA—1954

### MOST HOME RUNS
- **INDIVIDUAL** 9 by Marc Damon, Tucson AZ—2007
- **TEAM** 36 by Tucson AZ—2007

### MOST SACRIFICES
- **INDIVIDUAL** 10 by Kyle Geason, Eden Prairie MN (7F/3H)—2007
- **TEAM** 24 by Eden Prairie MN—2007

### MOST RBI
- **INDIVIDUAL** 30 by John Cruz, Yakima WA—1979
- **TEAM** 120 by Tucson AZ—2007

### MOST BASE ON BALLS
- **INDIVIDUAL** 14 by Matt Sinatro, Bellevue WA—2012
- **TEAM** 95 by Brooklawn NJ—1984

### MOST STOLEN BASES
- **INDIVIDUAL** 14 by TJ White, Las Vegas NV—2011
- **TEAM** 56 by Midwest City OK—2010

### MOST STRIKEOUTS (by hitter)
- **INDIVIDUAL** 15 by John Engers, Danville CA—2000
- **TEAM** 95 by Lewiston ID—2001

### HIGHEST BATTING AVERAGE
- **INDIVIDUAL** .679 by Doug Palmer, New Ulm MN—1978
- **TEAM** .396 by Edwardsville IL—1998 (147—371)

### Pitching

### MOST APPEARANCES (starter/reliever)
- **INDIVIDUAL** 9 by Tris Lipscomb, Midlothian VA—1985
- **TEAM** 8 by Michael Badger, Rochester MN—2003

### MOST INNINGS PITCHED
- **INDIVIDUAL** 51.0 by Butch Vargas, Oakland CA—1966

### MOST STRIKEOUTS (1960 and 8-team format)
- **INDIVIDUAL** 69 by Chris Mason, Cherryville NC—2003
- **TEAM** 106 by Sacramento CA—1985

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Note: current format includes national regional and World Series tournaments.
MOST STRIKEOUTS (including sectionals)
INDIVIDUAL
84 by Wayne Thompson, Maplewood MN—1954
Note: including sectionals, national regionals and World Series tournaments.

MOST BASE ON BALLS
INDIVIDUAL
32 by Pete Torgenson, Rapid City SD—1984
TEAM
69 by Yardley PA—1996

MOST WILD PITCHES
INDIVIDUAL
7 by Madison Boer, Eden Prairie MN—2007
TEAM
19 by Chino CA—1994

MOST VICTORIES (national competition)
INDIVIDUAL
6 by Butch Vargas (6-0), Oakland CA—1966
6 by Bob Miller (6-0), St. Louis MO—1956
6 by Bill Joyce (6-0), Buffalo NY—1929
6 by Charles Hardt (6-0), Oakland CA—1928
TEAM
18 by Texarkana AR—2016

MOST VICTORIES (ALWS only)
INDIVIDUAL
3 by Scott Beasley, Columbia TN—2007
3 by Tris Lipscomb, Midlothian VA—1985
3 by John Babel, Boyertown PA—1980
3 by Butch Vargas, Oakland CA—1966
3 by Jim Harwell, New Orleans LA—1956
3 by Bob Miller, St. Louis MO—1956

MOST SAVES
INDIVIDUAL
5 by Jeff Malm, Las Vegas NV—2008
TEAM
6 by Enid OK—2005
6 by Rockport IN—2016

MOST COMBINED WINS/SAVES
INDIVIDUAL
7 by Tris Lipscomb (5-0 with 2 saves), Midlothian VA—1985

LOWEST ERA (min. 20 innings)
INDIVIDUAL
0.00 by Matt Brown, Danville CA—2000
0.00 by Fernando Rodriguez, Miami FL—1994
0.00 by Ken Fila, Omaha NE—1965
TEAM
1.05 by Danville CA—2000

Fielding

MOST PUTOUTS
INDIVIDUAL
122 by Geoffrey Kirksey (1B), Paducah KY—2000
TEAM

Sundry records

MOST RUNS (inning)
TEAM
13 by Cincinnati OH vs. Kingston NY—1988 (third inning)
TWO-TEAM
15 by Las Vegas NV (8) vs. Excelsior MN (7)—1998 (fourth inning)
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Note: one sac bunt and one sac fly in third inning
1926 – Yonkers NY Post 321

PHILADELPHIA PA – Yonkers NY Post 321 won the American Legion’s first World Series baseball championship with a resounding victory over runner-up Pocatello ID, 23-6.

The tournament was held in conjunction with the Legion’s national convention in Philadelphia, Oct. 11-13. The finals matched unbeaten teams with Yonkers prevailing. Major League baseball commissioner Judge K. M. Landis was in attendance of 3,000 in Sesquicentennial Stadium.

Jack ‘Babe’ McCormick was the hero of the tournament going 7-for-12 and a .583 average. Yonkers banged out 17 hits with McCormick hitting a home run (third in the Series).

Joining Yonkers and Pocatello in the tournament were El Dorado KN and Springfield OH.

52,000 boys participated in the Legion’s first year of national competition.

1927

There was no national tournament in 1927 although Legion Baseball continued on local level.

1928 – Oakland CA Post 5

CHICAGO IL – Oakland CA Post 5 capped an undefeated season as the Golden State champion sweeping Worchester MA, 2-games-to-0 to win the American Legion World Series championship.

Coach Leroy Sharpe’s chargers dominated rivals all season, outscoring opponents, 186-6 including 14 shutout victories.

Charles Hardt and Al Silva shared pitching duties. Hardt, a hard throwing southpaw won a record six games in national competition and allowed only three runs in 77 innings. Silva gave up just two runs in 67 innings.

Oakland’s hitting star was third baseman Einar Sorensen. He hit .422 during the season and .500 in the Series. He went 3-for-4 in the championship game as Oakland ended its all winning season at 19-0.

1929 – Buffalo NY Post 721

LOUISVILLE KY – Credit team captain Bill Joyce for winning the 1929 American Legion World Series for Buffalo NY Post 721.

The multi-talented athlete led the Bisons to a 2-game-to-1 series triumph over the New Orleans White Sox. He tossed a complete game victory on opening day and then came back to win the third and deciding game. He was a big hit offensively also going 2-for-5 in the championship game.

He went 14-0 on the season and a recording setting 6-0 in national competition as Buffalo finished at 25-1. The only setback was New Orleans game two win, 16-9. New Orleans set a record with 20 hits in that game.

Baseball commissioner Judge Kenesaw Landis praised the play of the Bisons in the post-game awards.
1930 – Baltimore MD Post 81
MEMPHIS TN – Baltimore MD Post 81 swept New Orleans LA to win the ALWS 2-games-to-0 at Russwood Park. It was another disappointment for New Orleans as the Crescent City entry finished second for the second consecutive season. Baltimore won the open in 10 innings, 5-4 pushing across the winning run on a squeeze bunt by Bill Stiner. He laid down a perfect bunt scoring Andy Bolognese. In the finals, Herbert Newberg and Norman Weiner each picked up three RBI and two hits to give Clarence Koslowski the victory on the mound.

1931 – South Chicago IL Post 493
HOUSTON TX – The championship game of the 1931 American Legion World Series will always be in the books as “the classic game” with South Chicago IL Post 493 defeating Columbia SC. The Illini won the series 2-games-to-0. The “classic game” in the championship finale pitted So. Chicago’s Al Lawler and Columbia’s Kirby Higbe. The old fashion pitching duel lasted 14 innings and when the dust had settled, Lawler prevailed, 1-0. He fanned a tournament record 17 strikeouts while Higbe fanned 10. Wally Holem scored the game’s lone run in top of the 14th. It would be another 87 years until another championship thriller would end in 1-0 game (2018).

1932 – New Orleans LA Post 132
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1933 – Chicago IL Post 467
NEW ORLEANS LA – Future Major Leaguer Phil Cavaretta led Chicago IL Post 467 to the American Legion World Series title. Chicago swept Trenton NJ, 2-games-to-0. Cavaretta won the series opener with a complete game 14-5 victory and then came back in relief to win the championship game, 7-6. He fanned five and gave up just one hit in the finals. Dan Krause scored from first in the bottom of the ninth on a Ted Swed’s two-out single off the right field wall. Swed’s winning blast came on a 0-2 count.
1934 – Cumberland MD Post 13

CHICAGO IL – Cumberland MD Post 13 rallied from a 1-0 series deficit to beat New Orleans, 2-games-to-1 for the 1934 American Legion World Series.

Chicago’s Major League ballparks – Wrigley Field, home of the Cubs and Comiskey Park, home of the White Sox served hosts to the ALWS.

New Orleans won the opener at Comiskey Park followed by a win by Cumberland at Wrigley Field.

Back at Comiskey Park for the deciding game, Cumberland’s Roland Triplett went the distance handcuffing New Orleans, 6-1. He fanned nine and tossed a three-hitter.

Team captain Charley Clark, the series top hitter had two hits including a triple and scored twice.

1935 – Gastonia NC Post 23

GASTONIA NC – Gastonia NC Post 23 gave its hometown fans something to cheer about as they became the first team to win the American Legion World Series while playing on home turf.

The Eastern Sectional champions swept the Western champion San Diego CA, 3-games-to-0.

The Series format switched from the best-of-three to best-of-five in 1935 and the site would be at either the home of the eastern or western winner.

13,000 fans attended the clincher as Gastonia won 12-8 behind 16-hit attack.

28,900 fans attended the series.

1936 – Spartanburg SC Post 28

SPARTANBURG SC – An all time record crowd of 60,000 turned out in this tiny South Carolina hamlet to witness the 1936 American Legion World Series.

Home-standing Spartanburg SC Post 28 beating visiting Los Angeles CA, 3-games-to-2.

The championship game at Duncan Park was played before a record crowd of 20,000 mostly partisan fans.

Pepper Martin (three hits) and Pete Fowler (three RBI) propelled Spartanburg to the 8-1 victory.

For Spartans hit over .500 in national competition. Fowler hit .550 while Martin, Pedro Mahaffey and Roy Prince each hit .500. The team blistered opponents with a .317 average.

1937 – East Lynn MA Post 291

NEW ORLEANS LA – Domination was the word during the 1937 American Legion World Series as East Lynn MA Post 291 swept home standing New Orleans LA, 3-games-to-0.

The eastern champion made it simple outscoring the western champion, 30-6.

The series clincher was a 13-5 victory in which East Lynn collected 17 hits. 8,438 fans in Heinman Park watched in disbelief.

Ray Bessom was the hitting and pitching star for the winners. He hit .555 in the tournament.

On the mound, he picked up victories in the games one and two in the series and came back in the championship game to register a save. He fanned 55 in national competition and finished the season at 28-0.

East Lynn sported a near perfect 38-1 record on the season.

With the loss, New Orleans record in the World Series stands at 1-4 having won in 1932 and finished second in 1929, 1930, 1934 and 1937.
1938 – San Diego CA Post 6

SPARTANBURG SC – San Diego CA Post 6 returned the American Legion World Series title back to sunny California for the first time since 1928 as the Golden State champions slipped past host Spartanburg SC.

The series was the most evenly matched in ALWS history. San Diego won 3-games-to-2 with one tie (the second in series history).

The opener lasted 14 innings (longest in ALWS history) and settled absolutely nothing as the teams battled to 8-8 tie.

With the series knotted at 2-2, the championship game featured a pitching duel between San Diego’s Chet Kehn (10 strikeouts and four hits allowed) and Spartanburg’s Charlie Cudd (seven strikeouts and no walks).

Fernando Paredes’ two RBI single gave San Diego the edge and the victory. Kehn, a lanky right-hander retired the final eight batters to secure the title.

1939 – Omaha NE Post 1

OMAHA NE – Omaha NE Post 1 became the third team since 1935 to win the American Legion World Series while playing at home.

The Nebraskans methodically rolled over visiting Berwyn IL, 3-games-to-1.

Bud Blessie was the pitching star going 5-0 in national play. He posted a pair of victories in the series.

Berwyn’s Eddie Goraliski led the series in hitting with a nifty 8-for-16 .500 average.

12,800 in Fontenelle Park saw the finals with Omaha prevailing 6-2.

