

The Oregon Legionnaire

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LEGION **FAMILY**



My fellow Legionnaires:

As we start on our 101st year Dept. HQ has been busy getting ready for the 101st National Convention in Indianapolis.

The Membership Commission is busy setting up our membership efforts for the coming year with District Commanders and Dept. Officers and staff. We are also working with District Officers to get Post information up to date.

I would like to thank all Districts for getting their meeting and caucus dates in by the Legion College.

Our Legion College was a success as 70 members were in attendance. This College was a joint effort with the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and the Legion Riders with the Auxiliary breaking out on Sunday. I would like to thank the Training & Development Commission and all those involved in making it a success.

Several Posts have celebrated this Centennial year and others are going to. There was good attendance at those already done.

Post 90 Banks is renamed their Post for Past Dept. Commander John Kalmbach and the dedication was on August 13th. John was a big supporter of Children & Youth programs in the Legion and in his community.

Membership needs to improve this year or we need to make some budget cuts and this is not good for anyone.

We were about 1500 members short of making our budget so with costs increasing it is estimated we need to increase our membership by 2000 members this year just to stay even.

Communication between the Membership Commission, Dept. Officers, Staff and Districts has improved and seems to be working and this needs to continue. This is a work in progress and we will continue to improve as we move forward. If only 50% of our Posts were to reach 100% goal this would go a long way to reach our desired goal.

Department Officers and staff are here to assist Districts and Posts to achieve their goals and Districts must assist Posts also.

Communication is a gift and an asset and we need to use it to its full potential. I am looking forward to assisting all Districts & Posts wherever I can.



STEVE ADAMS
DEPT. COMMANDER



LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPT 2ND VICE COMMANDER

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.



Editors Notes

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District Commanders, remember as you visit your Posts and perform your Post Analysis, you need to ask did the Post file their 990 Tax for their filing year. Post Commanders, Post Officers, Post E-Board, your Post is a separate corporation with your own EIN number. You are required to file your 990, 990ez, or 990-N epostcard if under \$50,000. for each tax year, there are no exceptions.

If your Post has a lounge, paid employees, other revenue streams, you have other responsibilities and must report the information. If you have paid employees, contract employees, you have other reporting requirements, and financial obligations required with paid employees. Your Post/corporation should meet in your E-Board every month and report all financials. If your Post receives communication from the IRS or State of Oregon on any issue, particularly on employees withholding or your Post contribution, that needs to be addressed immediately and be part of your financial report at your Post E-Board meeting. If you do not understand the communication letter from the IRS or State of Oregon, please ask, we are here to help, do not "toss" or ignore. If your Post receives a Revocation Letter revoking your EIN from the IRS, that means that your Post has not filed 990 Tax reporting in the past three years. This is not good, it is also not the end of the world, there is an appeal process if responded to immediately. If there are special circumstances, there has been forgiveness, one time. To not have to appeal

or worse, validate each year that your Post has filed their 990 Tax reporting. Any questions, we are here to help.

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 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. We will be presenting a Resolution at our Fall DEC to redistribute funds. Our budget for 2019-2020 was approved with assumptions on our membership numbers and income streams, which some have improved and others a challenge, which we will revisit. I have a high confidence level on our financial outcomes for this membership year, we are working to our budget.

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 do not need to lower our membership numbers. I have spent the last two months in several areas of our Department/State and will continue supporting other areas wearing one of my other hats, the VE&E Commission.

I was just in the North East part of Oregon representing our organization at the ODVA Expo 19. There was so much interest in The American Legion, our programs, what we do. Several members from local Posts did not

even know all our programs and there was a lot of interest. Our programs, what we do, I continued to hear, we did not know The American Legion does all that. We need



PDC, BOB HUFF
DEPT FINANCE OFFICER

to let people, communities know what we do. The easiest way is to work our programs in all areas, Oratorical Scholarship, Boys State, Boy Scouts, Jr. Shooting Sports, American Legion Baseball, Law Enforcement Academy, children and youth, Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness, and provide contact information for our Service Officers to assist with questions and claims.

