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*Astoria Post 10's Revolutionary War flag.*

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Steve Adams

Department Commander



As we are winding down on the American Legion's first century of service to our Nation's veterans and their families, as leaders of the Department of Oregon [Department, District, and Post officers] have some big shoes to fill. Past leaders General White, Ed Eivers Sr., t. T. Les Galloway and Charlie Schmidt, just to name a few and all of the Past Department, District, and Post Officers that came before us are good examples.

As we start the second century of the American Legion Department of Oregon it is our responsibility as leaders to set the tone for the next 100 years. We need to address dwindling membership and promote membership in the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion as well as participation in our Children & Youth programs. As leaders we need to set an example to our members that this is not a one or two-person effort. We are a team and every member is part of that team. We can do this by communicating and including them at all levels from Dept. down to the newest member.

As I look down the list of Department, District, Post Officers and Commission and committee leadership I am encouraged by the members that have agreed to held with this endeavor. Now it is our job to train, mentor and encourage our future leaders to step up and keep our great organization expanding and flourish for the next 100 years.

### Oregon Boys State Produces Super Star's

By: Don Weber

Everyone knows The American Legion has some great Children and Youth Programs. It is the best of the best students that take advantage of these challenging programs. Last year one student took advantage of Oregon Boys State. Mathew Frischman is one of those students.

Matthew heard about the Boys State program from one of his classmates during his junior year of high school. He had never heard of The American Legion (TAL) and didn't know about any of the programs sponsored by TAL. Matthew signed up to attend the 2018 program at Western Oregon University. He excelled at the program and his peers, and the program Deans chose him as one of two people to attend Boys Nation. After Boys State Post 34 asked him to come to the Post and share his experience. While there, Keven Owens told him about the Oratorical program, so Matthew signed up for the spring series. He won the Post, District, and Area competition, and he won 2nd place at Department.

It shouldn't be any surprise that he excelled at Boys State. Matthew has a 4.0 GPA, and he scored in the 99th percentile with a 1470 out of 1600 possible on the SAT test. For his legislative bill at Boys Nation, he created a three part bill that would 1) increase financial literacy,

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Don Weber  
Department 1st Vice  
Commander





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2) Redirect welfare spending to job training, and 3) balance the federal budget. His bill passed committee, passed the Senate hearing with a 60/40 approval, and went on to the Boys Nation President for signature.

Matthew returned to Oregon Boys State in 2019 as a program staff person. Throughout the week he became known as that person that was quite and would wait to respond to any situation, but then was the person that had smartest and brightest solution to any situation that arose.

Matthew is now enrolled in the Biochemical program for pre-med at Oregon State University. After medical school he plans to study Anesthesiology and go on to get a fellowship in pain management.

Both of Matthews Grandfathers served in the military. One served between Korea and Vietnam, and the other served during Vietnam. It was certainly an honor for me to watch Matthew grow and progress through two year of the Boys State program.

## *Calendar of Events July 2019*

21-25 Boys Nation @ Wash DC

28-31 Oregon AAA Tournament at Klamath Falls

28-31 Oregon Single A Tournament at Roseburg

Aug 8-10 Membership Workshop, Indianapolis, IN



Larry Wittmayer  
Department 2nd Vice  
Commander

Since the last District submission to this publication the following has occurred.

A District Caucus and Election was held on May 21st at Post 180. Candidates for the offices were heard and elections were held.

The results: District Commander - Larry Wittmayer, First Vice Commander - John Molesworth, District Adjutant - Chris Christopherson, District Finance - Ward Allen. Appointments made: District Chaplain - Rev. Clay Shankle, District Sgt at Arms - Lee Anderson

Candidates for Department Commander - Steve Adams and Alternate NEC - Jim Willis were available to present their platforms.

Work continues on the review of the District Constitution and By Laws.

Please submit your Post election results to Department and District Commander promptly.

### MEMBERSHIP

I bring you excitement and enthusiasm with my election to Department Second Vice Commander. Thank you for the support. I am also

looking forward to a promising membership year as your Membership Chair.

This year the state will be divided into three zones which will be made up of certain Districts. Each zone will be headed up by two Membership committee persons. These committee people will be assigned certain posts and be in constant contact with the post membership contact.

I believe this plan will offer closer contact and communication. The plan will be implemented soon.

Enough for now, please stay tuned for exciting Membership and Department news.



DEPT.  
FINANCE OFFICER  
PDC Bob Huff

We just returned from our Department Convention in Astoria. Our 2019-2020 Budget was adopted as required by our Department Constitution and By-Laws by the delegates to the Department Convention. This is a zero based budget, each Officer, District Commander and Commission/Committee Chair with budget will report on the use of their budget; if not used their future plan for their budget that was

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approved from their budget request for the 2019-2020 year. If not used and no plan, the excess budget will be redistributed to the general fund.

