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TOM HARRIS
DEPT COMMANDER

Legionnaires and the American Legion Family,

I would like to say thank you to District-5 LaPine Post 45 for the way they took care of our American Legion

Family while we were there for the Spring DEC. I must say I was honored to have been a part of, and witness to the re-naming of our La Pine Post to "Pat Cotton Post 45".

The Post 45 "TEAM" managed things very well, and their hospitality was top notch. I believe everyone had a good time, and we were able to comfortably take care of Department business. Thank you again Post 45 for a "Job Well Done."

Looking forward, I hope everyone has made it through winter in grand condition, and are ready to get started on spring cleaning following our wet winter weather. This would be a great time to update your Post calendar for upcoming events and bring in the troops to get things cleaned up around your Post.

It really does help membership when your Post is cleaned up and looks inviting. This will also help you to retain existing members, and attract new members.

I know many of us have been busy with Programs, Membership and everyday managing of our Posts, but if you haven't lined up Post activities it will be difficult to retain your members or attract new members. We have all heard the comment... The "Squeaky Wheel" gets the grease... Well its true, and if you make those calls to your members that have not renewed in 1, 2 or even 3 years you would be amazed at how many will come back just because you asked them to.

The years not over, so let's give membership here in Oregon another push towards goal.

If you are a "Veteran" and you are interested in serving in your community with Veterans just like you, please give us a call to see what The American Legion Family is all about.

**Thank you, and God bless America,
"Believe and Achieve"**



BOB HUFF
DEPT FINANCE OFFICER

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Total Income: \$560,392.96

Expenses:

Boys State Expenses: \$ 44,850.00

Law Enforcement Career Camp

\$ 8,605.00

AL Baseball Expenses: \$ 7,780.00

Administration Expenses:

\$189,528.04

Officer and Conv. Expenses:

\$ 71,835.00

Other Activities Expenses:

\$ 60,075.00

Rehabilitation Expenses:

\$143,669.92

Publication Expenses: \$ 4,000.00

SAL Expenses: \$ 30,050.00

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taken a lower membership number for this Proposed Budget, we cannot continue to do this. We are a grass root organization; retention and recruiting new members is a key factor at the Post level. Your Post renewals help support your Post and your Post programs and activities. Our budget supports our programs and the good things we do. We need to work as a team to work our renewals and increase our membership, we are there to help, it is achievable.

The Department Adjutant has sent out form and awards packages to each Post. Please note that you have received delegate forms with the formula for your Post membership number. As your Post is holding their annual elections, the Post Delegates to your District Caucus and Department Convention need to be selected.

Per our Department By-Laws, Article V – Convention, Section 1. The several Posts of the Department shall, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the opening of the annual Department Convention elect their delegates and alternates and certify them to the Department Adjutant. The registration fee for all authorized delegates, alternates and delegates-at-large,shall be submitted to the Department Adjutant at least thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention. The forms are in your Post packet. Please note, if your membership allows your Post 6 delegates and you only have 4, you must still send in the delegate fees for 6 delegates.

Yes, I will continue to remind all Posts that it is that time of the year again. All our Posts with Tax Year January 1 to December 31, 2018 it is time if they have not filed their Tax's to be putting their paperwork together as the new tax reporting season has started. Remember, all Posts must file a 990, 990ez or 990-N electronic e-postcard. There are no exceptions, we are a 501©19 organization. We are always here to help and walk you through it. We have provided training at our last DEC and at Department. We will continue to provide training.





S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPT HISTORIAN

the Air Museum.

The National Commander Brett Reistad visited the DEC in McMinnville and took a tour of the Air Museum with pictures of both the National Commander and Department Commander Tom Harris in the Pilot seat of the Spruce Goose. Both Gentlemen were impressed with their visit and vow to return. They toured the Veterans home in Lebanon and were genuinely impressed with the facility. Jim Willis, always the front man on these tours with visiting dignitaries, really enjoys showing off the nation's best Veterans Home.

The National Commander was surprised on his visit to Carlton Post 73 where he met some legionnaires that had been in the same unit he was in, "The Old Guard" in Virginia. He had the chance to meet with the leadership and members of the Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, and met with Kelly Fitzpatrick, the Director of the ODVA at the DEC in McMinnville.