We have all the tools, we need to participate in community meetings, PTA meetings, pre and post Deployment meetings in all communities in this Department and we will succeed in growing our membership and fulfilling our mission of our four pillars. We can succeed, we are here to help, we have experts in every area that can help. We have a lot of good Legion Families members in our Department and we can build this family, there is a lot of interest from the people I have met representing The American Legion at events that want to join our family.

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CORY BROCKMANN
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

in the district...

JOHN KALMBACH #90

Banks #90 has completed the necessary steps with Department and National leadership in renaming the post charter to John Kalmbach #90! What a tremendous way of honoring the life and service of PDC Kalmbach. The renaming is officially completed and if you use the 'Find a Post' utility at Legon.org you will no longer find Banks #90. Congratulations to the post membership in honoring PDC Kalmbach in such a distinguishing manner.

T. LES GALLOWAY HALL

Louis Larsen #68 will be honoring the life and memory of T. Les Galloway for his selfless commitment of service to his community and country by dedicating the post's hall in his namesake. Comrade T. Les was a devoted Legionnaire and distinguished himself in service as a long-serving National Executive Committeeman for our Department. The dedication will be held at Louis Larsen #68 in Clatskanie at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 17th. You are cordially invited to attend and a luncheon will follow the dedication ceremony.



Greetings
Comrades,

Fairs and festivals are in full swing! I hope this update finds you and your families doing well! Read on for an update of going-on with-

MEMBERSHIP

I trust you are well on your way in membership renewals! The 2019-2020 goals have not been made available yet, so stay tuned. Given national convention calendars coming up quickly, we may not have goal-numbers to share until September. I sent you a very good myLegion training presentation recently; the second transmission with the zip-file may prove better for most. The presentation makes an excellent tool in training adjutants, vice commanders and others involved with membership administration.

POST VISITS

Post visits have been made to Vernonia #119, Beaverton #124, and Aloha #104. A key objective is to get back on track with multiple visits to our posts each year. We want to maintain good communication, healthy relationships, and a strong American Legion. Prior to visits by district leadership you can anticipate notification with a short listing of items to have available.

I feel we have good leadership in our posts and, with a full district board this year, we can better support you. I have heard from a number of you of your concerns with the myriad of forms and paper work due, particularly in the spring through summer, when year-end approaches, as well as, disappointment in the poor communications leading up to the 2019 convention. With an experienced district Adjutant, we anticipate developing a matrix for you, listing the forms and due-dates, so everyone - posts through department - are in sync. Late submission of post forms does create significant problems that affect member communications from National HQ; how department convention administration occurs; to communications between posts, districts and department. I will continue to share your concerns with department leadership for a better convention in 2020.

LECC

Congratulations to J.H. Wellington #42, Louis Larsen #68, John Kalmbach #90 and Tigard #158! Each of these posts sponsored a cadet at the 2019 Law Enforcement Career Camp this past week. I had the opportunity to attend both the opening and closing and visited with all four cadets. LECC is a week-long residency camp conducted by American Legion and Oregon State Police and it's a fabulous opportunity for youth to learn more about law enforcement careers.

POST EVERLASTING

I am considering adding the names of our deceased District 1 comrades to a quarterly listing, by post, in our Department Legionnaire. Many other departments across the country list them routinely in their publications. This would be yet another small way to honor the veteran's life and service to his/her country. To do so requires your assistance in making timely submission of the names of comrades transferring to Post Everlasting to District Chaplain Dick Rye (rrye12@gmail.com). If you wish to make them in your monthly reports to me that is fine and I will forward to Chaplain Dick.

LEGION BASEBALL

Congratulations to Hillsboro #6, Aloha #104 and Beaverton #124 for supporting Legion baseball teams this summer - and a high-five to Hillsboro #6 and Beaverton #124 for making it to the State Tournaments!

DISTRICT 1 MEETING SCHEDULE

7-Sep...J.H. Wellington #42 - at Moose Lodge 591, 57317 Old Portland Rd, Warren, OR 97053

7-Dec....TBD (Tigard #158 was slated; however, post commander can't be present and wanted to be.)