Starting off a new membership year for renewals we need to focus on renewing our members and adding new members. We have taken a lower membership number for the past two years for budget purposes. We took a lower membership number for this year and as of this date, we are still under that membership number. If this continues this year we will have to revisit our budget and take reductions. Our many programs, children and youth, Boys State, Boy Scouts, Oratorical Scholarship Program, Baseball, Jr. Shooting Sports, Law Enforcement Academy, our legislative impact, supporting Veterans Employment and Education and Veterans Homelessness, all the good work we do, are all effected by membership, start calling your members early this year, your members that have not renewed for 2019, call them, is there a problem, invite them back to your meetings. It is not too late to renew for 2019. Thank you for all you do for

## **VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**PDC Bob Huff**

We are gearing up for our new events which we are part of the planning team, organizing some of the events and participating in others; however, we can help and put our brand out there. As a reminder, On Wednesday July 24 we will be supporting the Veterans Stand Down, Employment and Benefits Event at the VA SORCC in White City. On Saturday July 27, we will be supporting the ODVA Expo 19, scheduled, in Pendleton at the Convention Center, we will be there. This will be a great event supporting the District 6 area, first of its kind event.

On Tuesday August 6 we will Celebrate Veterans Event at the Street of Dreams 2019 at the Home Builders Assn of Metro Portland. On Wednesday, September 11, the Portland Veterans Stand Down at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. As our soldiers are preparing for deployment, yellow-ribbons are being planned and we should be there.

During their deployment, there will be yellow-ribbons planned for their spouses and parents. We need to support those events, as we learn the dates that they will be held we will email blast those areas. Please also contact your local units and see how you and your Post can support the Soldiers and their families during this deployment.

Remember, this is a great opportunity for the American Legion Family to support the events as a family. As we support new events Email notice will be sent out as their location and dates are locked in.

We can always use volunteers to assist with the events we participate in and those we are not able to support with conflicting schedules. Remember our most successful events are those with local Post participation.

## **PERMANENT FINANCE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

**PDC Kevin Owens**

As you know at the Department Convention, we pass our annual budget. Some would say what does that me to me or why should I care. Well the answer is simple, the budget does a couple of things, it allows our Department to run and provide support to Department Officers, District Commanders and Department Chairman, but most of all support to our local Post's. This money belongs to you as members and needs to be spent in the manner as intended, and that is to support the programs of the American Legion and the functions needed to do so. The job of the Permanent Finance Commission has the job of preparing the budget each year and to make sure the Department is to stay within the budget voted on our members at our annual meeting. I can assure you this Commission does just that. Should you have questions on anything within the budget please ask as we are here to support not only the Department but also each of our Post's. Remember the old saying a penny saved is a penny earned and that is how we approach the funds of this Department. The term is "old miser" and the Commission and I can live with that title. Thank you for all you do for this Department, for if it was not for our members the American Legion would not exist.

## Legionnaire of the Year

By Chairles Schmidt PNC

Members from across The American Legion Department of Oregon assembled in Astoria,

Oregon June 26-29, 2019 for the Department's 101th annual convention. The convention gave delegates the opportunity to review accomplishments and programs successes, recognize achievements of individual Legionnaires and Posts, and to kick-off the 2019-2020 American Legion year.

One of the Department awards presented at the June 27 th convention banquet was The Distinguished Legionnaire of the Year Award. The award, judged by the Past Department Commanders of Oregon, was presented to Rodger Rau of Banks Post 90 by Immediate Past Department Commander Gene Hellickson.

"Rodger's Past Post Commander experience and multiple years as Adjutant and Service Officer gives him a broad perspective of the Post's needs and scope of involvement with both themembers and the community," said Post 90 Commander Michael Warrens."

Because of that, Rodger is the "go to" person for Post 90. He is the glue of the Post." Legionnaire Rau's contributions to The American Legion's Americanism, Youth, and Veterans pillars are many, and frequent. Some example are:

Rodger led a construction team of the Post's float and coordinated color guard participation in Banks' annual August parade; coordinator for the Post sponsored Boy Scout troop, scheduling Troop meetings in the Post, flag retirement event, and returnable can and bottle deposits to Troop; taught flag etiquette, folding and history to Banks Elementary (Grades 4-5) Leadership Class; coordinated fundraising for American Legion Child Welfare Foundation; researched, distilled and edited key VA monthly updates for the Post's monthly newsletters; assisted families of deceased veterans with memorial needs and knowledge of VA resource, even accompanying a deceased member's spouse for a meeting with a VA Service Officer; coordinated and participated in all Post graveside services – he's the "Taps" man; arranged Memorial Day guest speakers; co-initiated and spearheaded a fundraiser that raised \$1,137 for Vancouver's Fisher House; managed the Post's daily maintenance, business and community activities; trained new Post Service Officer and mentored new Post Commander to promote and develop a strong leadership team; represented the Post throughout the year at District meetings, Department Convention and local American Legion sponsored events including Oratorical presentation competition and local high school Veteran Day appreciation events; and led the com-

munity's weekly bingo events – other than school events, this is one of the few family oriented entertainment venues in the community where the community learned of other activities which the Post supports such as the color guard and patriotic events. Currently 3 display boards inform the community about the 100-year centennial and history of Banks Post 90.

"Rodger is at the Post almost 6 days a week volunteering his time" says Post 90 Commander Warren. "What is amazing is that he continues to be involved at this level year after year."





**AMERICANISM  
COMMISSION CHAIR  
PDC BOB HUFF**

The Americanism Commission is tasked with the promotion of all programs that come under the heading Americanism; Oratorical Contests, Baseball, Boys State, Law Enforcement Career Camp, Boy Scouts, Shooting Sports, Children and Youth Activities and Programs, Patriotic Holiday Programs, School Awards, Community Service and Safety, Flag Education, Immigration and Naturalization Activities, For God and Country, and American Education Week.

We have just completed Boys State, a low number of participants this year for this excellent program. We are currently in our American Legion Baseball season, with 2019 A State Tournament being held in Roseburg on July 27 through July 31 and 2019 AAA State Tournament being held in Klamath Falls again on July 27 through July 31. If able, please attend these events and let's show our American Legion support, please wear your cap. We are active with our Shooting Sports Program and have some great young shooters. Our Law Enforcement Career Camp is still accepting applications and will accept them until July 15. The Camp is scheduled for August 3 through August 9. We still need candidates; candidates must not have reached their 18th birthday, this is an excellent program.

We have excellent programs, all with good history. As our schools will be returning in early September we need to contact the Principles and Councilors before the school year, notify them of our Programs, of our High School Oratorical Scholarship Program along with our Boys State Program and Law Enforcement Career Camp, of the many opportunities for our Students. We need to

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display our program flyers for all our programs at all of our events, we say we are our biggest secret, our programs are too. How many times have we heard students and parents say when we are working veteran events that they never knew The American Legion does all this; most are amazed, and I wish I knew those programs were out there. I guarantee you no other Veterans Organization does what we do. Let's make this a year that we get out to all our schools and home schooled students and let them know the programs we have and that they are eligible for. All they can say is no, not interested; that is OK, to not let them know what is out there and give them the opportunity to participate is wrong. If you need our help, please contact me at (541) 601-9283, thank you.

**2019 - 2020  
Department Executive  
Committee  
Schedule**

**Dates are:**  
**FALL DEC--October 4-6**  
**WINTER DEC--January 10-12**  
**SPRING DEC-- April- 3-5**

## Junior Shooting Sports

By Dan Evers

Conducts a 3-position junior shooting program for youth. Youth use air-rifles and shoot from prone, standing and kneeling positions. There are two different competition categories: Precision - Olympic-style, specialized air rifles, and Sporter - which uses low cost entry-level air rifle without specialized modifications.

We would really like to see more shooting teams get involved. Girls and boys, and disabled youth can participate.

2019: Hailey Clevenger, Lebanon High School, placed 8th in the second round in Individual Sporter competition to advance to the National Competition (in Colorado Springs, CO).

## Scouting

By Larry Wittmayer

Scouting continues to experience growth with new troop-unit charters. Since 2017 there has been an increase from 17 to 30 scout units chartered by Department of Oregon. A significant change, coming forth through the national office, was the inclusion of both girls and boys in lower age-levels of scouting program activities.

2019: There was one candidate-application for Eagle Scout of the Year. The Committee found the application to be lacking and an award was not made. It did, however, lead to a review of the C.O.P. on addressing and clarifying how applications are processed -

## Boys State

By Ian Gerstel

Just concluded their week - June 16-22 - at Western Oregon University in Monmouth. Boys State is a participatory program in which students become part of a mock operational local, county and state government. In doing so, youth learn as well as hold leadership roles as they conduct the duties and responsibilities within government.

2019: 46 participants; more are needed.

Two young men from Boys State are selected from their peers to then participate in Boys Nation in Wash D.C., where they receive education on the structure and function of federal government. Each youth delegate takes on the role as a senator from his Boys State and spends the week learning the functions and role of federal government.