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1941 – San Diego CA Post 6

SAN DIEGO CA – Bouncing back from the disaster of 1940, San Diego CA Post 6 shutdown Berwyn IL, 3-games-to-0 to win the American Legion World Series championship.

By erasing the pain of 1940, San Diego’s victory marked the first time a team has won two ALWS crowns. San Diego also won the 1938 championship.

The San Diego success was mainly attributed to the pitching and fielding of Bob Usher.

Usher picked up the victory in game one limiting the visitors to three hits via an 8-0 shutout. He came back with his defensive skills during game two with a diving game ending (and game saving) catch in the ninth inning with the bases loaded to preserve a 1-0 victory.
In the championship game, he combined his pitching and hitting. He went 3-for-3 at the plate and picked up a save with two hitless innings and three strikeouts.

1942 – Los Angeles CA Post 357

MANCHESTER NH – California laid claim to baseball supremacy in amateur baseball ranks during 1942 as Los Angeles CA Post 357 won the American Legion World Series, 3-games-to-0 over host Manchester NH.

Bob Moore, a 6-0 hard throwing pitcher mastered the eastern champions on four hits in the championship game. He fanned seven and walked one.

Pitching was Los Angeles’ strongpoint as Dan Brown and Tom Radcliff joined Moore with complete game victories in the series.

1943 – Richfield MN Post 435

MILES CITY MT – A new format and a new champion was introduced to American Legion baseball fans during the 1943 season.

The new format called for a double-elimination tournament between all sectional champions.

In the inauguration event, Richfield MN outlasted four opponents to win the title. The championship game saw Richfield beat Springfield OH, 3-2 before 4,000.

Roger Brown’s double off the right field wall scored Paul Otness with the game winning run in the sixth inning. The Richfield victory overshadowed a fine pitching performance by Springfield’s Harry Amato. He fanned 11 and walked two in the losing effort.

1944 – Cincinnati OH Post 50

MINNEAPOLIS MN – Cincinnati OH won the first of a record seven national championships during the 1944 American Legion World Series as Post 50 coached by veteran Joe Hawk beat Albemarle NC, 3-2.

Ralph Kraus used his pitching and hitting in the championship victory. As a pitcher, he fanned four and scattered nine hits in the complete game win. At the plate, he contributed offensively going 2-for-4.

Albemarle did not go away easy by forcing a second championship game beating previously unbeaten Cincinnati in the double-elimination series.

1945 – Shelby NC Post 82

CHARLOTTE NC – Playing in front of a home state friendly crowd, upstart Shelby NC Post 82 upended pre-tourney favorite Trenton NJ, 4-2 to capture the American Legion World Series championship.

Shelby swept through the double-elimination tournament unbeaten (3-0).

Shelby capitalized on five Trenton errors in a come-from-behind victory.

Harry McKee, the ace of the staff picked up the win and limited Trenton to four hits.

Shelby’s Boots Kent pitched nine innings of no-hit ball against Oak Park IL only to lose the gem and shutout in the 10th inning. Kent settled for a 2-1 extra inning win.

10,250 attended the finals and 41,500 turned out for the tournament.
1946 – New Orleans LA Post 125

CHARLESTON SC – New Orleans LA Post 125 used a brilliant pitching performance from Gus Riordan to capture the 1946 American Legion World Series championship.

Looking nothing like a champion on opening night, the Jesuit High School Blue Jays were shutout. Facing an early exit from the double-elimination tourney, New Orleans got on track and won four straight including a pair of victories over pre-tournament favorite Trenton NJ.

In the finals, Riordan mastered Trenton giving up two hits and fanned six in the 3-1 victory.

It was New Orleans second ALWS title matching San Diego with two as the most in Legion Baseball.

1947 – Cincinnati OH Post 50

LOS ANGELES CA – Cincinnati OH Post 50 joined an elite club by capturing the 1947 American Legion World Series.

With the win, Coach Joe Hawk’s club joins New Orleans and San Diego as the only two-time ALWS champions.

And it is Hawks’ second national title as coach.

Cincinnati went unbeaten in the series and clinched the title with a 3-2 victory over Little Rock AR.

George Moeller, a centerfielder/pitcher won the batting crown going 20-for-40 and .500 average during national competition.

1948 – Trenton NJ Post 93

INDIANAPOLIS IN – For 17 seasons, Trenton NJ Post 93 had one goal: the American Legion World Series championship.

Finally, after three runner-up finishes when favored each time, Trenton marched into the winner’s circle by winning the 1948 crown.

The eastern regional and sectional champions were led by Don Minnick, a lanky slingshot of a pitcher. He pitched the championship game with a 4-1 win against Jacksonville FL.

Minnick was matched with Leon Millington to give Trenton a powerful 1-2 punch on the mound.

The two limited opponents to four runs and 18 hits in the series.

1949 – Oakland CA Post 337

OMAHA NE – Playing in the American Legion World Series for the first time since 1928, Oakland CA Post 337 won the 1949 championship in newly constructed Municipal Stadium in Omaha.

45,358 showed up in the new ballpark as Oakland knocked off Cincinnati OH in the finals, 8-6.

Captain and shortstop Ray Herrera was selected as the first recipient of the American Legion Player of the Year.

Teammate J.W. Porter claimed the batting title with a .551 clip going 27-for-49 in national play.

The championship game featured a trip that started with Herrera that ignited Oakland’s drive to the title.
1950 – Oakland CA Post 337

OMAHA NE – Powerful Oakland CA Post 337 steamrolled over all opposition to win its second straight American Legion World Series championship.

It marked the first time in Legion history that a team had won back-to-back national crowns and it gave Oakland a record third national title (1928-1949-1950).

Oakland’s all-star catcher J.W. Porter set national records as well. The Player of the Year retained the Louisville Slugger award with his batting average ranked highest in national play.

His three-hit outburst in the finals led Oakland to an 11-0 rout of St. Louis while pitcher Vern Killburg limited St. Louis to four hits while picking up the shutout.

1951 – Los Angeles CA Post 715

DETROIT MI – Los Angeles CA Post 715 kept the American Legion World Series championship in California for the third straight year with an 11-7 victory over White Plains NY.

Detroit’s Tiger Stadium was the site of the tourney that saw future Baseball Hall of Fame inductee in the lineup. A spunky California player named Sparky Anderson played for the winners.

Anderson would return many years later to lead the Tigers to a Major League World Series as manager. He also won a World Series crown while leading the Cincinnati Red during the mid-1970s.

Individual honors during the ALWS went to White Plains’ Grover Jones. He was picked as the American Legion Player Of The Year while hitting .408.

1952 – Cincinnati OH Post 50

DENVER CO – Cincinnati OH Post 50 won a record 53 games in 1952 and joined Oakland CA in the American Legion record book by winning its third ALWS championship.

Crafty coach Joe Hawk’s troops nipped San Diego CA, 5-2 in the championship game on a night that was more suited for football or ice hockey. Game time temperature hovered at the 42 degree level and got lower as the game progressed.

Cincinnati’s Russell Nixon claimed top honors as the American Legion Player Of The Year recipient. San Diego’s centerfielder Horace Tucker won the batting honors with a .452 clip in national competition.

Howie Whitson, ace of the Cincinnati staff picked up the tourney opener on a 3-0 shutout and then came back to win the finals.

1953 – Yakima WA 36

MIAMI FL – Yakima WA Post 36 gave the American northwest region its first national championship with a 4-1 victory over Winnetka IL.

Tom Gibson fired a three-hitter in the finals as well as picking up three RBI on two hits as a hitter. It was Gibson’s second victory in three days against runner-up Winnetka. He tossed a five-hit complete game victory over the Illinois champions earlier in the tournament.

Versatile Chuck Linstrom of Winnetka was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year. Linstrom won a pair of games as a pitcher and played well defensively at second base.
1954 – San Diego CA Post 492

YAKIMA WA – Call them the “Cinderella team” or “a team of destiny” but whatever you call them, please include the following: 1954 American Legion World Series champions.

San Diego CA Post 492 rallied from an opening day setback to win out from the elimination bracket to capture the national championship.

The Southern California champions clipped Gastonia NC twice to win the crown. The first match up lasted 11 innings with San Diego prevailing 3-2. In the finals, San Diego scored seven runs over the first three innings and cruised to a 7-2 championship victory.

Lawrence Elliott’s two RBI single with the bases loaded was all Ron Wilkins needed as the big lefthander fanned 11. Wilkins entered the game as reliever in the first inning after two batters.

1955 – Cincinnati OH Post 216

ST. PAUL MN – The city of Cincinnati won its fourth American Legion World Series as Post 216 downed Washington DC, 10-4 in the finals.

With the win, Cincinnati moved ahead of San Diego CA and Oakland CA for the most ALWS titles.

Bill Beck’s victory over Washington in the finals was sweet revenge. Beck was beaten by that same team on opening day. In the championship game, he fanned 15 and limited Washington to five hits.

Third baseman Frank Birri was picked as the American Legion Player Of The Year as Cincinnati closed its record setting championship season at 36-4.

1956 – St. Louis MO 245

BISMARCK ND – Hard throwing Bob Miller picked up six victories in national competition including three at the World Series as St. Louis MO Post 245 battled opponents and Mother Nature along the way to the national championship.

The double-elimination tournament was a grueling affair for all teams but the two days of postponement and near freezing playing conditions didn’t stop the Missourians.

Miller opened the tourney with a 10-0 shutout of Roseburg OR and then handed powerful New Orleans LA a pair of setbacks (winning 7-3 and 8-3). In the championship game against New Orleans he fanned six to raise his national record at 6-0 with 40 strikeouts.

Teammate Lawrence Goudy led all hitters with a .449 average.

1957 – Cincinnati OH Post 50

BILLINGS MT – Cincinnati OH picked up its fifth American Legion World Series championship as Post 50 overcame a stubborn Portland OR club, 10-6 in the finals.

Cincinnati, undefeated in the double-elimination tournament, edged Portland twice to win the title as Coach Joe Hawk’s charges added another national title to Cincinnati’s record number of Legion crowns.

Pitching was the key as Hawk used three complete game victories by Scott Seger, Jerry Drew and Tom Tiettmeyer.

Tom Weber, who got a key three-run double in the eighth inning of the championship game, led the tourney in hitting with a .412 average.

Fred Fox, the American Legion Player Of The Year excelled on defense throughout the tournament as he assisted on a triple play. It was the ALWS’ second triple play in tournament history.
1958 – Cincinnati OH Post 50

COLORADO SPRINGS CO – For 21 seasons, Joe Hawk coached Cincinnati OH Post 50 to many championships but the one team, the one season he might remember the most was the 1958 club that produced a second straight ALWS.

For starters, the championship was the first back-to-back national titles in the ALWS since Oakland turned the trick in 1949-50.

And secondly, Hawk had to rebuild his club from the ground up. Only five players returned for action from his 1957 national championship club.

Southpaw Scott Seger tossed two complete game victories including the 12-1 rout of Everett MA in the championship.

1959 – Detroit MI Post 187

HASTINGS NE – Sparked by the all-around play of 5-6 shortstop Fred Bowen, Detroit MI Post 187 won the American Legion World Series championship.

The Michigan champion had to overcome an opening day setback to advance through the elimination round to win the title. It was a remake of regional and sectional playoffs as Detroit rebounded in both of those tournaments after early round losses to come back and win.

Detroit won the title with a pair of victories over previously unbeaten Hampton VA winning 5-3 and 11-4.

Detroit managed only five hits in the championship game but Hampton committed a record 10 errors. Two of the Detroit hits came from catcher John Hansen.

Bowen was chosen the American Legion Player Of The Year while Phoenix’s Louis Webb had the highest average at .478

1960 – New Orleans LA Post 125

HASTINGS NE – Increasing the tournament field from four to eight regional champions did little to hamper New Orleans LA Post 125 in its quest for the American Legion World Series championship.

The Crescent City entry whipped pre-tournament favorite Billings MT in the finals, 9-3. The ALWS title was New Orleans’ third since 1932.

The winners used a big seven-run sixth inning to rout Billings pitching ace Dave McNally, who walked 10 batters.