7-Mar....Clatsop #12, Astoria, Ore.

2-May....Aloha #104, Aloha, Ore.

Thank you for your continued service to our nation's veterans.

For God and Country



RENEE OHLER
DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER

District 2 has lost two Post officers during the month of July. Laura Forte, beloved mother of Carole Bo-va-Rice and Betty Ramey, beloved mother of Richard Ramey. Two Legionnaires that contributed so much to our District, State and their home Posts. Laura a long-time member of Pioneer Post 149 and Betty a longtime member of Canby Post 122. Their service to the American Legion is to be commended and we look forward to celebrating their lives of service and dedication to the State of Oregon. There will be a celebration of life for Betty at Canby Post 122 on September 14th from 2-5pm. Laura's celebration of life will be arranged by Carole at a later date. Please make it a point to attend and show your support for Richard and Carole.

Yes, it is membership time again. With the new eligibility ruling in place, we are provided the honor of bringing more veterans to this amazing organization. There are so many veterans that need our help and need what the American Legion has to offer. What a great opportunity for all who have and are still serving our country. Stayton Post 58 has created



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a great membership form to process new members. They have included information on their Post plus when and where the meetings are held. Great job for taking a proactive approach to jump starting the membership year.

All Posts should have submitted their current officer and committee rosters to department by now. I know there are a few still not submitted, so let's make sure to get this done. I also want to remind Post Adjutants to send me a copy of their monthly meeting minutes. It would be wonderful to include all the great things your Post is doing on the monthly report to department. This information is also included in the book of reports at our quarterly Department Executive meetings.

As Legionnaires, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. Buddy checks should be on going to members and former members who may need our help. Divide your membership roster and unrenewed roster amongst your Post and get in contact with these veterans to see how they are doing and if you can help them in any way.

Remember we are servant leaders in the largest veteran's organization in Oregon and beyond. Be the best American Legion member you can be and be proud that you are still serving our veterans.

***For God and Country
God Bless***



The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is passed by Congress on ?

- A) January 1919
- B) July 1919
- C) June 1919
- D) November 1919

This is my first legionnaire article since succeeding District Commander Larry Wittmayer.

Commander Wittmayer, as you might know has been elected to the position of Department Second Vice Commander.

Both of us have had a thorough turnover and I look forward to this coming year.

One of our main emphasis in the coming year will be membership with regard to renewal and acquiring new members. We also will be working toward closer relationships with the "Legion Family" and revitalization of Sandy Post 127.

Many of our Posts were recognized at the Convention for service and membership.

Yours in Legion Service



JOHN MOLESWORTH
DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER

LEGION BASEBALL IS KNOCKING IT OUT OF THE PARK



MIKE SOWELS

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Our Triple "AAA" State Champion, the Medford Mustangs are in Lewiston, Idaho for the Northwest Regional tournament as I write this article. The

Mustangs are a team that finished strong and matured at the end of their season as they worked their way through the Oregon Super Regional playoffs and the Oregon State tournament.

Our Single "A" Champion, the North Coos Waterfront team and the Alpenrose Dairy team of Portland are competing at a tournament in Cody, Wyoming. Both of these teams battled their way through a tough league schedule and a very competitive state tournament.

I asked myself, how were we able to hold two state tournaments 185 miles apart and in two different locations all on the same days, July 27th through July 31st and have quality results?

The answer is with quality leadership by the tournament directors and staff in each location. Greg Admire in Roseburg and Dave Snider in Klamath Falls and their staff of volunteers were excellent.

I came away from these tournament operations with an appreciation for our own Oregon Baseball Committee members, I have great respect for their leadership organization knowledge, skills and ability.

Your American Legion Baseball Committee began working on the 2019 season after last year's 2018 tournament. They recruited new teams, coaches, managers and considered expansion both single A and AAA locations. They sought new sites for

the 2019 tournaments and are ever recruiting for a statewide sponsor for Oregon American Legion Baseball. In the fall the coaches and managers from the four areas of participation, began putting their league schedules together, started scheduling non-league games and formulating their non-league tournaments. They worked on Oregon rules, problem areas of participation and other areas that needed attention.