2019 Boys Nation selectees

2020 Governor elected, returns to lead Boys State next year.



whether one or multiple - if it is found to be lacking in substance.

## Children & Youth

By Jon Marsh

The program has a fairly large umbrella covering the spectrum of child safety, to health and wellness, to participatory programs. However, a chief priority is providing assistance in the administration of financial assistance to families. The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (formerly Endowment Fund) provides vital support for military and veteran parents in unexpected financial crises as well as support for service officers in their efforts to obtain care and due benefits; and, opportunities for disabled veterans and families. These funds are the "fuel" for TFA...

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program awards cash grants to parents/legal guardians of minor children of current active duty or American Legion members. These grants help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses, thereby keeping the child or children in a more stable environment.

2019: 58 active duty military and veteran families were assisted receiving \$47,764.50 in aid.

## **Internal Affairs Department of Oregon**

Convention marks the transition from the 2018-2019 leadership year to the 2019-2020 year. For The American Legion Posts and Districts the new year starts when the new officers are installed. Now is the time to look forward to the objectives of the new year. Increased membership will always be a goal, but each of the Posts, Districts, and Department will be setting goals for what they can accomplish in each of the many programs we will accomplish in each community.

To start the year right, I encourage the leadership to set goals. A good starting step for any post is to complete the Post Responsibility Audit and Post Analysis forms in the Officers' Guide. This will help the new leadership determine a base line for where the post presently is at. Then follow the "Steps To a Better Post" guidance in the Officer's Guide. In this way, a post can re-focus itself on improving and conducting The American Legion programs in their community.

All Legionnaires should examine all their operations, and plan actions to be taken that will promote programs for the betterment of veterans and their families within our communities. Look at the programs your post already conducts and find ways to make each program just a little bit better this coming year. Think about adding one or two new programs to your activities. Our membership

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## **District 1 Report Cory Brockmann, Commander**

Congratulations to Clatsop #12 for hosting our 101st Annual Department Convention and in doing such a fine job! There is a significant amount of coordination and logistical planning and preparatory work involved in conducting such an endeavor, which warrants our sincerest gratitude and appreciation. With that – thank you Clatsop #12 Legion Family and to Jon Marsh, chairman, and the entire Convention Commission for their teamwork in hosting a successful convention.



The 2019-2020 District 1 board is now established following elections and officer appointments. Your District 1 officers are: Cory Brockmann, commander; John Staub, vice commander; Dave Bogner, adjutant; Jim Craig, finance officer; and, Dick Rye, chaplain.

The District 1 meeting locations are firmed up, but dates will be set following the 2019 Oregon Legion College session. For the coming year district meetings will be held, in-sequence, at: J.H. Wellington #68, Tigard #158, Clatsop #12, and Aloha #104. As was done last year, I have been working with the District Auxiliary president-elect – this year it is Catherine Brockmann – along with posts to firm up these locations. And, again, thank you to those posts stepping up and hosting our meetings!

The 2019 Oregon Legion College is scheduled for July 13-14 at Canby #122 and these dates were previously shared with your posts. I strongly urge each post's elected and appointed leadership to attend – investing in yourself is an investment in our American Legion.

In the coming year you can anticipate Department leadership imparting upon a re-strengthening of our organization's business foundation. Just what does that mean? Well, while it takes a significant number of dedicated veterans and supporters to conduct the business of serving our veterans and delivering the many programs our organization provides, it also takes us working more cohesively and consistently to further strengthen the collective work we seek to accomplish.

Improving our reporting and improving our communication are critical base-functions that I anticipate we will see coming in the days and weeks ahead. It's not new; however, these are two areas that have slowly decreased to the point of nearly diminishing, being nearly non-existent with some posts. And, without a doubt, this is a two-way process that includes Department. Even there we have commissions and committees where improvement is needed to better support our districts and posts.

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## Americanism – Scholarships

Cory Brockmann, Chair, Americanism Commission



This is the fourth in a series of six articles reviewing national American Legion scholarships available to youth. Scholarship programs offered by The American Legion can change lives. It's that simple. It can strengthen families and, ultimately, strengthen communities and our country. Last month we reviewed the Junior Shooting Sports Scholarship and we continue this month with the American Legion Baseball Scholarship.

### The American Legion Baseball Scholarship

The American Legion's Baseball Scholarship provides college scholarship money annually at the department and national levels. At the department level, each department baseball committee will select an American Legion player who best meets the qualifications as the American Legion Baseball Scholarship winner. That individual is then awarded as the Department Baseball Scholarship winner and is awarded a \$500 scholarship.