The National Adjutant Dan Wheeler visited and was shown a great time while he was here. He enjoyed the Centennial Birthday dinner hosted by Post 10 in Albany. He too got the chance to visit the Veterans Home in Lebanon, and right before his travel to the Airport, Wilsonville Post 65 Commander Larry Edwards gave us a tour of the Korean War Memorial.

I think we should be proud that three National Executives have visited Oregon in the same year. In my humble opinion, this is a testament of the respect they have for our Past National Commander Charlie Schmidt, and the great state of Oregon.

David Solomon Commander Post 10 and the hardworking volunteers of the

A lot has happened since the last DEC, I have been following the Commander around to, District meetings, District 5 Round Up and events like the

National Vice Commander Jim Pisa visit to Post 21 and

post, deserve a Bravo Zulu for hosting the Centennial Birthday Dinner. He had place settings for 150 people. The place was packed and if you didn't make it you missed a great celebration. Albany Post 10 had the "All Nations" Native American Color Guard post colors. Chief "Bill Stam" and other members are from Post 10, the rest were from other posts. BZ to Chief "Bill Stam" and the entire color guard for an outstanding presentation.

District 5 Round Up in Prineville was great. Commandeer Tom Harris was presented his customary D5 Cowboy hat. The Prime Rib dinner was excellent and the evening's entertainment was off the chart with live chicken bingo with an impressive chicken poop cleanup from Department Commander Tom Harris, and Auxiliary President Krisann Owens.

Adjutant Lou Neubecker and I drove down to meet John Lee at the Central Linn High School to present Kaylin Lafayette her Oratorical State competition award in front of her class assembly. I think we should do more of these because it gets recognition in front of thier peers. What better way to promote the Oratorical Contest for next year. /sp



The Black Sox Scandal, in which eight members of the Chicago White Sox were accused of intentionally losing the 1919 World Series against the Cincinnati Reds in exchange for money from gangsters. The scandal led to the appointment of the first?

- A) Baseball Commission
- B) Commissioner of Baseball
- C) Baseball Ordinances
- D) Coaches of baseball



Legionnaire Insurance Trust

District Eight held its District Meeting on March 18th at Post 1 in which all Posts were represented.

During this reporting period the Commander visited additional

Posts, the Area and State Oratorical Contests and the Centennial Dinner in Albany. The National Adjutant Dan Wheeler visited Post 1 in District Eight.

The Commander invited all Posts to attend the Spring DEC in LaPine in April.

Our District Fundraiser, the Casino trip was a success, fun was had by all.

The Commander has reminded all the Posts about Post elections and the need for prompt reporting of their election results.

At present a District Meet and Greet for Department Candidates is in the planning stage.



LARRY WITTMAYER
DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER



Since the beginning of 2019, media has been invited to cover the Oregon visits of National Commander Brett Reistad and National Vice Commander Jim Piza.

Writer/contributor to our American Legion Magazine Ken Olsen was welcomed to our Department's celebration dinner March 15th in Albany to observe The American Legion's 100th Anniversary and our National Adjutant Daniel Wheeler was the keynote speaker.

Have you noticed the "**We Believe**" Public Service Announcement (PSA) on our Department webpage? This 30 second PSA would be great to share with your local radio and/or television stations. Thanks to Media and Communications Commission Chairman Flynn Phillips for loading it on our webpage. The National webpage also has other PSAs that you may download and use. And the price is right!

Each morning our Department Adjutant forwards throughout our Department the Daily News Clips from National. The "Clips" informs Legionnaires of national news relative to veterans, especially The American Legion. If you receive the "Clips," please do not delete them without first sharing them throughout your Districts and Posts. The "Clips" are another way that Legionnaires can keep up daily with concerns of our great organization. Another source of information for Legion members and leadership to use is the National webpage www.legion.org.

There, a wealth of information, that is updated daily, awaits especially for you. Even the www.legion.org/media/publications tab has vast sources of information on any and all Legion programs that you may download. Oratorical Boys State, Baseball, Legion charities, suggested speeches, Legislation, Children and Youth, Internal Affairs, Sons of The American Legion, Membership, National Constitution, Poster Operations Manual, Post Officer Guide and Manual of Ceremonies, Post Adjutant's Manual, Centennial Celebration, Message Points on numerous topics, and Media and Communications are just a few of the many resources available to every Legionnaire.