McNally registered 68 strikeouts in national competition.

Outdueling McNally in the finale was Dick Roniger, who was the recipient of the American Legion Player Of The Year award. He limited Billings to six hits and he fanned 8.

1961 – Phoenix AZ Post 1

HASTINGS NE – Phoenix AZ, a newcomer to the American Legion World Series, taught tourney veteran Cincinnati OH a lesson in baseball to win the 1961 title.

Coming out of the elimination round, Phoenix Post 1 edged Cincinnati twice, 2-0 and 4-1 in claiming the crown.

Back-to-back triples in the eighth inning by Gary Wolf and Larry Martin broke open a tight championship showdown and lifted the Westerners to the title.

Phoenix pitcher Dan Dwingle struggled early against Cincinnati with seven walks but came on strong and finished with a pair of strikeouts to end the game with 10.

Cincinnati’s James Gruber was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

Also, during the 1961 tourney, George W. Rulon began his leadership role as head of the American Legion national baseball program. He would hold that position with the Legion until his retirement in 1986.
1962 – St. Louis MO Post 299

BISMARCK ND – St. Louis MO Post 299 handed Honolulu HI its only losses of the season in winning the American Legion World Series.

It was a return to glory for St. Louis as the Missourians and the Legion tournament returned to Bismarck. It was in Bismarck at the 1956 ALWS that St. Louis won its first Legion championship.

In the finals, St. Louis exploded for seven runs in a wild seventh inning. Jerry Mueller limited Hawaii to four hits.

Offensively, Dennis Horton hit a home run and a single while teammate Harold Wetich added a pair of doubles and a single.

1963 – Long Beach CA Post 27

KEENE NH – Long Beach CA Post 27 returned the American Legion World Series championship to the west coast for the first time since 1954 as the Southern California representative sailed through the tournament unbeaten.

Long Beach upset unbeaten and tournament favorite Memphis TN Post 1 twice to claim the title.

Dick Dash, Long Beach’s hustling second baseman, who played an error-free tournament and hit .343, was chosen as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

1964 – Upland CA Post 73

LITTLE ROCK AR – Upland CA Post 73 rode the hitting and pitching of Rollie Fingers to win the American Legion World Series.

Fingers, who later would be a standout in the Major League World Series, won a pair of victories in tourney and hit a blistering .450 against some tough national competition.

He was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

Upland and runner-up Charlotte NC staged a donnybrook mini-series within the series as the formidable foes met three times with Upland winning two of three.

Fingers fired a three-hitter in the first meeting as Upland won 3-1.

Charlotte countered with a 2-0 shutout by Bob Boyd. Fingers broke up Boyd’s bid for a no-hitter with a single.

In the finale,

And in the finals, Fingers had a masterful game limiting Charlotte to just two hits in the 3-1 Upland victory.

1965 – Charlotte NC Post 9

ABERDEEN SD – Charlotte NC Post 9 didn’t let a light shower or cold weather dampen the party as the Tar Hills won the American Legion World Series with a 2-1 victory over Omaha NE.

The championship game was played on a cool drizzling Labor Day evening.

It was a step up from the previous season when Charlotte finished second to Upland CA.

The Region Three champion went through the double-elimination tournament with only a loss to Memphis TN.

Pitcher Ken Fila of Omaha was nabbed as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

1966 – Oakland CA Post 337

ORANGEBURG SC – Not since the glory days of 1949-50 has Oakland CA enjoyed success on the American Legion national baseball scene
Then came 1966 and as Oakland Post 337 made it four-for-four in winning the American Legion World Series title. Oakland has now made it to four ALWS championship games and has won all of them. They came in 1928, 1949, 1950 and 1966.

The winners clipped Tuscaloosa AL in the finals 4-1. Butch Vargas was the star of the series as he tossed a four-hitter against Tuscaloosa in the championship game. He picked up three wins at the series and posted a perfect 6-0 in national competition. Both marks are records.

Supporting Vargas in the national finals was Albert Strane. he connected with a home run and triple.

1967 – Tuscaloosa AL Post 34

MEMPHIS TN – Opening and closing the American Legion World Series with the same opponent, Tuscaloosa AL Post 34 won the championship with a nail-biting 1-0 win over Northbrook IL.

Tuscaloosa also won the tourney opener against Northbrook winning 3-0. Northbrook did manage to squeeze one win away from Tuscaloosa when Paul Brubaker pitched a two-hit 5-0 game. He fanned 14.

Tuscaloosa countered when it counted -- the championship game -- when John Rushing tossed a three-hit 1-0 win. He registered eight strikeouts.

The lone run in the finale came in the seventh inning when Bo Baughman doubled, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Woody Sexton's infield single.

The winners completed the season at 40-5.

The tournament was noted for tight pitching and defense with three games being one-run affairs and five games being shutouts.

1968 – Memphis TN Post 1

MANCHESTER NH – Coach Tony Gagliano’s Memphis TN Post 1 used textbook baseball in winning the 1968 American Legion World Series championship. It was Tennessee’s first national Legion crown.

The finale, a 4-3 victory over Klamath Falls OR saw Memphis win with pitching, running and bunting.

With the game knotted at 3-3 and heading into the ninth inning, Memphian Charlie Blanchard led off with a line drive single. Winning pitcher Ross Grimsley then bunted to third. The throw by Mike Keck in an attempt to force Blanchard was late. Al Andre followed with another perfect bunt as losing pitcher Mike Allred mishandled the ball for an error.

With the bases loaded, Klamath Falls and most of the 2,350 in attendance were expecting another Memphis bunt were surprised. After an 0-2 count with two fouls, Terry Dan laid down a perfect bunt as Blanchard raced home with the eventual winning run.

but Terry Dan fouled out The defense on the 0-2 count went back to normal playing depth. On the next pitch, Dan came through with another perfect bunt that caught Klamath Falls napping as Blanchard raced home with the leading and eventual winning run.

Donnie Castle, the hitting and pitching hero for Memphis was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

Memphis finished strong, winning 38 straight games and ended the season at 52-5.

Another highlight during the 1968 ALWS came when Gene Guerriero of Staten Island NY no-hit Springfield MA, 3-0. It was the first complete no-hit game in ALWS history.

1969 – Portland OR Post 105

HASTINGS NE – Don Oja and Tim Wise combined for a two-hit shutout to give Portland OR Post 105 the American Legion World Series title beating Towson MD, 4-0.

The championship game was the third meeting between the clubs during the double-elimination tournament.

Oja worked 5.2 innings and gave up two hits while fanning 11. Wise, in relief, came on strong with four strikeouts and not giving up a hit. Wise also was productive at the plate with a pair of hits.

West Palm Beach’s John Adeimy was picked as the American Legion Player Of The Year while winning the batting title with a lofty .583 average in national competition.

Mother Nature played havoc with the series with a record 6.5 inches of rain falling on the tournament.

It was the fourth time that Hastings has hosted the ALWS.
1970 – West Covina CA Post 790
KLAMATH FALLS OR – West Covina CA Post 790 unloaded its heavy hitters on a shell-shocked Levittown PA in winning the American Legion World Series, 10-0. The Californians had earlier pounded the Pennsylvanians, 7-0 in the double-elimination tournament. In the title mismatch, Doug Lyons blasted a three-run homer to highlight a six-run third inning. Teammate Mike McManus collected four hits while winning pitcher Coley Smith only gave up four hits.

1971 – West Covina CA Post 790
TUCSON AZ – West Covina CA Post 790 joined a select circle of winners by repeating as American Legion World Series champions. With the 1971 and 1970 titles in house, West Covina joins Oakland CA (1949-50) and Cincinnati OH (1957-58) as repeat champions.

It almost didn’t happen. The Westerners lost on opening day by one run, a 3-2 decision to Lincoln Park MI. Facing the uphill battle and unbeaten Cedar Rapids on the final day, West Covina needed a pair of victories. The results were resounding to the way of a 16-4 and 16-1 beat downs.

Outfielder Randolph of West Covina was picked as the Legion’s Player Of The Year.

1972 – Ballwin MO Post 611
MEMPHIS TN – With a little luck and an assist from Mother Nature, Ballwin MO Post 611 stormed out of the elimination bracket to stop home standing Memphis TN for the American Legion World Series championship.

Gaining an extra day of rest due to heavy storms that washed out one day of activity, Ballwin’s pitchers shutdown Memphis winning 7-4 and 3-2 in the championship game.

Dave Tuttle over came early inning jitters (tied 2-2 after four), came on strong to limit Memphis to just four hits while striking out nine.

The winning run came on a suicide squeeze bunt with two outs in the eighth inning.

Ballwin’s Charles Murphy, a pitcher/outfielder was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year as the Missourians ended a successful season at 44-8.

1973 – Rio Piedras PR Post 146
LEWISTON ID – It took one extra inning to do it but for Rio Piedras PR Post 146, it was worth the wait.

The Islanders stopped Memphis TN in the championship game of the American Legion World Series, 10-6 in 10 innings.

It was Memphis’ second straight runner-up finish.

Luis Ferrer capped the extra inning with a three-run inside-the-park home run. Oscar Negron picked up the victory before a packed crowd of 4,437 at Lewiston’s Bengal Field.

Led by Carlos Rodriguez, who hit .435 in national competition, Rio Piedras went through the tournament unbeaten. The team dedicated the season to Pittsburgh Pirate Hall Of Famer Roberto Clemente.

The winners traveled over 6,600 miles to get to Lewiston.
1974 – Rio Piedras PR Post 146

ROSEBURG OR – On a misty cool Oregon evening, Rio Piedras PR Post 146 won its second straight American Legion World Series championship. The Islanders edged home state favorite Lake Oswego OR, 4-3 in the finals before 5,194 screaming fans. It marked the fourth time in Legion history that a team has repeated as champions. Rio Piedras joins West Covina CA (1970-71), Cincinnati OH (1957-58) and Oakland CA (1949-50) as repeat champs.

Edwin Lopez, the Rio Piedras sharp hitting outfielder was selected the American Legion Player Of The Year. He also won the Louisville Slugger batting award with a .433 average.
Down 3-0 in the first inning, winning southpaw pitcher Arnulto Comacho settled down and limited Lake Oswego to one hit. 30,102 fans witnessed the tournament as Rio Piedras ended the season with a 34-8 mark.

1975 – Yakima WA Post 36

RAPID CITY SD – Yakima WA Post 36 claimed its second national championship since 1954 by winning the 50th anniversary American Legion World Series. The championship game victory, an 8-4 decision over Cedar Rapids, capped an uphill effort by Yakima. The eventual champions lost on opening day before bouncing back through the elimination bracket.

David Elder, the American Legion Player Of The Year, was the winning pitcher in the finals. He fanned 11 and also hit a home run. He also won the RBI award and tied for the total bases award. Gus Malespin of Metairie LA was chosen the American Legion Player Of The Year while Boddicker, a three-year participant in ALWS play, was picked for the James F. Daniel Sportsmanship award.

1976 – Santa Monica CA Post 123

MANCHESTER NH – Santa Monica CA Post 123 stole the spotlight from Cedar Rapids IA in winning the 1976 American Legion World Series championship. The Californians upset pre-tournament favorite Cedar Rapids on the way to the title. One of the most exciting moments in ALWS history came in the second round when Santa Monica’s Rick Schroeder no-hit Cedar Rapids, 1-0 in 10 innings. Losing pitcher Mike Boddicker only gave up two hits.

The championship game featured Santa Monica and Des Plaines IL. Schroeder came back from his no-hit performance to scatter seven hits in a 7-6 victory. He fanned eight.

1977 – South Bend IN Post 50

MANCHESTER NH – Bill Schell’s hitting and Gregg Heyde’s pitching carried South Bend IN Post 50 to the American Legion World Series championship.

South Bend beat a scrappy Hattiesburg MS club, 3-1 in the finals.

Schell, the American Legion Player Of The Year, was the series top hitter with a .441 average. He went 2-for-4 including a triple in the championship game while Heyde gave up seven hits and fanned three for the victors.

Defending champion Santa Monica CA failed to repeat losing out finishing fourth.