The eligibility requirements for the Department Baseball Scholarship include, along with submission of the nomination form, that the player provides: a copy of his official high school transcript; have graduated from high school; be on a current roster (American Legion National Baseball Electronic Registration Form) filed with National Headquarters; be part of a team affiliated with an American Legion post; and, have three letters of testimony.

Any team manager or head coach of an American Legion (post-affiliated) team may nominate a player for consideration of this award. The scholarship application, letters of recommendation and certification form must be completed, postmarked and mailed to Department headquarters no later than July 15; the three letters of testimony must be attached to the nomination form. The application will include a one-page letter of recommendation from your: (1) Legion coach or team manager, (2) American Legion post commander or adjutant, and (3) Community leader, (i.e. teacher, minister, Scout leader, church leader, principal). The Department Baseball Scholarship award winner shall be considered for the American Legion All-Academic Team, which is sponsored by Diamond Sports. The American Legion Baseball Scholarship nomination/application form can be accessed and downloaded by navigating to [https://www.legion.org/documents/baseball/baseball\\_scholarship.pdf](https://www.legion.org/documents/baseball/baseball_scholarship.pdf).

For the national level scholarships, the certified Department Baseball Scholarship winners from across the country are then considered for The American Legion All-Academic Team, which is sponsored by Diamond Sports, who is the provider of the official baseball for American Legion national tournaments.

Eight players will be selected by a scholarship selection committee at The American Legion World Series and each will receive an additional \$2,500 scholarship. A ninth player, selected as the most outstanding member of the All-Academic Team, will be awarded an additional \$5,000 scholarship.

Scholarship recipients are eligible to receive their scholarships immediately upon graduation from an accredited high school. Scholarship winners must utilize the total award within eight (8) years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty. The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student, provided it is state-accredited and above the high school level. For more information on American Legion Baseball Scholarships navigate to <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/baseball>.

For more information on scholarship programs that are available please contact your nearest American Legion post or navigate to <https://www.legion.org/scholarships>.

**District 2**  
**Renee Ohler**  
**Commander**



Welcome to the new Legion year. It is the hope of District 2 that all posts will embrace the coming year and put in the hard work to be successful. Many have just received their renewal mailing from National and have already gone on line for their 2020 membership. When renewing on line you are updated for the new year and all follow on mailings from National regarding membership will cease. In addition you will help with the work load placed on your post Adjutant.

Department rolled out a new membership incentive award for membership at convention. Per District, the post attaining the highest percentage over goal on membership will receive a check for \$200.00, a charter fishing trip at the coast, and a nice plaque so stating your accomplishment. Post showing the greatest improvement over the previous year will receive a \$100.00 check and a nice plaque so stating. Each post reaching goal of 100% will receive a check for \$100.00. All of the in place membership awards will remain in place.

Congratulations to Carlton Post 173 for 100% goal for Legion, SAL, an Auxillary. District 2 100% Goal Posts were Keizer Post 17, Newberg Post 57, Stayton Post 58, and McMinnville Post 21.

It can be done when you put the work in.

Here's to a great year!

For God and Country  
God Bless America

**District 10**

By Daniel Burks

District 10 is known for being on the other side of the state, vast lands filled with sage brush and trees separate each post for miles. What is not always known is the team effort utilized in District 10. We here in District 10 are very proud of our American Legion Families and strive to support each and every one of them, from appearing in each other's events, to supporting a widow who fell upon hard times as she lost her husband and the entire District stepped up to ensure her financial needs were met. While we do not have the population nor the luxury of visiting each other extremely often, I am proud that District 10 is full of men and women with the heart of Legionnaires who don't back down, and don't give up. We work as a team to help each other out when we are needed.

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Yes, we have work to do, but I don't see this as making significantly more work for us. It is about working together and working more effectively. And re-strengthening our foundation for the next 100 years. We will always be stronger working together than apart. Thank you for the outstanding work you do in supporting our veterans and communities!



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and good will in the community will grow our membership as we raise the public awareness of the positive influence we are making as citizens in our communities.

Richard Ramey, Chairman  
Internal Affairs Commison

### Department Officers 2019-2020

Commander:	Steve Adams
Imed. Past Cmdr:	Tom Harris
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Asst SAA:	Mike Morris
Asst SAA:	Ward Allen
Aide to Cmdr:	Willam. Stutheit
Aid to Cmdr:	Larry Williams



### The Oregon Legion Foundation By PDC Kevin Owens President

At Department Convention we held our annual meeting, I was reelected as President again and Charles Schmidt was



elected as the Vice President. Some would say what has that to do with me or why should I care? The goal this year is to get the Post's more aware how the Foundation can support them and their programs. You will be hearing more information coming out from the District Commanders in the near future. We will be holding some raffles this year and I am asking the District Commanders and the Foundation Board to gather items from their areas for some great prizes. If anyone would like to donate any item, please give me a call. I close by saying we are here to support you in anyway that could make your programs in your Post be the best they can be. There is plenty of money out there that businesses are willing to give but you still need to ask and the Foundation is a great way to ensure you can receive that money. Good hunting for the pot of gold that will make your programs a success.