The Public Relations (PR) Committee has also been analyzing the five W's (**who, what, where, when, why**) plus the **How**

our Department's current PR program projects our Department and National organizations to the public in some manner. On the occasion of The American Legion and many Posts observing 100 years of service to communities, states, and nation, what better time and opportunity to continue to perfect quality Public Relations programs throughout our Department. Leadership throughout our Department is encouraged to be ambassadors for developing PR programs in every Post and District; programs to share with the "publics" the history, traditions, achievements, and programs of The American Legion and to enhance The American Legion's image in Oregon.

You are probably wondering "What is a 'public' and how do we relate to it?" The American Legion Public Relations Toolkit describes it best... "Several 'publics' require our attention as Legionnaires. These include but are not limited to our members, the media, wartime veterans eligible for Legion membership, local and national elected officials and decision-makers, local community members, and the public. You can narrow it further to specific target audiences, such as participants in The American Legion programs and recipients of our support and charitable contributions. How you relate to the public depends on which public it is and what your message is. In a nutshell, public relations are primarily about **IMAGE** and every member of The American Legion plays a role in communicating our image to the various publics to which we relate. The positive and negative things seen and heard at every level of the organization affect peoples' perceptions of what The American Legion is and what we stand for. Perception is reality for most people. The familiarity and reputation of its name are two of the greatest assets of any product or organization. In modern advertising terms, it's called "branding." It's the first thing you think of when you hear a name.

For instance, what is the first thing you think of when you hear the word "Lexus"? Do you immediately think of luxury and quality? How about "McDonald's" or "Hyundai"? Now apply the same exercise to "The American Legion." Just remember that your perception will be different

than anyone else's, because your image of a product or organization is based on your experiences and knowledge. An organization's image is based on the character, integrity and



PDC, PNC CHARLES SCHMIDT
PR CHAIRMAN

total performance of the organization. It consists of every contact the organization has with its various publics. It is a composite of the organization's history in dealing with people; internal attitude toward members, external attitude toward community responsibility and involvement; news releases, interviews and other dealings with the media; internal and external publications; and institutional advertising.

What is the image of The American Legion today? It depends on which public you ask. To the media in general, we are the largest veteran organization in the nation and are considered to be a reliable source of information relating to veterans' issues.

In some local communities, The American Legion has no image because no community programs are conducted. In other local communities, members of The American Legion are champions of social issues and pillars of the community. Still others may view an American Legion Post as a watering hole for older veterans without offering much for younger Iraq-Afghanistan veterans or their families. Each public's perception is its reality."

There are so many good things that The American Legion does. Let's use media resources to present a true, accurate, and positive reality to our publics of our great organization.





CORY BROCKMANN
AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Good morning, folks...a quick update for you coming out of the Spring DEC, which concluded last Sunday afternoon, 4/07/2019, at La Pine Post #45.

First, the DEC voted unanimously on the ratification of Mike Sowles as the baseball committee chair - congratulations, Mike! Mike has been working behind the scenes for several weeks already getting up to speed on all things baseball. Please help me in welcoming Mike to our commission committee!

Secondly, is to further highlight actions taken during the MW-DEC, 1/20/2019, at McMinnville Post #20 concerning articles and information for the Legionnaire that each of us need to provide monthly in sharing information about our pro-

grams to our membership. Excerpted below from the MW-DEC minutes is just a highlight of the resolution put forth by PNC Charlie Schmidt (note: reference the second page-31 of the attached document to locate this item).

Further discussion was held this past weekend at the Spring DEC concerning the importance of improving communication to our membership about all of our programs. That discussion sought to move the article/report due-date to the 5th of each month. Given today is Tue, 4/09 - that gives us each almost a month to get articles/reports turned in to the Legionnaire. OUR Legionnaire. WE ALL have information to share about our committee areas, whether it's a brief update on number of baseball team registrations currently...to a wrap up of the just concluded National Oratorical contest. And, much information can be located at the national Legion.org website to help steer the sharing of information. Articles/reports do not have to be feature length articles; however, they should be written to target our membership audience and improve the distribution - and quality - of

information within our own Department of Oregon.