Coach Mel Machuca’s championship club finished the season with a 41-6 record.
1978 – Hialeah FL Post 32

YAKIMA WA – Running Hialeah FL Post 32 raced through the American Legion World Series in capturing Florida’s first Legion national championship.

The Floridians posted an unbeaten slate in the double-elimination tourney by outscoring its opponents, 49-15. The team had 20 stolen bases in the series.

First baseman/pitcher Ross Jones was tabbed as the American Legion Player Of The Year while third baseman Ivan Mesa picked up the award for total bases.

In the championship game, Hialeah stole nine bases in the 7-4 victory. MVP Jones picked up three hits and three RBI.

Sowing some offensive power, Doug Palmer of New Ulm MN set an ALWS record hitting a blistering .679 (19-of-28) in national competition.

1979 – Yakima WA Post 36

GREENVILLE MS – Yakima WA Post 36 won its second national title in four years and its third in history on a hot humid day in the dusty Mississippi delta.

The winners unloaded a five-run outburst in the first inning and never looked back in thumping Barrington RI, 13-6.

The game was played in nearly 100 degree heat and thick humidity. Yakima’s uniforms were right for the occasion. The team played in short pants.

Pitcher Bruce Dunn gave up 10 hits while Juan Cruz and Doug Geefe supplied the offense.

1980 – Honolulu HI

ELY MN – Long shot Honolulu HI upended Boyertown PA, 5-4 to claim the 1980 American Legion World Series in this outdoor sports town of Ely, at the top of Minnesota. Chubby Sid Fernandez won a pair of games and fanned 55 in national competition as the Islanders posted a 24-5 record. He later would be a stellar pitcher in the Majors.

The championship game was a see-saw affair until Lance Belen sent a 1-2 pitch well over the left field that sent the Islanders to a 5-4 championship victory. The shot measured 390 feet.

Thomas Gil of Hialeah FL was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

1981 – West Tampa FL Post 248

SUMTER SC – Sparked by the all-around play of David Magadan, West Tampa FL Post 248 captured the American Legion World Series.

Madagan, the Player Of The Year connected on a pair long ball hits, a pair of doubles with three RBI in the championship game to rally the Floridians from a 4-0 deficit to a 6-5 victory over Richmond VA.

Noel Alfonso picked up the win in relief as he fanned six. Magadan got the save pitching the final 2/3 inning.

Tulsa’s Roger Hulse, a rugged hard hitting first baseman picked up the Louisville Slugger award with a .478 average. Scott Anderson of Bellevue WA won the Bob Feller pitching award with 44 strikeouts.
West Tampa ended its most successful season with a 38-5 record.

1982 – Boyertown PA Post 471

BOYERTOWN PA – The home-standing Boyertown Post 471 Bears became the first team in 41 years to win the American Legion World Series championship while playing before the home town fans.

The highly spirited Bears whipped Lafayette CA in the finals, 14-8 in front of 6,563 delirious cheering rabid fans.

With the victory, it marked the first time since San Diego won at home in 1941 that a home team had captured the series title.

The 34,023 was the highest since the Legion went to its current 8-team double-elimination tournament format.

The heroes were plentiful for the home faithful to cheer for. Ivan Snyder, the American Legion Player Of The Year became the second player in ALWS history to hit over .600 in national competition. He hit an even .600. He went 4-for-6 in the title game. He also recorded a complete game shutout earlier in the tourney.

Other standouts included John Ludy (18-0 with 180 strikeouts on the season), Durrell Schoenly (a crafty southpaw pitcher who went 7-0) and Scott Gilbert. Gilbert tied an ALWS tournament record with 19 runs scored in national competition.

Boyertown finished the season with a 54-3 record and a storybook championship.

1983 – Edina MN Post 471

FARGO ND – In the most exciting finish ever, Edina MN Post 471 won the 1983 American Legion World Series in a “see it to believe” ninth inning rally. And the victory came over defending national champion Boyertown PA.

The Mid-Westerners shared the spotlight with New Orleans’ Chito Martinez. The all-around athlete claimed the batting champion (.566), RBI (17) and total bases (44) awards in shattering several tournament records.

In the classic championship game, Boyertown defended its title gamely with an early 4-0 lead and looked as though a repeat title was in reach. The on-charging Edina team cut the lead to 4-3 with a three run outburst in the eighth inning.

Then came the unexpected.

Edina scored the winning runs in the top of the ninth when Boyertown outfielders collided on a routine fly ball.

Unbeaten Rob Wassenaar (12-0) came on in the ninth and fanned the final batter to give Edina the national championship.

Edina’s catcher Mike Halloran was picked as the American Legion Player Of The Year as the Minnesota champion ended the year at 45-7.

1984 – Guaynabo PR Post 134

NEW ORLEANS LA – Guaynabo PR Post 134 downed Brooklawn NJ twice on championship day to claim the 1984 ALWS crown.

The winning run was scored in the bottom of the ninth inning with a two-out, bases loaded walk.

Earlier in day, Guaynabo won 5-2 forcing a deciding game fifteen for the title.

The strategy backfired for runner-up Brooklawn when the New Jersey champion intentionally walked Jorge delToro setting up a force at any base.

It didn’t work as pitcher Steve Mondile walked Jorge Hernandez on a full-count pitch forcing pinch runner Teofilo Serra home with the winning tally.

Jorge Robles earned the American Legion Player Of The Year award. He set an ALWS record with a 6-for-6 outing against Roseburg OR. Teammate Lino Rivera won the Bob Feller pitching award with 35 strikeouts while Marzan picked up the total bases award with 32.

Guaynabo ended the season with a 34-7 record.

1985 – Midlothian VA Post 186

KOKOMO IN – If you enjoy baseball, you would have loved the 1985 American Legion World Series.

The 60th anniversary tournament staged in Kokomo’s Highland Park Stadium had great hitting, pitching, fielding, disappointment and happiness.
For the record, upstart Midlothian VA Post 186 claimed the national championship in dramatic fashion.

First year coach Dave George’s troops with MVP Tris Lipscomb at the throttle rallied past Sacramento CA with a pair of victories on the final day of play.

It was a record setting performance for Lipscomb. He went 5-0 including a pair of saves in national competition.

In the finale, Midlothian held 2-0 and 3-1 leads before stopping the Californians ninth inning rally.

Rick Jarvis scattered six hits in relief and picked up the victory while Lipscomb (who could not pitch due to Legion pitching regulations) contributed at the plate going 1-for-3 including a sacrifice fly.

The comeback by Midlothian was the second in national competition as the Virginians was forced to come from behind in regional play to advance to the ALWS.

1986 – Jensen Beach FL Post 126

RAPID CITY SD – Jensen Beach FL Post 126 formula was simple in winning the 1996 American Legion World Series.

Manager Bob Shaw, a former Major Leaguer and World Series participant, mixed solid pitching with fundamental defense and a surprising offense to roll over all opposition to win title.

The Floridians went unbeaten in the tournament and became the first team to do that since 1978. Down-state rival Hialeah turned the trick in winning the 1978 title.

As expected, Jensen Beach set an ALWS record in team ERA with a near perfect 1.50 mark. The pitching performance and the tight defense were expected but the big surprise came when Jensen Beach broke a 36-year old hitting record set by Oakland during the 1950 series.

The Floridians blistered opponents pitching to the tune of a .347 team batting average.

Pitcher Joe Grahe set the tone early with an 18-strikeout performance against New London CT. The strikeout mark was one off the national record of 19.

He finished the tourney with 52 strikeouts in 35.2 innings pitched. He also went 4-0 and 1 save plus hitting .436 while at the plate. He received the George Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year award.

Jensen Beach stopped a very good Las Vegas NV club, 8-2 with Grahe picking up championship game victory.

The 1986 tourney marked the end of a quarter-century career by American Legion baseball director George W. Rulon. As a tribute to the man that guided the nation’s largest youth baseball program, the Legion renamed the player of the year award to the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year award.

1987 – Boyertown PA Post 471

STEVENS POINT WI – In the most balanced tournament in recent years, Boyertown PA Post 471 captured the American Legion World Series.

Simply stated, the tournament was played in ideal weather with the exception of a late afternoon shower on championship day.

The Pennsylvanians regrouped after an early tournament setback to roared back to bounce r Vancouver WA in the finals, 12-6.

The Bears were led by catcher Willie Stout. He earned American Legion Player Of The Year honors.

In the finals, Boyertown scored five runs in the fourth inning to put the game on ice for the champions. The Bears ended the year at 60-13.

And Iowa Legionnaire James Quinlan began his tenure as head of the American Legion national baseball program.

1988 – Cincinnati OH Post 507

MIDDLETOWN CT – Move over Boyertown, Cincinnati is back. It was the newcomer on the block against the old guard.

The 1988 American Legion World Series matched long time Legion kingpin Cincinnati (the ALWS leader in games played, games won, World Series appearances and most championships) against Boyertown PA, a dominant newcomer to Legion Baseball (six ALWS appearances and two national titles in the 1980s).

When the dust had settled in Middletown, Cincinnati had prevailed in winning a record seventh ALWS championship. The score was 7-0 as a crowd of 3,759 and a national ESPN-TV audience looked on.

Mike Kessler was selected as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year winner. The combination first baseman/pitcher was a key in the Cincinnati success.

He hit .361 (13-for-36), played errorless ball on defense and posted a 2-0 mark at the ALWS.

Another standout was Pete Rose Jr., son of all-time Major League hit leader Pete Rose Sr. The young Rose
was named as the James Daniel Sportsmanship award recipient.

Scott Hughes picked up three statistical awards during the tournament. He won the batting award (.465), RBI award (17) and total bases award (36). He also stole 13 bases.

Pitcher Scott Klingenberg won the Bob Feller pitching award with 34 strikeouts. He posted a 4-0 mark including a 1.12 ERA. He was also the winning pitcher in the championship game.

In the finals, Cincinnati jumped off to an early 4-0 margin in the second inning to quite the large amount of Boyertown fans that made the trip to Middletown.

It was the first shutout in an ALWS championship game since 1970 when another Pennsylvania team (Levittown) got shutout.

1989 – Woodland Hills CA Post 826

MILLINGTON TN – While the American Legion World Series concluded a decade of success, California’s entry Woodland Hills erased more than a decade of drought by winning the 1989 championship.

Woodland Hills Post 826 beat Guaynabo PR, 11-5 in the finals to become the first California team to win the ALWS since Santa Monica won it in 1976.

Heading up the Woodland Hill attack was a nifty catcher named Del Marine. The 6-0, 185 pounder was chosen as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year. He hit .459 in national play (17-for-37) and scored 16 runs. He also picked up 24 total bases.

Lance Gibson and Pat Treend posted impressive wins on the mound. Treend opened and closed the ALWS with strong performances against Guaynabo as he finished national play at 3-0 and 1.77 ERA.

Gibson, son of team manager Gary Gibson was also 3-0 during national competition. His ERA was 1.62.

The championship game was played on a hot and humid evening that was more suited for misquotes. Woodland Hills completed the season at 39-7.

1990 – Mayo MD Post 226

CORVALLIS OR – On paper, the Mayo MD Post 226 club looked impressive.

The Region Three and three-time Maryland state champion entered the American Legion World Series in Corvallis with a remarkable 66-6 overall record and had outscored its regional tournament opponents, 68-13.

With those stats, no one argued that Mayo was the pre-tourney favorite. But the winning wasn’t easy.

It took Mayo three come-from-behind victories and a team effort to do it.

The final comeback came on championship day with a 7-6 victory over Bayamon PR.

Mayo scored runs in the seventh, eighth and ninth for the wins.

Mark Foster picked up the victory against Bayamon on the mound as well as being productive at the plate going 2-for-4 and 3 RBI.

He was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year.

Mayo completed its most successful season ever with a 71-7 ledger. The 71-victory mark is an ALWS record for victories by a winning team.

1991 – Brooklawn NJ Post 72

BOYERTOWN PA – For 72-year-old Joe Barth Sr., the dream of winning the American Legion World Series became reality in 1991.