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### VA Hospital Program

By Gea Clausier ALA Pres.

The Portland VA hospital is starting a new program My Life, My Story for every veteran to put their life story into their medical records if they desire. It will be to capture the voice and spirit of those Veterans in the story written and to honor them.

The goal is to help the care team get to know Veterans better and learn about what's most important in their lives. The Veteran will give both written and verbal permission to be interviewed. The belief is that each Veteran has a life story worth telling. The story cannot be entered into the medical record without final verbal approval from the Veteran.

Examples of the questions being asked are:

**What** were you like when you were a kid? **How** many siblings did you have? **Where** did you fall in order? **What** branch of the service were you in? **How** did you pick that branch? **How** long did you serve? **Where** were you stationed? **How/when** did you meet your significant other? **What's** secret to a long relationship? **What** is most important to you? **What** do you value most in life?

If this is something you want to participate in please contact [vhapormystory@va.gov](mailto:vhapormystory@va.gov) for an interview. You may even have me do the interview since I am one of the volunteers for this program!



## Astoria Post 12 Revolutionary War Flag

The background for this month's cover is an actual Revolutionary War flag that belongs to the post. The post also has many other items of historical significance.

## Albany Post 10 Riders Gift

As some of you know, Charlie is the Director of Post 10 ALR. There are stories about how much Charlie and the Riders do for our Veterans and how often Charlie seems to have problems with his Bike almost every trip. Well, that was "fixed" when Charlie was presented a "New to Charlie" bike! Congrats, Sir!



Tom Harris, Department Commander, presents Charlie McCarthy Post 10, Legion Director of the Year award.



Foodport Memorial Parade May 28, 2018 American Legion Post 62

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST



## FUNDRAISER



## Supports the Corporal Diffie Veterans Fund\*

\* This fund provides basic, temporary assistance to veterans facing dire circumstances until formal veteran resources can be obtained.

**When:** Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9 AM till 12 Noon

**Where:** American Legion Post 180  
2146 SE Monroe St.  
Milwaukie, OR

**Costs:** \$10 per person  
Children 12 and under \$5

- \* All you can eat pancakes and sausage
- \* Great breakfast
- \* Supports a worthy cause
- \* Raffle items from local sponsors



The American Legion is a non-profit fraternal organization that is supported by community contributions. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. All contributions and donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law and can be sent to American Legion Post 180 at 2146 SE Monroe Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222.  
Our federal non-profit tax identification number is 23-7026046

## The 5 W's

The Oregon Legionnaire needs news articles from your Post. Articles are solicited about your recent Post activities and planned events. You say that "I don't know how to write an article!" well your article should contain the 5 W's:

WHO ~ who is it about

WHAT ~ what happened or took place

WHERE ~ where did the event/activity take place

WHEN ~ when did the event / active take place

WHY ~ why did this take place (why is not always needed but it helps in some cases)

These 5 W's don't have to be in any order, but they should be somewhere in the beginning two paragraphs to keep your reader interested. You can also make your article more interesting by including some quotes from those that participated in the activity and a picture or two is also a good item to include.

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all the good work we do, are all effected by membership, start calling your members early this year, your members that have not renewed for 2019, call them, is there a problem, invite them back to your meetings. It is not too late to renew for 2019. Thank you for all you do for our Veterans.



Bob Lemke, Post 58, delivers the "new" bike to Charlie McCarthy with fellow ALR members looking on. Pictured above, Kat Sanderson-Cox, Floyd Bacon, Penny McCarthy, Nicky Colo'n, and David Solomon.





## **Scouting**

**By Larry Wittmayer**

As I have reported in the past Scouting flourishes in the Department of Oregon. As an example Cascade Pacific Council has established 43 new Scouts BSA female units.

As appeared at our June Department Convention the following units were recognized for outstanding Scouting programs:

Post 10 - Cub Scout Pack 7100,

Post 10 - Scouts BSA Troop 7100. Congratulations to the Posts and the Scouting Units

Not yet announced in this publication are the results of the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year: Jaden Anderson of Utah took the high honor and scholarship of 10,000.00 with runners-up N'Jhari Jackson of Florida, Trevor Burke of Texas, and Rhylan Peterson of Minnesota all three receiving \$2500.00.

The scoring procedure was conducted in line with how oratorical is structured. This procedure will be kept going forward.