Submit your articles/reports directly to: "Legionnaire" <orlegionnaire@gmail.com>

Lastly, the distribution of the Spring DEC minutes will be made by the department adjutant when they become available.

Thanks for all you do!

Calendar of Events

April	19 Good Friday (Closed)
	21 Easter
May	06-07 Membership Mtg IN
	08-09 Spring NEC IN
	08 Membership Target 100%
	17-19 Vet Fest Milwaukie
	27 Memorial Day (Closed)
June	16-22 Boys State Western University
	16-22 Girls State Willamette University
	26-29 100th Anniversary Department Convention Astoria, OR



By Mick Wilson, Post #180 Commander

Milwaukie Post 180 Performs Military Honors for the veterans' family of Robert Henry Clink even though he was a not a member of the post. Mick Wilson Commander of Post 180 says they do this all the time as a community service.

Mick described in an email that Robert Henry Clink was born in Portland, OR on 26 Feb. 1932 and passed away suddenly on 9 Feb. 2019. He enlisted in the United States Coast Guard on 11 Jan. 1951 and was honorably discharged from the Coast Guard on 13 Jan. 1954 in Seattle, WA.

While in the Coast Guard he was awarded the United Nations Service Medal for service in Korea as well as



IN LOVING MEMORY

the Good Conduct Medal.

On Monday, 11 Feb. **his niece Ms. Betty Reid of Forest Lake, MN contacted the American Legion Milwaukie Post 180** and inquired about a Celebration of Life service at the Milwaukie Post.

The custom and policy of the Milwaukie Post, arrangements were made to hold the requested service at no charge. The Milwaukie Post has a policy of allowing the Post to be used for such services for any honorably discharged service mem-



Ms. Betty Reid, a niece, receives the Flag

ber providing that the Post has no other activities previously scheduled.

On Friday, 15 Feb., the family and friends held the Celebration of Life at the Milwaukie Post during which time a Military Honors Ceremony was conducted by the Post Honor Guard and a burial flag was presented to the family honoring the service rendered by Coast Guardsman Clink to his country.

Kudo's go out to the entire Post #180 for this well done Life Celebration.

National Commander, Brett Reistad and National



National Commander toured the Lebanon Oregon Veterans Home led by Tina. As he was about to finish and head for the van we bumped into the Oldest WWII veteran Resident, Mr. Edward C. Allworth, They had a great like chat and Brett gave him his Commanders pin.

(Left to Right) Dept Commander, Tom Harris, National Commander, Brett Reistad and Mr. Allworth



National Commander, Brett Reistad visits the Department Auxiliary meeting at the DEC. (Left to Right) NECman, Rob Liebenow, National Commander, Brett Reistad, Secretary, Linda Liebenow and President, Krisann Owens



The Commander visits the Detachment Sons of the American Legions' meeting to give them some words of encouragement (Left to Right)

Adjutant, Ward Allen, National Commander, Brett Reistad, Commander, Ron Mitchell, 1st Vice Commander, Carl Pawlik and Alt. NECman Larry Horne



(Left to Right) Carlton Legion Memorial Post 173 Walter Fulcher, NC Brett Reistad, Guadalupe Tavera & Others The NC discovered one of these men was in the "The Old Guard" unit he was in.



(Left to Right) National Vice Commander, Jim Pisa, Dept Commander, Tom Harris and Post 21 Leroy Brown in front of the McMinnvilles Post Veteran's Memorial and Rose garden

Vice Commander, Jim Pisa Visit Oregon



(Left to Right) PDC Jim Willis, Tina King, NC Brett Reistad, Dept Comdr Tom Harris, NECman Rob Leibenow



Angel Mendoza, and the Honor Guard greet both The National Vice Commander, Jim Pisa and National Commander Brett Reistad visit the Air Museum.



(Left to Right) NC, Brett Reistad, Dept. Comdr., Tom Harris and John Rasmussen, Executive Director of the Evergreen Air Museum, stand next to the Purple Heart Monument honoring Combat Veterans



National Vice Commander Jim Pisa



(Left to Right) Deputy Director, Mitch Sparks 1st Vice Steve Adams, PDC Jim Willis, Dept. Comdr Tom Harris, NECman Rob Leibenow and NVC Jim Pisa gets the ODVA Update



Aide to the National commander Ken Knight



The National Commander loves his planes he just had to stop and get one last picture



The National Commander does a Charles Atlas with the Space Capsule



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DEPT HISTORIAN

which originated from David Lowe VFW Post 30. David sent the request to numerous people in hopes that someone would make a house call on this WWII Navy Veteran who needed a good ole War buddy visit.



