



Four Pillars/Outreach
Being an effective PSO

American Legion Preamble to the Constitution

- **FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**
- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- To maintain law and order;
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
- To make right the master of might;
- To promote peace and goodwill on earth;
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

The Four Pillars

- **N**ational Security
- **A**mericanism
- **V**eterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- **Y**outh & Children

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

- Access to VA Care
- Better Funding Formula
- Support for Veterans with Special Needs
- Career Opportunities
- A GI Bill for a New Century
- Employment and Business
- Heroes to Hometowns
- Volunteering
- Final Respects
- Temporary Financial Assistance (National, State, County, Local)
- [National Emergency Fund \(NEF\)](#)
- Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, Soldiers & Sailors
- [Michigan American Legion Foundation](#)

National Security

- Strong National Defense
- Military Quality of Life
- Homeland Security
- Foreign Relations
- Full Accounting of POW/MIAs
- Operation Comfort Warriors

Americanism

- Flag Protection ([Citizens Flag Alliance](#))
- Illegal Immigration ([Immigration Strategy Guide](#))
- Voter Registration and Participation
- [Scouting](#)
- [The Pledge of Allegiance](#)
- Establishment-Clause Lawsuits

Children & Youth

- Child Pornography
- Catastrophic Illness
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Immunization
- Family Integrity
- Media Violence
- Drug Abuse
- Child Sexual Exploitation

[Background Checks](#)

[Risk Management Guidebook](#)

An Effective PSO is: Veteran Community Engagement Coordinator

- WHO is typically the first person a veteran meets at the Post?
- Be visible
- Be accessible
- Be knowledgeable
- Be willing to help
- Know where to seek help within your local communities!

Legion Programs