## **National Security and Foreign Relations Commission**

**By Greg Marvin**

The National Security and Foreign Relations Commission presented its Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year and Post Blood Donor annual awards at the 2019 Department of Oregon Convention held in Astoria Oregon.

The Commission selected Sgt. Jacob Childers, Crook County Sheriff's Office as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Sgt. Childers was nominated by Crook County (Prineville) Post 29. Maya Gross, Firefighter and EMT from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue was selected for the Firefighter of the Year award. Firefighter Gross was nominated by Tigard Post #158.



Sergeant Childers is a 14-year veteran of law enforcement. He is also a veteran of the United States Air Force serving from 2001 to 2007. Sergeant Childers started his law enforcement career in 2004 with the Bellevue Washington Police Department. In 2015, Childers was hired by Crook County Sheriff's Office and moved to Prineville Oregon with his family where he continues to serve. He also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix.

Firefighter, EMT Maya Gross began her career with TVF&R in 2014. During the five years that Firefighter Gross has been with TVF&R, she's integrated herself quickly into district operations, getting involved in various capacities that assist in the betterment of the district and communities TVF&R serve.

The National Security Commission is proud to present these awards to the outstanding individuals who protect the communities we live in.

The National Security and Foreign Relations Commission also selects the winners of the Department of Oregon's Post Blood Donor Award. To make things fair for all the Legion Posts the Blood Donor Awards are broken down by Post size. The sizes are as follows, 15-100 Post members, 101-250 Post members, 251-500 Post members and 501 and up Post members. The winning Posts are as follows. No award for 15-100 Posts as only two entries were received and neither one had any Blood Drive or donor information. Posts 101-250, Carlton Memorial Post #173, Posts 251-500, Clatsop Post #12, and Posts 500 and up, Albany Post 10. Congratulations to these Posts for their efforts in supporting the Blood Donor program.

Thank you to all the Posts who sent in entries for these awards.



## Fundraisers

By Cory Brockmann

Several fundraisers, both formal and informal, have been occurring over the past several months.

TOALF is our Department's 501(c)3, non-profit status holder. We need to continue fundraising to keep programs in a healthy-state financially.

Americanism Commission is raffling the 3x5' antique-charred U.S. flag (\$1/ea) and all proceeds will go to TOALF earmarked for Americanism programs.

District 1, likewise, is raffling the 100th anniversary lithography, \$1/ea, with all proceeds going to TOALF earmarked for D1 Americanism programs.

Informal are the number of other activities being done to raise fund, I thank all who do so. One such example is the Facebook fundraisers being conducted by individual members.

## Public Relations

(By Charlie Schmidt PNC)

The American Legion 2019-20 membership campaign will soon begin. As we reflect on the 2018-19 campaign, we must ask ourselves if we are content with our Department's year-end membership statistics. As we've heard so many times "membership is the life-blood of any organization" that enables achievement of goals, objectives, and programs. The American Legion is no ex-

ception. Are we ready for the 2019-20 campaign? What is the mission of our Membership Team? The American Legion Membership Public Relations Guide's thoughts are: "In one word, the mission of any American Legion membership team - whether it is at the national, department, district or post level - is "growth." Whether it be in the single digits or by hundreds of thousands, the goal at all American Legion levels should be to increase membership every year. The most common methods to achieve this goal can be broken down to the three "R"s. And no, we are not referring to readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic! The three golden membership opportunities can be achieved through recruitment, retention and revitalization. A strong public relations plan should be part of all three. Community relations are a vital aspect of "good Public Relations." Anytime you represent the American Legion in public, whether you know it or not, you are practicing public relations. RECRUITMENT: Apart from those who have been drafted, most military veterans have had firsthand experience with recruiters. The principles of American Legion recruiting are not that different than military recruiting. The job of the Legion recruiter is to convince eligible men and women that The American Legion is an organization worth joining. Recruiting can be done several ways. Direct mail and leaflets can help. So can advertisements, public service announcements and e-mails to local military units.