The Oregon Baseball Committee is made up of 10 members, all are coaches and managers. We have at least two members of the committee in each of our four areas of participation to help with mentoring, planning and monitoring the teams in each area.

Team registration started on January 1st, 2019, by June 1st 44 teams were approved with to play. Each team paid \$200 to register for this national program, they also paid about \$300 for accident insurance for team members and staff. Two hundred background checks were verified and passed, 173 of these were for coaches and managers. The remainder were administrators, drivers and staff that had close working relationships players.

712 players were registered. Each player was provided 10 weeks of coaching, learning new and improved techniques, provided clinic baseball and mentoring. Each player will return to their high school or college with new skills.

Team's working budgets range from \$12,000 to \$30,000 for this 10 week period. The costs include, ball field rent, ball field paint, lime, special dirt for the infield pitcher's mound umpires fees, baseballs, uniforms, equipment, travel, lodging, food, tournament costs and coaches expenses.

Player's fees range from \$350 to \$950 depending on the Sponsorship/donations that each team can muster up. Each team's cost depends on the num-

ber of games played (umpire fees), the travel distance, lodging, and food costs.

Most teams play from 30 to 50 games per year. Each team needs many volunteers to keep score, announce, scoreboard operation, Concession stand operation, restroom and garbage detail, and entrance fee operation during game days.

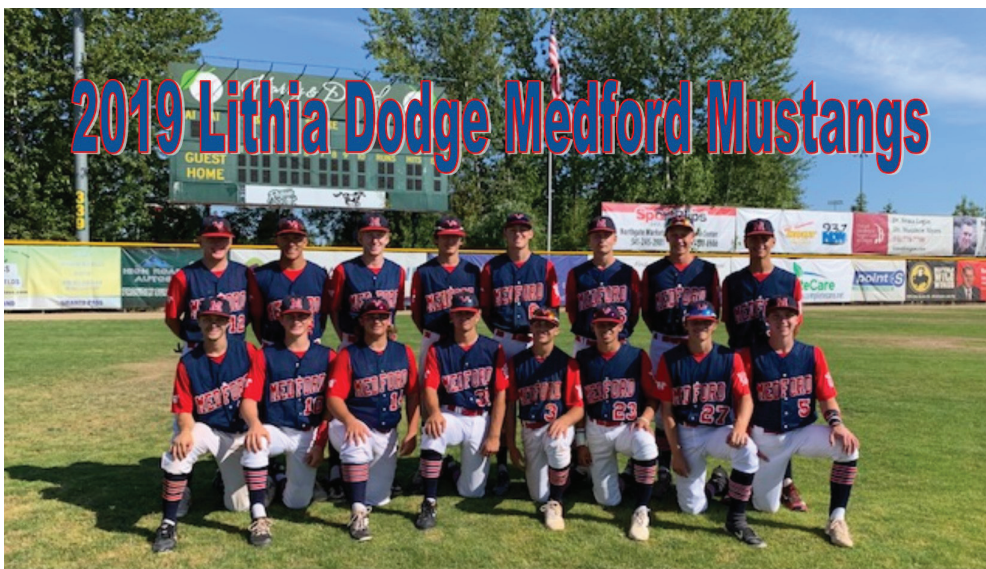
Private sector involvement is necessary for Sponsorship donations to help balance each team's budget at least 20 to 30 sponsors per team are needed.

American Legion Posts need to be involved with each team for the use of non-profit status, for board leadership and volunteer support. The American Legion has been involved with Legion Baseball since 1925 and is one of our long standing Americanism Programs.

A final note of pride, this year your Baseball Committee received two American Legion Baseball Scholarship applications, one was passed on to the national committee.

Your Committee is planning now for the 2020 season, help sponsor a new team today!