The 40-year career coaching legend finally picked up top honors as his Brooklawn NJ Post 72 club overcame a sluggish start to upend Newark OH 5-3 in the championship game.

3,752 fans watched Brooklawn finally reward Barth with the national crown as the victory erased three previous and painful ALWS appearances.

The Garden State champions won the title with pitching as Brooklawn posted a 1.82 team ERA. It was third best ERA in ALWS history.
Scott Lavender (2-0, 1.81 ERA) and Brent Laxton (3-0, 1.84 ERA) led the attack followed by Brian McGettigan (2-1, 0.84 ERA) and Bryan Wilson (1-0, 1 save and 1.58 ERA).

Newark’s Ryan Beeney was selected as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year. The slick fielding shortstop led Newark in hitting at .444 and was co-winner of the RBI award with 16.

Bob Pailthorpe won or shared all four ALWS statistical awards. He blitzed opposing pitchers for a .585 batting average (24-for-41). He got 36 total bases and 16 RBI. On the mound, he registered 33 strikeouts.

In the championship game, Brooklawn overcame a 3-0 Newark lead with a big four run rally in the sixth inning. Brooklawn added an insurance run in the seventh to make it 5-3.

Lavender, who shutdown Newark earlier in the tournament, came on in relief and retired the side in order in the ninth inning to give Barth the championship he richly deserved.

1992 Newbury Park CA

FARGO ND – Call them bold, call them brash and call them Champs!

That’s the best way to describe the 1992 American Legion World Series champion Newbury Park CA.

Coach Chuck Fick’s troops stormed back from an opening day loss to capture the championship with a pair of shutouts over defending champion Brooklawn NJ and against Arlington Heights IL in the championship game.

Heading into championship day play, the Oaks need a pair of wins to claim their first national title and California’s 16th since 1928.

They got it with spectacular pitching performances from Adam West and Jim Naster.

The southpaw West nailed Brooklawn, 3-0 limiting the defending champs to five hits.

In the finals, Naster held Arlington Heights to five hits. He fanned six as Ryan Kritscher, Robert Fick, David Lamb and Jim Chergey each got three hits for the victors exploding for a 17-hit win.

It was the most hits by a winning club in a championship game since Yonkers’ 17-hit outburst during the first ALWS in 1926.

Newbury Park finished the year at 40-3.

1993 – Rapid City SD Post 22

ROSEBURG OR – Rapid City SD Post 22 had all the qualifications of a champion.

Their stats were impressive. The record entering the American Legion World Series stood at 66-4. They won the state and regional titles and produced a lineup that would be the envy of any coach anywhere.

But they were not “pre-tournament favorites” according to media, scouts and college coaches covering the tournament. The favorites were Las Vegas NV and Fairfield CA.

In the end, however, it was Rapid City standing alone atop the standings as 1993 American Legion World Series champions.

Manager Dave Ploof and coach Steve Wolff relied on a balanced team effort that had a fine mixture of both offense and defense.

Ben Thomas, a first baseman/pitcher earned the American Legion Player Of The Year

He hit .435 in national play as well as posting a 3-0 record and 0.33 ERA. He registered 27 strikeouts won him the Bob Feller pitching award. He tied for the RBI award with 16.

Joining Thomas in the spotlight was Ryan Merritt, who won the batting crown with a .490 average (24-for-49).

In the championship, Rapid City edge Las Vegas, 7-4 as Bill Freytag went the distance to pick up his third victory in national play.

The tournament drew 34,306 fans to set a modern ALWS attendance record (since the current 8-team format began in 1960).

1994 -- Miami FL Post 346

BOYERTOWN PA – Miami FL Post 346 rode the perfect pitching of Fernando Rodriguez to capture the 1994 American Legion World Series.

Rodriguez, the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year winner masterfully shutdown Chino CA with a 9-0 championship game victory.

He completed national competition with a perfect 4-0 record and 0.00 ERA in 32.1 innings pitched. In the finals he walked one and fanned six.
Roy Muro (3-for-4 and 2 RBI) led the parade of hitters for Miami. Jose Zabala, Luis Cabral and Rodriguez each picked up a pair of hits against Chino in the finals.

Chino had earlier embarrassed Miami, 19-9 and the championship victory was sweet revenge for the Floridians (36-7 on the season).

As a consolation, Chino set ALWS tournament records for most hits (148) and doubles (41) and finished third in all-time team average (.347).

1995 – Aiea HI

FARGO ND – Injured but not out, Jason Adaro spearheaded Aiea HI to the 1995 American Legion World Series championship.

Hampered by a nagging hamstring injury earlier in the tournament, Adaro pitched a four-hit 2-0 shutout victory over Bellevue WA.

The finale was witnessed by 3,546 at Fargo’s Jack Williams Stadium and a national ESPN-TV audience.

The masterful performance by Adaro was his second shutout in series play.

His pitching (4-0, 0.90 ERA) and hitting (.488 highest in national competition) earned him the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year award.

Portland ME earned that state’s first appearance in the ALWS.

1996 – Yardley PA Post 317

ROSEBURG OR – Yardley PA Post 317 surprised the field in the 1996 American Legion World Series by winning the championship.

The Pennsylvania state runner-up won the regional title and played a brand of baseball combining key hits, sturdy defense and crafty pitching to upset the field and won the crown.

Yardley bounced Gonzales LA, 6-3 before 4,089 in the championship game.

Christian Bourgeois of Gonzales LA was selected the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year while Andy Hoffman of Midland MI earned the James F. Daniel Jr. Memorial Sportsmanship Award. Yardley finished its championship season with a 48-11 record.

Sandy UT became the first team from that state to play in the ALWS.

Another first came when Kip Harris of Midland MI got the first hit as a designated hitter in ALWS history. It was a double in the ninth inning against Rowan County NC.

The attendance of 38,836 set a tournament record under the current 8-team tournament format that started in 1960. It broke their own record set in 1993 with 34,306.

1997 – Sanford FL Post 53

RAPID CITY SD – A Hollywood writer could not have written a better script for the 1998 American Legion World Series staged at Fitzgerald Stadium. It was a scene right out of an old western shoot’em up movie.

There were fireworks galore. There was even a stampede on the record book.

When the dust had settled, Sanford FL Post 53 had the championship in hand by beating Medford OR, 11-8 in a title game that was shorten by Legion officials due to incoming inclement weather. It marked the first time a championship game did not go the standard nine innings.

In the finale, Tim Raines, son of Major League standout Tim Raines Sr., sparked a rally that saw Sanford erase a 8-2 deficit with a seven-run sixth inning explosion. Raines, junior that is, belted a pair of home runs to tie the ALWS record in leading the come-from-behind.

Sanford ended the season at 48-13.

The tournament was a wild one from start to finish as 19 records were broken or tied. Among the most notable were runs scored in the series (273) and fewest shutouts (0). The offensive record surpassed the old record of 222 that was also set in Rapid City. The no-shutout figure tied the record set in 1978, 1980 and 1984.

Although the tournament will always be known as the shootout out west, one notable defensive play was made by Bristol’s Mike Rose. Rose made an excellent diving catch while crashing into the right field wall to preserve Bristol’s 3-2 victory over Tulsa OK.
LAS VEGAS NV – Beating the odds is very difficult. Especially in a city like Las Vegas. But Edwardsville IL Post 199 did it and the reward was the 1998 American Legion World Series championship.

In an all-new, Olympic-type tournament format, Edwardsville overcame a scrappy Cherryville NC Post 100 club, 9-4 in the finals.

Opel, the recipient of the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year, led the parade of stars. Opel became only the third player in ALWS history to hit over .600 in national competition. He hit .632 (second only to Doug Palmer of New Ulm MN in 1978) and played brilliantly at shortstop.

The 22,000 plus fans in Las Vegas’ Cashman Field (home of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League Las Vegas Stars) saw the tournament switch from the conventional 15-game double elimination tournament to a two division 15-game affair. The top two clubs in each division would square off in semifinal action after three days of round-robin divisional play. The winners of the semifinal game then played in a one-game national title game.

The intense heat during the five-day tournament saw the temps exceed 100 each day.

MIDDLETOWN CT – New Brighton MN Post 513 gave the state of Minnesota its third national championship with a 11-5 victory over Kennewick WA in the 1999 American Legion World Series.

The championship game was played before 2,691 fans in Middletown and before an ESPN-TV tape-delayed national broadcast.

In the finale, third baseman Brad Baglien became the first player to go 5-for-5 in a championship game. Erick Lodgaard went the distance to pick up the victory. He scattered six hits and fanned six.

Peter Wiedewitsch hit .511 (third in the ALWS hitting) going 23-for-45 and was selected the American Legion Player Of The Year.

New Brighton finished the season with an outstanding 64-5 record.

ALTON IL – Using a pitching staff that any Major League club would love to have, Danville CA Post 246 won the 2000 American Legion World Series.

The championship, a 2-1 thriller over Paducah, Kentucky gave California its 17th overall ALWS title since 1928. For retiring ALWS tournament staff member and California baseball director Harold Hall, the victory was a sweet retirement gift.

Pitching was the key to Danville’s success. Check these stats:

• Brown tossed three complete game victories in national competition and did not allow an earned run in 27 innings. He posted a 3-0 record and 0.00 ERA.
• Miramontes also went 3-0 in national tournament play while posting a 1.59 ERA.
• Three other Danville pitchers (Justin Allred, Dane Dobrinich and Brian Roberson) all posted 0.00 ERA marks while John Williams (1-0) and Colin Stock (1-0) rounded out the stellar Danville pitching staff.

A record six Danville players picked up all-tournament recognition as the Hooters closed their record setting year with a 53-12 record.

In a category normally reserved for California teams, New Jersey sent two representatives to the American Legion World Series. Coach Joe Barth’s Brooklawn team made its record-tying third straight appearance in the 2000 tourney while Hamilton Square, New Jersey played in its first ALWS. California and Minnesota are the only other states to send two teams to the ALWS in the same year.

YAKIMA WA – Played under ideal weather in this beautiful northwest Washington community (and Apple capital of the world), the 2001 American Legion World Series will go down in the books as a tournament filled with anniversaries, awards, record-setting performances.

For starters, the 2001 tournament was the 75th anniversary of the American Legion World Series (76th year of American Legion baseball). Then, Brooklawn’s
longtime coach Joe Barth celebrated his 50th season in Legion Baseball.

Thirteen records were broken or tied during the five-day run including Brooklawn’s string of four consecutive trips to the ALWS and team captain Mike Rucci’s fourth straight appearance in ALWS by an individual player.

Brooklawn produced an amazing five come-from-behind victories.

The semifinal rally was a classic. Or at least it was for the Brooklawn faithful as Barth’s chargers erased an 8-5 Omaha NE lead with four runs with two outs in the ninth inning.

In the championship finale against Lewiston ID, Rucci capped a brilliant four-year Legion career with a two-run sixth inning home run to break a 2-all tie to send Brooklawn past Lewiston, 5-2 in front of 2,688 fans at historic Parker Field.

Rucci was selected as the American Legion Player Of The Year. Rucci hit .410 in national competition going 16-for-39. He picked up 12 RBI and 25 total bases.

While Brooklawn was stealing the spotlight with its championship play and record-setting achievements other standout performances were also recorded.

2002 – West Point MS Post 212

DANVILLE VA – The heat was intense and the rain was annoying but in the end, West Point, Miss. Post 212 survived both to win the 2002 American Legion World Series. It was Mississippi’s first national championship in Legion Baseball.

The five-day tourney was overshadowed by the weather. The three days of pool play saw scorching heat and high humidity while the semifinals and championship was plagued by rain. In fact, Legion officials were searching as far west as West Virginia and far south as South Carolina for a possible alternate site the morning of the championship game.

The Series opening ceremonies was very hot and humid day as several players were overcome by the heat but for West Point, it was a typical day on the ball field. Mississippi like southern Virginia has the same summer-type hot, humid weather.

While the weather wasn’t its best, West Point’s Josh Johnson was.

In the championship game, against Excelsior, MN, Johnson scattered seven hits, walked two and fanned 11 in the 4-0 shutout victory. He also contributed offensively with an RBI sacrifice fly.