In light of The National Commanders Call for Buddy Checks in March, I thought this was a golden opportunity. I was given some info on "Bill". I called the care home and set up the appointment. Once there I presented him with a Letter of Appreciation for his service in WWII from the Department, a little book on his ship I threw together, and Proud to be an American Book, The latest copy of the Oregon Legionnaire, and a cap pin from the National Commander Brett Reistad, The current Legion Magazine and the Navy Times.

I received a visitation request for Aviation Boatswain's Mate First Class William F. Tromblee from George Simmons, Commander of Post 30,

All was well and good, but PNC Charlie Schmidt asked if he was a Legion member, if not, make him one. So Adjutant Lou and I made him a Legion Member and Lou being a dual member with the VFW, made him a member of the VFW as well. The next day I called the care home and said we're coming by for a second visit. We brought along ALA Vice President, Gea Clausier this time and drove the legion Van.

Once there Lou presented Bill with Two Veteran Memberships. He just lit up. We said we would be coming by on a regular visit and make sure he starts getting a copy "The Oregon Legionnaire".



From; Cathy Tromblee

"Our father William F. Tromblee, one of the greatest generations, will be 99 years old this May 28th. He was born in 1920.

He loved to travel to see his daughters, Dianne in Montana, Janie in Colorado, Mt. Rainier, The Steen's, Redwoods and Crater Lake.

His son Wendell and I, "Cathy" (Daughter-in-law) took care of him for 7 years. We camped, fished at the southern Oregon coast and hunted in the mountains by Diamond Lake.

We were fishing in Bandon, Oregon when he caught two 30 pound Salmons, almost wining the derby. Wow!

His job was to label the packages of Salmon, Deer and Elk with a fine tip pen. Bill also loved to go to senior luncheons in Winston, Lakeside Oregon and Battleground Washington. We got to meet new friends, and he loved to eat.

Three times a week around 3 O'clock, the local supermarket was calling us to come to get an Ice cream cone and push the cart for exercise. Getting out of the house and going for a drive was really important. I'd say "Grandpa get your celebrity hat on." He was so proud to be a WWII veteran. Navy people stopped to visit and thank him for serving. I remember a ladies face got flushed and tears ran down her cheeks! Another mother of six children thanked him individually.

Through the eyes of others, we learned how special he was. Bill didn't talk much about WWII, but little by little we gained historic treasures.

After graduating from high school in Kelso Washington, Bill worked at Boeing in Seattle. He trained as a Machinist, Riveter in sheet metal and aircraft engines earning his way to be an Aviation Boatswains Mate. On December 7th 1941 Pearl Harbor was bombed. He and his buddy went down to the recruiter and signed up. They wanted to serve and protect our country and our freedom. Bill operated a steam catapult on the Aircraft Carrier Mission Bay (CV-59). The war ended, he recalls, "It was like a big party. Everyone was having a good time walking up and down the street. Everybody was buying drinks for you, you couldn't buy your own drink.

Bill's home is in Amboy Washington. However, lives in Portland in an adult foster care home doing quite well; always happy and kind. When you are almost a century "young", your grandparents came by covered wagon and homesteaded Fort Rock, Oregon near Bend. Bills Grandfather had the first Ford Dealership in Bend. His grandmother gave driving lessons when you bought a Model A, or Model T, Amazing.

***"In Honor of our Father,
Your Loving Family"***



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and have a chance to pay respects to their fallen brothers in arms.

Members of Fox Force, Reconnaissance Platoon of the 1st Battalion, Company E, 14th Infantry, and 4th Infantry Division walk toward the apex of The Wall to lay a wreath in honor of their 50th reunion.



Terry Brown in behind the first white shirt

On March 29 Terry Brown, Commander of Carl Douglas Post #74, Estacada traveled to Washington DC for a 50 year reunion of his old unit in Vietnam. He said it was nice to see the guys



Saluting fallen comrades and those who passed away from service-connected illnesses.