But most successful recruiters will say that the best way to recruit new members is to simply ask. Legionnaire Nathaniel King belongs to Post 267 in Columbus, Georgia. He has recruited thousands of new members into The American Legion over the years and has won four National Recruiter of the Year awards. "I'm on Facebook all the time. I'm on Twitter. I even did a reconnect at Fort Benning using Skype. I got 50 members through that," he said. Another tried and true method is knocking on neighborhood doors and personally inviting veterans to an open-house or meeting at your post. "One of the keys is knowing our product," says King. "In my post, we have several membership workshops through the year. That's a tradition we started." And it's a tradition that's yielding results. With 2,062 members in 2013, Post 267 has been designated a "king-size" post. Potential Legion recruits can often be identified through student veteran groups at local colleges and universities. By discussing benefits availability, claims processing, education benefits and service officers, you can convince these young veterans that The American Legion truly is an organization that looks out for their interests. Moreover, nearly every community has a local guard or military reserve unit that is also comprised of Legion-eligible veterans. Since 1996 the American Legion Department of Illinois has been conducting annual "Membership caravans," in which national, state

and local Legion representatives visit the department's 24 districts. In the 10 years prior to the caravan, Illinois gained about 2 percent to 3 percent of its membership in January. Since the caravan, it has never gained less than 5 percent during that month. Past National Commander Marty Conatsner, of Champaign, Ill., said that posts hosting the caravan contact local media for coverage and offer reporters the opportunity to interview the National Vice Commander, Department Commander, Department Auxiliary President and Sons of the American Legion Commander. "The caravan does help new member recruiting, but it also pushes posts to work renewals," Conatsner said. "Having a national officer and the state leadership visit 24 posts during what is usually a slow membership month has helped Illinois get refocused after the holidays. The Department of Illinois believes that membership caravans are very valuable." In the next two issues of the Legionnaire we will look at Retention and Revitalization.

### Robert's Rules of Order

*By Gene Hellickson PDC*

There are occasions where there has arisen a question about procedure that is not covered in the Legion Constitution or By-laws. National has stated that if something is not covered in the constitution or by-laws, then Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

Here are some items that seem to frequently come up in our meetings quoted directly from Robert's Rules of Order.

1. Question – Proper use: "I move the previous question."
  - a. Takes precedence over all debatable or amendable motions.
  - b. Is out of order when another has the floor (i.e. person calling to move the previous question, must be recognized by the chair. Shouting "question" is not acceptable).
  - c. Must be seconded.
  - d. Is not debatable.
  - e. Is not amendable.
  - f. Requires a two-thirds vote.
2. Obtaining the floor – Before a member in an assembly can make a motion or speak in debate, he/she must obtain the floor; that is he/she must be recognized by the chair as having the exclusive right to be heard at that time. The chair must recognize any member who seeks the floor while entitled to it.
3. Privileges of the floor – The expression "privileges of the floor," has nothing to do with having the floor, but means merely that a person is permitted to enter the portion of the hall floor otherwise restricted to members and necessary staff. It carries no right to speak or any other right of membership, except as may be determined by rules or action of the body.
4. Lay on the Table – To interrupt the pending business so as to permit doing something else immediately.
  - a. Takes precedence over the main motion.
  - b. Is out of order when another has the floor.
  - c. Must be seconded.
  - d. Is not debatable.
  - e. Is not amendable.
  - f. Requires a majority vote.

- g. The motion to Lay on the Table is often incorrectly used and wrongly admitted as in order with the intention of either killing an embarrassing question without a direct vote, or of suppressing a question without debate. This is in violation of a basic principle of general parliamentary law that only a two-thirds vote can rightfully suppress a main question without allowing free debate.

## World War I Calendar from Salem, Oregon











Dept. President Gea Clausier Pinning Dept. Commander Adams.



Past Department of Oregon Commanders



NECman Willy Williams & Cmdr. Tom Harris



NECman Andy Millar being initiated by PDC Kevin & Rob



Astoria's Mayor



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2019 Budget Goal : 1,850,000 : 97.28%

## Total Membership

Year	Total as of 7/5	Gain Loss	Grand Total Year End
2017	1,931,475	(102,958)	1,941,610
2018	1,872,908	(58,567)	1,881,915
2019	1,799,600	(73,308)	--

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*We hate to have you miss the next Legionnaire Newsletter!*

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

*Please Change My Address*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
NEW ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
New Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Email to: [Office@orlegion.org](mailto:Office@orlegion.org)  
Or Mail to: The Department of Oregon  
Attn: Adjutant  
P.O. Box 1730  
Wilsonville, OR 97070-1730







## THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership (if former member) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism<br>(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 (2/28/67-5/7/75)   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (8/25/50-1/31/55)  | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/31/45-12/31/46)   | <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](http://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](http://www.legion.org).



### DUES RECEIPT (please print)

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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](http://www.legion.org).



### DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

(Eligible Through Name of Veteran (If living, must be American Legion member)) ☐ Living ☐ Deceased

American Legion Member ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's American Legion Post Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran served (check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWI (6/6/17-11/11/18)               | <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 (8/25/50-1/31/55)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/67-5/7/75)            | <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<br>(8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities) |

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- ☐ Mother ☐ Wife ☐ Grandmother ☐ Sister ☐ Self  
☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



### DUES RECEIPT (please print)

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