Johnson, a pitcher-third baseman played near perfect baseball throughout the tournament and was picked as the recipient of Most Valuable Player award. He was flawless on defense as a third baseman and hit .469 in national competition (fourth best in individual batting).

The usual on-the-field post-championship game awards ceremony was moved indoors to the local American Legion Post home as rain intensified from light showers to near-heavy downfall at game’s end.

Coach Frank Portero’s club finished its championship season with a 47-13 record.

2003 – Rochester MN Post 92

BARTLESVILLE OK – Rochester MN Post 92 withstood a scorching Oklahoma heat wave to capture the 2003 American Legion World Series crown. It was Minnesota’s fourth national title.

Temperatures in Bartlesville reached 100 or more during each day of the five-day tournament equaling a record for heat set in Las Vegas during 1998.

Rochester’s national championship game victory over Cherryville NC Post 100, 5-2 before 2,990 at Bill Doenges Memorial Stadium capped a banner season for Coach Keith Kangas and his team. The team won the state high school championship, the state Legion crown, the Region Six Central Plains title and the World Series. Their record was a sparkling 52-5.

Twenty-four records were either broken or tied.

Cherryville’s all-purpose athlete Chris Mason set one record and tied another. As a hitter, he belted a pair of home runs in one game tying a record but his expertise was pitching. He established an ALWS record with 69 strikeouts. In the ALWS, he had 10-or-more strikeouts in the two starts and one relief appearance. He was 5-0 in national competition and was tabbed as the MVP of the Series.

2004 – Portland ME

CORVALLIS OR – Tabbed as the “most likely” team NOT to win the American Legion World Series, Portland (Nova Seafood) Maine used a mixture of key hitting, defense and nearly perfect pitching to capture the 2004
championship. The championship was Maine’s first and the first time for New England since East Lynn MA turned the trick in 1937.

Portland’s championship game was a masterful job in pitching as starter Mike Powers shutdown a powerful Kennewick WA club, 2-0. He allowed only one hit and fanned seven in eight innings worked. Ryan Reid, the tourney’s top strikeout artist picked up the save in the ninth striking out the sides.

Portland’s Scott Brown was the Series MVP. He hit .417 going 20-for-48 with 10 runs scored and 14 RBI. He was also 1-0 with 1 save in national competition.

Reid went 5-0 and one save and a 1.27 ERA with 29 strikeouts.

With three teams remaining, Nova won an exciting 4-3, 10-inning victory over Boyertown eliminating the Legion powerhouse from Pennsylvania. Ryan Piacentini scored on Brown’s RBI single in the bottom of the tenth. Brown also picked up the victory in relief striking out two in two innings pitched.

Deland FL completed the ALWS’s sixth triple play.

2005 – Enid OK Post 4

RAPID CITY SD – In a bizarre ending to an extraordinary tournament, Enid, Oklahoma Post 4 captured the 2005 American Legion World Series. The Majors won America’s premier youth baseball championship in a very unusual way. It wasn’t a walk-off home run or bases loaded walk or even by an miscued error. Enid won the title with a two-out bases loaded balk in the bottom of the ninth inning over Twin Cities of Pasco, Washington.

The score was 7-6 and was played before a packed house of 3,116 in Rapid City’s Fitzgerald Stadium.

Zac Berg earned the George Rulon American Legion Player of the Year award while Seng (who became the first player in a dozen years to steal home) was selected as the James F. Daniel Sportsmanship Award recipient.

In the finale, Enid jumped off to an early lead by scoring six runs in the third inning including five runs scored after two outs.

Washington mounted a comeback to tie the game in the eight to setup the unexpected ninth inning.

With the bases loaded and two outs, Pasco pitcher Jeremy Stumetz made a false attempt at first and all six umpires called balk an Tyler Fleming skipped home with the winning run and national championship.

Enid ended their successful season at 61-11.

Attendance was a sparkling 28,058 in Rapid City. It was most since 1996 in Roseburg, Oregon.

Rapid City earned a spot in the tournament field and became the eighth team to play in the Series at home.

2006 – Metairie LA Post 175

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA – Pre-tournament favorite Metairie LA Post 175 sparked by tourney MVP Mike Liberto won the 2006 American Legion World Series with a multiple come-from-behind effort victories.

Champion Metairie and runner-up Terre Haute played three times in the Series with Terre Haute winning on opening day and Metairie bouncing back to win a “must win or go home” game and then winning the finale.

During the three come-from-behind wins, Metairie executed to perfection a triple steal against Midlothian VA. It came in the sixth inning when Kevin Weidenbacher stole second, Tyler Koelling stole third and Brett Accardo stole home.

In the championship game, Metairie rallied in the eighth inning to forge ahead 6-4 and in the ninth inning with the tying run at the plate, the Metairie defense ended the game with a 3-6-3 double play and the title.

Metairie (a suburb of New Orleans) finished the season at 45-7 and with the title, gave the Crescent City four American Legion World Series titles. Other titles came in 1932, 1946 and 1960.

2007 – Columbia TN Post 19

BARTLESVILLE, OK – While the focus was on the home runs flying out of Doenges Memorial Stadium in record numbers, Columbia TN Post 19 went about its business of winning the American Legion World Series championship.

The Region Three champions brought home to Tennessee the national championship for the first time since Memphis captured the 1968 crown.

Columbia’s first two outings in the Series resulted in walk-off home runs for victories. The first was three-run shot in the bottom of the ninth inning by Chris Lovett to give Columbia a 7-4 win over Rockport IN.
In Columbia’s second outing, Cody Pomeroy’s solo home run in the bottom of the 11th inning propelled the winners to a 9-8 victory over Branford CT.

Columbia bounced Eden Prairie MN in the finals 11-4.

For the home runs, Tucson AZ set or tied home runs in national competition and home runs in a game with designated hitter Marc Damon’s 3 homers breaking an 81-year-old record.

And for the record, the ALWS saw a record 46 round-trippers fly out of the Bartlesville ballpark. And, the Series saw at each one home run hit in 14-of-15 games played.

Pitching had its moment in the Series too. Although the Series produced no shutouts, fans did witness the Series’ 11th all-time one-hit complete game pitching performance. And it came from Tucson’s Chris Moon. He fanned 10 and walked two in beating Bryant AR, 6-1. The lone hit came in the form of a pinch-hit solo home run by Kaleb Jobe in the sixth inning.

Columbia finished its outstanding season with a 57-11 record.

2008 – Las Vegas NV (Gorman) Post 76

SHELBY, NC – Las Vegas NV Post 76 (Bishop Gorman) won a record 75 games during the 2008 season with victory number 75 coming in the championship game of the 2008 American Legion World Series.

Pitcher/first baseman Jeff Malm was perfect and earned the tourney’s MVP award. He was perfect on the mound logging a 0.00 ERA in national competition and posted a 1-0 record with five saves. The ERA mark tied an ALWS record and the five saves set an ALWS record. He also tied the record for fielding with a 1.000 mark in 98 chances at first base. Offensively he hit a solid .300 and scored 14 runs, second highest in the tourney.

The tournament’s finale was set back a day due to severe storms in the area. It was the first setback from Mother Nature and rain of a championship game since 1972 in Memphis.

Regardless of the one day delay, Las Vegas claimed the title beating Pasco WA, 5-1.

It was Las Vegas’ first national championship after finishing runner-up in 1986 and 1993.

Manager Chris Sheff’s club ended the season by winning its final 21 games and posted a 75-7 record.

Attendance was the second highest under the present 8-team double-elimination format with 37,701.

2009 -- Midland MI Post 165

FARGO, ND – On a sun-splashed afternoon that felt more like an autumn college football Saturday, Midland, Michigan Post 165 won the 2009 American Legion World Series championship.

It was a perfect ending to an otherwise imperfect tournament due to inclement weather. In fact, seven of the tourney’s 14 games were seven inning affairs instead of the normal nine-inning games due to the weather.

In the end it was Midland, Michigan claiming the national championship beating Medford, Oregon Post 15, 11-4 in front of 1,867 at Newman Outdoor Stadium on the campus of North Dakota State University.

Defending champion Las Vegas returned to defend its title and was the pre-tourney choice to repeat but just prior to the start of the Series, Jeff Malm, the MVP in ‘08 signed a Big League contract. Midland, the only other returning team from 2008 field was then installed a slight favorite to claim the crown. Midland did not disappoint its fans by going 5-0 at the ALWS.

The mainstay was tourney MVP Jordan Dean. Dean, shortstop, anchored a defense that turned 12 double plays.

Perhaps one of the wildest games in American Legion history saw Midland eliminate Rowan County NC, 15-14. Midland was cruising with a 12-0 margin going into the sixth inning when North Carolina exploded for eight runs. Midland countered with three runs in the seventh before North Carolina scored five in the seventh. In the bottom of the ninth, North Carolina scored again to cut the margin to one and the game ended that way.

The championship game was exciting as Midland jumped off to an 8-0 lead and coasted to the win.

Midland ended its most successful season at 54-7 record.

2010 – Midwest City OK Outlaws

SPOKANE WA – Facing elimination after one day of World Series tournament play, Midwest City OK Outlaws regrouped and reloaded to capturing the 2009 American Legion World Series. On championship day, Manager Doug Weese’s club used its strong hitting to knock off
previously tourney unbeaten Eden Prairie MN, 11-6 and 10-1.

The number one team was led by the tourney’s #1 player in MVP Dalton Bernardi. (uniform #1) In the championship game he went 3-for-5 and 3 RBI and a pair of stolen bases. To squelch any rally by Eden Prairie, he finished the game pitching striking out three in two and third innings worked.

In tournament competition, Bernardi, an outfielde/pitcher, he hit .420 including 21 hits, 14 runs scored and 15 RBI. He was a perfect 12-for-12 stealing bases and as a pitcher, he finished with a 3-0 record in 21 and 2/3 pitched. He struck out 20 and produced an 0.83 ERA.

Strong points on the winning Oklahoma entry include a team batting average of .346 with 142 hits and 102 runs scored and 28 two-base hits. Adding to the arsenal of offensive weapons for Midwest City include 56 stolen bases. The 56 stolen bases ties the all-time ALWS tournament record.

Midwest scored 10-or-more hits in each of its games. And, not all the talent was on the championship club. Runner-up Eden Prairie MN was also full of talented stars.

Sportsmanship Award winner Blake Schmit led the field of players in national competition in hits (22) and runs scored (18) and was third in total bases (30). He hit .431 (fifth ranked).

Schmit (shortstop) teamed up with Tony Skjefte (second base) for nine double plays in the tourney. Skjefte hit a solid .373.

Midwest City finished the season at 66-10. It was Oklahoma’s second national championship in the 2000s. Enid won the 2005 ALWS.

2011 – Eden Prairie MN

SHELBY NC – What a difference a year makes. Just ask the Eden Prairie MN American Legion baseball team.

In 2010, Eden Prairie was one victory away from a national championship but lost twice on championship day and finished with a runner-up trophy.

In 2011, Eden Prairie entered the Series as the favorite to win it all but lost on opening day and it wasn’t even close, losing 14-3 in a 10-run game.

What happened next is amazing. “Unbelievable” said Blake Schmit, the American Legion George W. Rulon Player Of Year.

Eden Prairie then reeled off consecutive victories including two of the most exciting games in ALWS history.

With Tupelo MS awaiting the winner for all the marbles, Eden Prairie and Las Vegas NV (the 2008 national champion) squared off in an afternoon game that would send the winner into the finals. Eden Prairie beat Las Vegas, 2-1.

Eden Prairie jumped off to an early second inning 2-0 lead. Schmit trying to beat out a base hit tripped at first base and received a severe ankle injury. But a quick thinking game-saving trainer taped Schmit’s swollen ankle and he remained in the game.

In the championship game, Tupelo scored four in the first inning and Eden Prairie’s chances of winning seemed remote at best.

Eden Prairie then chipped away with two runs in the second, one in the fifth on a Schmit home run and one in the eighth when Skjefte raced home on a RBI double by Peterson.

The winners picked up a run in the 13th inning on a fielders choice.

Tupelo didn’t go down quietly much to the delight of the 5,896 fans in the park.