Fox Force 50th Reunion at The Wall. March 29 at 10:39 AM

Members of Fox Force, Reconnaissance Platoon of the 1st Battalion, Company E, 14th Infantry, and 4th Infantry Division commemorated their 50th reunion at The Wall today, Vietnam War Veterans Day. They placed a wreath at the memorial and remembered those who are no longer with us. Never forget.

See more at: https://www.facebook.com/pg/VietnamVeteransMemorialFund/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10157183005248270



Photos from Richard Littau

Over the next few months you will be seeing the 2019-2020 Department Budget.

I encourage all the members to review it to see where

all the **PDC KEVIN OWENS** money **PERMANENT FINANCE COMMISSION** goes in the Department.

This Commission works hard each year to provide the best budget to fund all the programs of this Department that defines who we are.

As membership has been decreasing it becomes harder each year to maintain the standards, we have been accustomed to. I can assure you all that we take this seriously and will always have the best interest of the Department and our membership in mind. It's our duty and responsibility to protect our finances and the programs of our Department.



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Department Officers

Commander	Tom Harris
Imed. Past Cmdr	Gene Hellickson
1st Vice Cmdr	Steve Adams
2nd Vice Cmdr	Don Weber
Adjutant	Lou Neubecker
NECman	Rob Liebenow
Alt NECman	Andy Millar
Finance Officer	Bob Huff
Chaplain	Steve Shollenberg
Historian	S. Flynn Phillips
Judge Advocate	Gerald Shorey
Service Officer	Ed Van Dyke
Asst Service Office	Jody Marsh
Sgt-At-Arms	Phyllis York
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Mike Morris
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Ward Allen
Aide to Cmdr	S. Flynn Phillips



Hillsboro Family Fun Run

Hillsboro Post #6 will be hosting their first Memorial Day Fun Run on May 31st.

It will start at the Veteran's Gateway at the

Washington County Fair Grounds and end at Post #6.

The run is about 2.7 miles. Registration starts at 8am and run starts at 9am.

The run is free and there will be a limited number of shirts for \$20 each. First come first served on the shirts.

For preregistration contact Sheryl Loberger at 760-672-0443.

There will be a pancake feed at the post, put on by cub scout pack 195, the cost is \$5 for veterans, seniors and ages 5 to 17, all others it is \$7.

Lots of fun at the end, come and join us.



Memorial Day May 27th 2019



L-R front row: Pam Klecker, Carolyn Harris, Kim Olson, Anne Friend,
L-R back row: S. Flynn Phillips, David Lowe, Joseph Bell

Today the Department of State Lands (DSL) Rules and Advisory Committee wrapped up their last scheduled meeting in Salem to discuss changes for implementation of language to fulfill House Bill 4038.

HB 4038 directs DSL to retain Military Medals until they are claimed by a service member or a descendant. It also allows for DSL to pass the medals to appropriate custodians as long as the custodian will also retain the medals for the rightful owners/descendants. All programs within DSL are held to this standard. If a medal passes through the DSL Estate process to unclaimed property it is treated the same as if it were found in a safe deposit box.

Members of the committee were: Melissa Maikranz of Umpqua Bank, Kim Olson Oregon State Treasury, Janet Josselyn Clackamas Federal Credit Union, S. Flynn Phillips The American Legion Department of Oregon, David Lowe Veteran of Foreign Wars,

Mitch Sparks Director ODVA, Joseph Bell, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, DSL Staff: Anne Friend, Carolyn Harris, Pam Klecker, Pat Tate, Facilitator/Mediator; Mike Schnee.

The committee met three times from January to March, Facilitator/Mediator Mike Schnee kept the members focused and on track. There was a lot of ground to cover over the three days and the resulting recommendations will be sent to the Secretary of State for filing under "In the Matter of OAR Chapter 141, Division 40 & Division 45, revisions to the rules for the disposition of Military Medals".

The last date and time for public comment: Proposed and subject to change is [Friday, May 31, 2019, 5 pm]

Proposed hearing: Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 5-6:30 pm DSL, Land Board Room, 775 Summer Street, Salem, OR 97301 Anne Friend Hearings Officer

*S. Flynn Phillips
The American Legion Dept. Historian*

At the Spring DEC in LaPine the Foundation voted to sponsor all the Veterans in the Lebanon Veterans Home to become members of the American Legion if not already.



PDC KEVIN OWENS
FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

This does a couple of things, the first providing the opportunity to belong to the American Legion, second to provide brother and sisterhood, and third and most important to bring caring to them from all of us.

Over the next few months we are going to ask each member, District, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders to sponsor at least one person each year.

The membership would be paid by that sponsor and want to encourage that sponsor to become engaged with that Veteran. The idea is to give some comfort to the Veteran that we still care about them and gives them a reason to feel wanted. We have never done this before and hope we will have so much support we will be able to move on to the Veterans Home in the Dalles.

I encourage all of you to become sponsors, more information will come out on how to sponsor, stand by for a great experience, it's not receiving but giving that makes the world a better place.





In January during the National Commander's visit and banquet at Post 21 in McMinnville, PDC Kevin Owens presents our National NECman, Rob Liebenow with a distinguished award. It was time to take the Red Cap off and have a little fun.

Rob served in the Navy as a cook and the last ship he was assigned to before returning to CIVLANT was the USS Hancock. Rob was in one of the three most coveted jobs on the ship; The Dispersing Clerk, (getting paid), Hospital Corpsman, (getting fixed up), and the Cook, (getting fed). Hats off to Rob. We all enjoyed the razzing.



S. Flynn Phillips, Dept. Historian

We are entering that season when Posts and Districts will be having elections for new officers. As you may already know, the Department of Oregon Constitution By-Laws calls for "Each Post shall select its officers for the ensuing year not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Department Convention" (Art. II, Sec. 3.) that would mean that all elections would be held prior to May 13, 2019.

So, what are some of the other requirements that should be considered in preparation for elections?

Department Adjutant shall issue to each post not less than 60 days prior to Convention (Apr. 27) the number of delegates and alternates each Post is entitled for



RICHARD RAMEY
IA CHAIRMAN



Answer

B. Commissioner of Baseball

The 8 Members were
Pitcher, Eddie Cicotte
1st Base, Arnold 'Chick' Gandil
Shortstop, Charles 'Swede' Riseberg
Center Fielder, Oscar 'Happy' Felsch
Pitcher, Claude 'Lefty' Williams
Star Outfielder 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson
3rd Base, George 'Buck' Weaver
Utility Infielder Fred McMullin
Buck Weaver
Did not go in on the plan but had
knowledge, therefore he was banned.

Editors Notes

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Convention. (Const. Art. V, Sec. 4) Each Post shall have the following Post officers ...Commander, one or more Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain and Service Officer (By-Laws Art. II, Sec. 2.). These are elected, except for those that the Post Constitution and By-Laws designate as appointed. Post should vote on delegates to convention.

Any meetings must have a quorum of members, as designated by the Post Constitution and By-Laws to conduct business for which a vote is required.

If only one person is nominated, then that person can be elected by "acclamation". (A vote is still required, after which they are declared elected by acclamation.)

During elections, the person presiding over the election for that officer position

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must be someone other than the person nominated for the position. So, in the case of the Commander presiding over the meeting, and he/she being nominated for the Commander position, then a Vice Commander should preside over the election for that position. Then, after the election, the Commander can resume presiding over the elections for any other officer position elections.

Any nominations for elections, must be seconded, prior to voting.

All election results must be recorded in the minutes, to include the person elected and the position for which they were elected.

All meetings should include a sign-in of members for the record.



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ First _____ Initial _____ Last _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Membership ID# former member _____ Email _____ Post # _____ Date _____

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46) | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - only eligibility) |

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signed by applicant _____ Name of recruiter _____

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check www.legion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at www.legion.org.

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Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth date _____

Name _____ First _____ Initial _____ Last _____ Recruited by _____ Initial _____ Last _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit www.legion.org.

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Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ First _____ Initial _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____ Unit # and Location _____

Date of Birth (Required) _____ Birth - 17 _____ 18 and older _____

Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department address go to: www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state_headquarters. Dues include a yearly non-refundable allocation of \$3.40 for American Legion Auxiliary magazine. **Membership pending approval of application.**

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

☐ Living ☐ Deceased

Eligible Through-Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) _____

American Legion Member ID Number _____

Veteran's American Legion Post Name _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46)	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84)
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities)

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Self
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter, etc.)				

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ ALA 07/2016 _____ Date _____



DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____