With one out, back-to-back singles put Tupelo in position to tie and maybe win the championship.

Schmit, the defensive captain of the team called for a pickoff play at second. It was a perfect throw by winning pitcher Lance Tonvold to Schmit, who made the tag with the pickoff.

It was a most successful tournament for Shelby, which became the home of American World Series. A record 86,162 fans cheered every pitch. The previous record was 60,000 at the 1936 ALWS played south of Shelby in Spartanburg, SC.

Several records were broken in the tournament.

Blake Schmit became the first player in American Legion baseball history to win two major awards. In 2010, he was the recipient of the James F. Daniel Jr. Sportsmanship and in post-game ceremonies in this tournament, he was the picked as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year.

Assistant coach Mike Halloran celebrated his second national title. He was the Player of the Year in 1983 when he was the catcher on the national championship team from Edina, MN.

And for airline bonus miles, the winner goes to Waipahu, Hawaii. The Islanders broke Bayamon, Puerto Rico’s record of most miles traveled to a World Series. Waipahu’s epic journey totaled 9,608 miles.

Other highlights of the 2011 ALWS include:

- Erik VanMeetren of Las Vegas joined an elite group of Legion players to have played in three World Series tournaments. He played in 2008, 2009 and 2011.
- Eden Prairie became the third team in ALWS history to finish runner-up one year and then return to win the national championship the following year.
- Tupelo Coach Kirk Presley is the cousin of national icon Elvis Presley.

2012 – New Orleans LA Post 125

SHELBY NC – “An experience like no other” and “something I have dreamed about” were just a few comments made by tradition-rich New Orleans Post 125 (Jesuit High School) after capturing the club’s third American Legion World Series national championship at
Shelby's Veterans Field-Keeter Stadium. Other titles came in 1946 and 1960.

Powered by the strong arm of pitcher Emerson Gibbs, the 2012 recipient of the George W. Rulon Player Of The Year and the stellar play from the entire lineup, New Orleans won with defense (led the tournament in team fielding), tough pitching and timely hitting.

On opening day, Brady Williamson's two-run home run in the eleventh inning propelled New Orleans to a victory over spunky Milford CT.

Against Omaha, New Orleans found themselves down 7-1 going into the seventh inning. NOLA picked up two runs in the seventh and then exploded for five runs in the eighth. The big hit was a bases clearing double down the leftfield line by Jonathan Lee. Tony Fort-Bensen scored all the way from first to give New Orleans its first lead of the game. The play of the game and perhaps play of the tournament came in the ninth inning Taylor Elman singled right and Omaha's Jon Hechtner was sent home from second. Mitch Alexander made a perfect one hop throw from the rightfield to catcher Matthieu Robert who made the tag on the sliding Hechtner to end the game.

Robert described the play this way: "most games only end like this in dreams. I could see that the runner was being sent home (from second) Rightfielder Mitch Alexander fields the ball and makes the throw. The time between Mitch throwing the ball and the ball hitting my mitt seemed to be in slow motion. He (Mitch) made a perfect, one-hop throw and I caught it, blocked the plate, and tagged (the runner) I knew it; we had him out. The umpire shouted "out" and everything was a blur from that point on" Excitement reined as the team poured on to the field celebrating.

In the championship game and rematch with Brooklawn, Coach Joe Latino picked Gibbs to pitch.

Gibbs responded with a 4-0, three-hit complete game shutout victory. He retired the first 13 batters until Brett Tenuto of Brooklawn broke-up the no-hit game with a hard single to short. Gibbs retired the sides in seven of the nine innings. Matthieu Robert supplied the offense going 1-for-3 and three RBI including two RBI double and a sac fly. Mitch Alexander went 2-for-4.

New Orleans ended the year at 41-7 and pre-tourney favorite Brooklawn finished at 59-5.

Gibbs added that the ALWS "was an experience like no other. It was absolutely surreal. As soon as I saw the ball hit my catcher's mitt for the final strike, it was this overwhelming feeling that everything we worked for I had paid off."

On being picked as the MVP – Rulon Player of the year, Gibbs was stunned. "when my name was called, I was surprised and extremely honored".

And for the third time in three series, host Shelby shattered the ALWS attendance record. Over 100,000 fans turned out to see ALWS action despite the inclement weather.

2013 – Brooklawn NJ Post 72

SHELBY NC – Notre Dame has it’s “win one for the Gipper” so it is fitting that Brooklawn has it’s “win for for the Skipper”. The skipper was long-time Legion coach Joe Barth Sr.

It worked to perfection as Brooklawn NJ Post 72 won the national championship in quick fashion beating Petaluma CA, 10-0 in a game shortened from nine innings to seven due to the “mercy” rule. It marked the first time the mercy rule was used in an ALWS championship game.

Filling in for ailing Bart Sr. was his son and coach, Dennis Barth.

The tourney in its final year of a double-elimination format and played in Shelby NC for the third successive year was a hit for the beginning.

For starters, 104,726 filled Keeter Stadium at Veterans Field breaking the all-time attendance record set the previous year.

On opening day, fans enjoyed an inside-the-park home run by Petaluma's catcher Ryan Haug, a record steal of second, third and home in the same inning by Gonzales second baseman Robbie Podrosky and a upside-down jubilation of a unusual play with an extra inning game heroics.

And that was just on opening day.

Inclement weather which has hampered previous World Series in Shelby (in 2008, 2011 and 2012) was again trying to play havoc during the ’13 Series but without too much success.

Rain hampered play during six games with light-to-moderate showers throughout the opening rounds that made playing conditions soggy.

With its 2012 championship loss still fresh, Brooklawn entertained Petaluma in the championship.

2013 would be different however. Brooklawn scored early and often to end the game and rout of Petaluma.

Pitcher Mike Shawarm was masterful limiting California to just four hits. He fanned eight and did not walk a batter. Brooklawn banged out 17 hits (one shy of the championship game record of 18) as every position player collecting a hit. Four players picked up two hits each while Nick Cieri and John Theckston picked up three hits each.

Anthony Harrold was selected as the George Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year award. He also won the Louisville Slugger Award as the top hitting in national competition. He hit .529 (18-for-34).

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SHELBY NC – In one of the most dominating performances in American Legion World Series championship game history, Brooklawn New Jersey Post 72 won its second straight national championship with an over powering victory over Midland MI, 18-0 in a seven inning affair. It was Brooklawn’s second consecutive 10-run victory in championship games.

The 18-run decision was the most lopsided victory in the finals and the largest shutout in championship play. Only Yonkers NY scored more runs in an ALWS championship and that was way back during the Legion’s first tournament in 1926. The New Yorkers scored a 23-6 win over Pocatello ID in the Legion’s inaugural title matchup.

The victory was bittersweet for Brooklawn. Its long time skipper and founder Joe Barth Sr. passed away prior to the start of the season.

His son Dennis Barth, an associate head coach under his dad stepped in as the top man and continued his dad’s success with the championship.

In a rematch and playing for the championship, Brooklawn wasted little time against Michigan scoring four in the first, one in the second and five in the third for a 10-0 advantage. As if that wasn’t enough, the champions score eight more runs in the sixth before the game ended after seven innings. Tyle Mondile scattered five hits in the shutout and struck out five to pick-up the win. Five players in the Brooklawn lineup collected two hits or more.

The championship game attendance set a modern record of 7,907. Brooklawn ended the season at 54-7 record. Midland finished at 50-8.

2015 – Chapin-Newberry SC

SHELBY NC – Winning championships need a combination of a solid defense, strong pitching and timely hitting. It also helps to have a bit of luck. For Chapin-Newberry, the luck came in the form of three come-from-behind victories in their march to the 2015 American Legion World Series championship.

The title game was a 9-2 decision over New Orleans before the largest championship game attendance (8,826) since 1949.

The five-day tournament attendance exceeded the record set last year with 117,072.

Attempting to be the first South Carolina ALWS champion since 1936 and the first team to finish the season unbeaten since 1928, Chapin-Newberry faced a stiff competition.

Despite its lofty unbeaten record (28-0 entering the ALWS), Chapin-Newberry was at best a long-shot entry to win it all. The favorite was the two-time defending national champion Brooklawn, New Jersey. Brooklawn was attempting to be the first three-time champion. It didn’t happen.

The first of the three comeback victories came on opening day when the eventual champion scored twice in the bottom of the ninth for a 2-1 victory over former champion Midland, Michigan.

The dream of an unbeaten season came crashing down the following afternoon with a 5-2 setback at the hands of New Orleans, the 2012 national champ.

C-N regrouped with a “must win” game against Cromwell, Connecticut and true to fashion, C-N down 6-0 early exploded for six runs in the eighth inning to win 7-6.

In the semifinals against Medford, Oregon, C-N was down 3-1 going into the top of the eighth, C-N scored a run in the eighth and two in the ninth to move within one game of a national championship season.

C-N reversed its normal mode of playing in ALWS play by scoring first and built a seven-run lead in stopping New Orleans to capture the crown.

Justin Hawkins, a stellar shortstop was named to the all-tournament team and was the recipient of the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of The Year.

Perhaps one of the best games in the Series was the semifinal encounter between New Orleans and two-time defending champion Brooklawn.

Brooklawn scored a run in the top of the tenth inning and was still in contention for a possible three-peat performance but New Orleans had other plans.

The Crescent City entry scored twice in the bottom of the tenth to deny Brooklawn’s chances. Mason Mayfield won the game in relief as pinch runner Connor Maginnis raced home from second beating the throw at the plate for the victory.

The New Jersey team was led by former MVP first baseman Anthony Harrold. He became the first player in ALWS to earn a spot on the all-tournament in three consecutive years.

The tourney set a record with ten one-run decision while C-N’s 32-1 record was the best since East Lynn MA went 38-1 in 1937.

2016 – Texarkana AR

SHELBY NC – Texarkana AR endured a hostile North Carolina state entry and overcame a four-run deficit to win the 2016 American Legion World Series championship.

It also took extra innings and extra time in doing so.

The championship battle with Rowan County, North Carolina was a matchup made in heaven for Legion officials, a national television audience and the loyal fans of Shelby, North Carolina and Cleveland County.

Keeter Stadium/Veterans Field is 82.4 miles from the Rowan County courthouse so thousands of Rowan fans flooded the ballpark on Championship Tuesday.

It was definitely a home crowd environment for the North Carolina champion.
A crowd of 8,496 packed the rafters in the title game with Rowan County jumping off to a 4-0 lead against Texarkana after four innings.

Texarkana rebounded in the fifth tying the game and that was all the scoring for the remaining regulation nine-inning game.

In extra innings, Texarkana exploded for four runs in the twelfth and seemingly had the game won.

Backed by the largely dominant North Carolina fans, Rowan rallied with two in the bottom of the twelfth and had the bases loaded when the final out was made.

Score it: Texarkana AR—8, Rowan County NC—6.

The twelve innings was the third longest in championship game history and the time of 3:25 was the second longest behind the epic 13-inning championship in 2011 between Eden Prairie MN and Tupelo MS. That game went 3:31.

It was Texarkana (42-5) and the state of Arkansas’s first Legion World Series championship and denied North Carolina’s quest for a fifth national title.

Texarkana’s all-purpose athlete (catcher/first base) Will Smith was chosen as the recipient of the American Legion George Rulon Player Of The Year. He hit .361 in 10 national playoff games including a pair of key hits in the championship game.

Teammate Logan Vidrine (pitcher/infielder) was the recipient of the James Daniel Sportsmanship Award. Vidrine put Arkansas in the championship game with a pitching gem in the semifinals beating Rockport, 3-1 scattering three hits.

And for the sixth straight year (all in Shelby), the attendance was shattered with 121,127 fans packing the ballpark.

2017 – Henderson NV

SHELBY NC – Surrendering a near record number of hits (21, the record is 22) on opening day, Henderson NV looked nothing like a national champion.

ALWS MVP Shane Spencer changed all that leading Henderson to the 2018 American Legion World Series championship with his stellar pitching performances.

Surprising everyone in attendance except his teammates and fans, Spencer led the comeback with two complete game victories.

After that disastrous opening day loss, Spencer got Henderson in the win column with a one-hit 1-0 victory.

Teammate Ryne Nelson came back in Henderson’s next outing with a one-hit outing but Henderson bats fell quiet and the team lost 1-0.

Due to the tiebreaker procedure in tournament pool play, Henderson advanced to the semifinals despite its 1-2 record.

Surviving pool play with a second-place finish, Henderson moved into the championship game with a 7-3 extra inning victory over Bryant AR (the other pool play’s divisional winner).

In a rematch with Omaha for the championship, Henderson went to Spencer for the win.

In a reversal of the earlier meeting, Spencer shut down the Omaha bats giving up just three hits and striking out six as Henderson (a suburb of Las Vegas) captured the national crown.

The score was 2-1 with winning run coming in the sixth inning on Nick Thompson’s RBI sacrifice fly scoring JJ Smith.

Henderson (56-10 on the season) became only the eighth team since the current 8-team ALWS format to lose on opening day and come back and win it all. Texarkanna did it last year.

If a Spirit award had been presented, Lewiston’s Chris Powell certainly would have walked away with the award. The talented outfielder made a diving catch in Lewiston’s opening game against Bryant AR. The result was a separated shoulder and he went on the DL for remainder of the Series.

The upbeat youngster vowed to return to play later in the tournament but doctors and family over-ruled that possibility.

After six straight years of recorded increased attendance, only 120,924 attended the 2018 Series. The main reason – as always – inclement weather conditions.

2018 – Wilmington DE Post 1

SHELBY NC – In 92 American Legion World Series tournament, fans have enjoyed many memorable games, exciting finishes, heart-stopping action but none can match the finals of the 2018 ALWS finals between tradition-rich Las Vegas NV and upstart Wilmington DE.

Wilmington Post One gave the state of Delaware its first national championship with a 1-0 extra inning victory over Las Vegas.

The game was intense and tight as neither team gained an offensive advantage through seven scoreless innings.

Las Vegas opened the eighth with a lead-off single but Wilmington’s Chris Ludman retired the next three batters.

Michael Cautillo walked full count pitch. Ludman advanced Cautillo to second with a perfect bunt.

And then Austin Colmery connected on the biggest hit of his life up the middle sending Cautillo from second for the game winner. The throw from the outfield was late as Cautillo slid safely across the plate.

The overflow capacity crowd of 8,350 roared with approval as the Wilmington celebrated wildly on the field.

Ludman was selected the George W. Rulon American Legion Player Of The Year.
In the championship game, he tossed a complete extra inning complete game victory. He threw 99 pitches giving up just four hits and striking out three.

Colmery was the offensive standout going 2-for-4 and the game winning RBI. He also was the leader in total bases with 21.

Dubuque County’s Sam Goodman received the Sportsmanship Award.

Wilmington finished its most successful season at 38-4.

Despite rain and lightning delays in game seven and eleven, Shelby broke the ALWS attendance record (again) with a 15-game attendance of 128,307.
ALWS all-time teams according to the Scoring Czar JJ

In 2007, media and Legion officials requested ALWS scoring czar JJ Guinozzo to research and produce an all-time American Legion World Series team.

Guinozzo agreed only with the conditions that he produce two stellar squads – one from 1926-71 (before the Guinozzo era) and one from 1971-present for players he saw play.

The Pre-Guinozzo era (1926-71) was based on his research through countless scoresheets, stats, game stories and interviews.

**Pre-Guinozzo era all-time ALWS squad**

**1926-71 (45 tournaments)**

- **P** – Scott Seger, Cincinnati OH – 1957-58
- **P** – Ray Bessom, East Lynn MA—1937
- **P** – Phil Cavaretta, Chicago IL—1933
- **P** – Tom Gibson, Yakima WA—1953
- **P** – Butch Vargas, Oakland CA—1966
- **C** – J.W. Porter, Oakland CA—1949-50
- **1B** – Donnie Castle, Memphis TN—1968
- **2b** – Richard Dash, Long Beach CA—1963
- **SS** – Jimmy Fraiche, New Orleans LA—1932
- **3B** – Billy Capps, San Diego CA—1954
- **U** – Clyde Dick, Albemarle NC—1940
- **U** – Ray Herrera, Oakland CA—1949
- **OF** – Jack McCormick, Yonkers NY—1926
- **OF** – Bob Usher, San Diego CA—1940-41
- **OF** – Rollie Fingers, Upland CA—1964

**Manager** – Joe Hawk, Cincinnati OH

**Guinozzo era all-time ALWS squad**

**1972-2018 (47 tournaments)**

- **P** — Shane Spencer, Henderson NV—2017
- **P** – Chris Mason, Cherryville NC—2003
- **P** – Joe Grahe, Jensen Beach FL—1986
- **P** – Jason Adaro, Aiea HI—1995
- **P** – Matt Brown, Danville CA—2000
- **P** – Ben Sheets, Gonzales LA—1996
- **P** – Emerson Gibbs, New Orleans LA—2012
- **C** – Mike Holloran, Edina MN—1983
- **1B** – Anthony Harrold, Brooklawn NJ—2013-15
- **2B** – Tony Skjefte, Eden Prairie MN—2010-11
- **SS** – Blake Schmidt, Eden Prairie MN—2010-11
- **3B** – David Magadan, West Tampa FL—1981
- **U** – Mike Rucci, Brooklawn NJ—1998-2001
- **U** – Mike Boddicker, Cedar Rapids IA—1974-76
- **U** – Tim Raines Jr., Sanford FL—1997
- **OF** – Jeff Malm, Las Vegas NV—2008
- **OF**—Rob Wassenaar, Edina MN—1982-83
- **OF** – Ivan Snider, Boyertown PA—1982
- **OF** – Dave Elder, Yakima WA—1975
- **OF** – Tomas Gil, Hialean FL—1978-80

**Manager** – Joe Barth Sr. – Brooklawn NJ
ALWS top moments
Pre-Guinozzo era 1926-71

1931
In the American Legion’s version of a classic pitching duel, South Chicago IL pitcher Al Lawler outlasted Columbia SC’s Kirby Higbe to win the 1931 championship, 1-0 in 14 innings.
Lawler fanned 17 would-be-hitters while Higbe countered with 10 strikeouts.
South Chicago won the Series, 2-games-to-0. The Series was the first to be played at night at Houston’s Buffalo Stadium.

1933
Ted Swed’s single off an 0-2 pitch with two outs in bottom of the ninth inning propelled Chicago to a wild 7-6 victory over Trenton NJ in the finals of the 1933 ALWS played in New Orleans.
Phil Cavaretta, who earlier tripled, went to the mound in relief and gave up one hit over the final three innings to get the victory.

1938
San Diego edged Spartanburg SC, 3-games-2 (with 1 tie) to win the most evenly matched Series in history. The Californians won the final game, 4-1. Earlier the teams battled in an epic 14-inning 8-8 tie.
Chet Kehl fanned 10 and scattered four hits for the win. He retired the final eight batters.

1940
Albemarle NC overcame a 2-games-0 deficit to beat favored San Diego, 3-games-2 to win the 1940 ALWS crown.
The finals in the best-of-five series format set an all-time attendance record of 20,000 in Albemarle. The five game series also set a tournament record of 60,000. The record stood until 2008 when another North Carolina community Shelby set a new figure of over 80,000.
The championship was not secured until the ninth inning when the winners stopped a San Diego rally. The final out was made on an attempted squeeze play. Catcher Hoyle Boger called for a pitchout and that proved to be correct as a surprised California runner was out at the plate.

1946
Gus Riordan limited pre-tournament favorite (for the second straight year) Trenton NJ to a pair of singles in the championship game to give New Orleans the upset victory over the favored Garden state entry for the 1946 championship.

1968
Terry Dan’s perfect bunt on an 0-2 count scored Charlie Blanchard in the ninth inning sent Memphis to the national championship against Klamath Falls OR. The score was 4-3.

From the Guinozzo era
1972-present

1982
Boyertown PA ended a storybook season by winning the ALWS championship at home. It was the first time since 1941 that a team playing at home to win the ALWS.
6,563 fans (in which over 99 percent was Boyertown fans) cheered each pitch in the championship victory over Lafayette CA, 14-8. The victory celebration lasted way into the wee-morning hours as Boyertown fans partied.

1983
Upstart Edina MN scored three runs in the eighth inning and two in the night to upset defending national champion Boyertown PA, 5-4 to win the 1983 championship.
Edina scored the tying and eventual winning run in top of ninth when Boyertown outfielders collided on a fly ball.
Pitcher Rob Wassenaar finished the 4-0 comeback with two gone in the bottom half with a stunning strikeout.

1984
Teofilo Serra walked home as a result of a bases loaded walk in the bottom of the ninth to give Guaynabo PR a two-game sweep of Brooklawn NJ on championship day to capture the 1984 ALWS.

1997
Sanford FL erased the largest margin in a championship game (8-2) to win the 1997 championship beating Medford OR, 11-8 in a game shortened due to threatening weather.
Tim Raines Jr. belted a pair of home runs as the Floridians scored seven runs in the sixth inning.

2004
Surprising everyone except parents and friends, Portland ME won the 2004 ALWS with convincing fashion. Tourney MVP Scott Brown led the charge hitting and pitching as Portland beat Kennewick WA, 2-0. Starting pitcher Mike Powers gave up just one hit in eight innings in the finals.

2005
Enid OK won the 2005 ALWS on the most unusual ending in Series history. The Majors winning run came in the bottom of the ninth on a bases loaded balk.

2011
Eden Prairie MN overcame a 4-0 first inning deficit and scored the winning run in the top half of the 13th inning to win a classic come-from-behind championship victory over Tupelo MS. The win was sweet for Eden Prairie having finished second in 2010. MVP Blake Schmidt won his second straight major award. The year before he was the Sportsmanship recipient.

2016
In the championship game, Texarkana AR overcame a 4-0 deficit (ties for the largest deficit in championship game) to beat home state and crowd favorite Rowan County NC, 8-6 in 12 innings.

2018
The capacity crowd in attendance saw probably the most dramatic finish in ALWS history as upstart Wilmington DE scoring the winning run in the bottom half of extra innings to beat tradition-rich Las Vegas NV, 1-0. Mike Cautillo scored from second as Chris Ludman pitched a near-perfect four-hit shutout.
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COVER PHOTOS

Top: aerial view of 2018 ALWS championship game.

Bottom: Wilmington DE team, Chris Ludman, Mike Cautillo of Wilmington.

JJ Guinozzo III: scoring czar

The date was June 1, 1964 and John ‘JJ’ Guinozzo started keeping score for American Legion baseball. He was the scorer for Whitehaven Boosters and the Tigers won that first game against rival South Side. From that point, JJ has scored too many games to count (approximately 6,000) and now holds the title of the ALWS scoring czar. His first assignment with the World Series came in his home town of Memphis, TN in 1972 and with a blessing from Mother Nature (rain delays), JJ launched a career with the national legion program that now spans nearly five decades. The 93rd American Legion World Series in 2019 will be his 48th Series. That’s over half of the World Series played since 1926 and that includes 697 of the 1,042 ALWS games played.

In 1982 at the request of legion baseball director George Rulon, Guinozzo spent most of spring break at the legion’s national quarters researching records. Today, the legion produces an extensive Record Book with facts, figures, data, photos and just about anything you need or would want to know about the legion baseball program.

Guinozzo will be 71 in September is an official scorer for the NBA, MLB, NCAA and other sporting events.

He served as official scorer for the past two NBA championship finals. Other assignments include Olympic team and Pan American games.

He resides in Southaven, Mississippi, a community just south of Memphis, Tenn.

And for whatever the reason, long-time legion baseball director George Rulon was impressed with Guinozzo and from 1973 to the present, JJ has been on the scene scoring World Series games and compiling official records.

JJ Guinozzo at NBA finals as official scorer
## 2019 American Legion World Series
### Tournament Schedule

**“Stars”**
- Southeast
- Great Lakes
- Mid-South
- Western

**“Stripes”**
- Northeast
- Mid-Atlantic
- Central Plains
- Northwest

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