Back Row: Brady Buchanan, Ryan Sandoval, Zac Ankeny, Blake Shields, Bennett Smith, Skyler Gaudern, Chase Costanti, Steven Ledendecker

Front Row: Ricky Boortz, Bennett Thompson, Evan McLennan, Dylan Marsh, Josh Baptiste, Jeremiah Huffman, Darin Marsh, Taven Passey

The 2019 Triple AAA Baseball Champion is the Medford Mustangs, Sponsored by Medford Post #15. The Runner-up went to the Eugene Overhead Door Challengers.



CORY BROCKMANN
AMERICANISM COMMISSION

change lives. It is that simple. It can strengthen families and, ultimately, strengthen communities and our country. Last month we reviewed the American Legion Baseball Scholarship and we continue this month with the National High School Oratorical Contest Scholarship.

The National High School Oratorical Contest Scholarship

The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest Scholarship provides college scholarship money annually at the department and national levels. Within the

This is the fifth in a series of six articles reviewing national American Legion scholarships available to youth. Scholarship programs offered by The American Legion can

Department of Oregon, awards are also made at area-level contests and often even at the district- and post-levels of competition; the latter two are dependent upon what the respective districts and posts offer and may vary.

Orations – Two orations are required as part of the competition at all levels in the contest. One is a prepared oration of 8-10 minutes in length on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with emphasis on a citizen's duties and obligation to our government. The same subject and oration used at the department contest must be used in the national contest. The second oration is of an assigned topic. Four assigned oratorical topics are determined and announced well before the contest. Contestants then must be prepared to give an oration on any of the four topics. During the contest one of the four topics will be selected and announced to the contestant, who will be given five minutes to prepare and, then, give a three- to five-minute oration on the assigned topic.

Eligibility – The basis of eligibility

includes being a high school student, which does include home-schooled students, under age 20 on the date of the national contest and who must be citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States. The student contestant must also be legally domiciled within or attend an educational institution within the department of which they enter the competition.

Competitions – The competition begins at the post level and advances to the state competition. Legion department representatives certify one winner per department (state) to advance to the national contest, where department winners compete against each other in two speaking rounds or brackets. The speaking rounds are established in brackets of pre-determined departments. The final round will determine the three top finishers which will receive the national-level scholarships. In 2020 the quarter-final grouping for the national final which includes Oregon will also have Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada and North Dakota.

Scholarships – The overall national contest winner receives an \$18,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$16,000, and third place finisher receives \$14,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$1,500 scholarship. Then, those who advance past the first round will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. These scholarships are provided by The American Legion's national organization and may be used at any college or university in the United States.

For more information on scholarship programs contact your nearest American Legion post or navigate to

<https://www.legion.org/scholarships>





JOHN LEE
LAW ENFORCEMENT
CAREER CAMP

We also completed with all 24 without anyone leaving early. There were two that were injured One went to the hospital for dehydration but neither went home.

The week started with a BBQ on Saturday evening. This was a great time for the students to meet and get to know each other. This year we sent all the parents' home before the BBQ. This allowed the students to mingle with each other rather than sitting with Mom and Dad. It was a great event and a lot less Yellow-Jackets this year.

We started off first thing on Sunday with the kids watching and participating in uniformed officer traffic stops. There was stops for traffic violations and DUIs. Old Legionnaires make good drunks as the wobble, sway, and use the car for balance. They also saw the results when Legionnaires were arrested several times. The students also had a commercial vehicle inspection. A great thanks goes out to Western Star for bringing the Optimus Prime truck used in Transformers 3 and 4. They donated the time and fuel and was a highlight of the day.



The Law Enforcement Career Camp is now complete. We had 24 students apply and all arrived at the camp on time.

Every morning the class participated in the training facility flag raising ceremony. They marched in with a legion flag for their guide on. With only a one-hour class on Drill and Ceremony they really looked good.



The week was filled with hands-on time with taking fingerprints, evaluating blood splatter, looking for bodily fluids, and other CSI activities and crash investigation. One afternoon they were able to wear EOD uniform, climb in the SWAT vehicle and talk to SWAT and riot control members. They were able to meet and work with the drug detection K9s. The students got to see the dogs going through their search of drugs and then students had the opportunity to interface with the K9s.



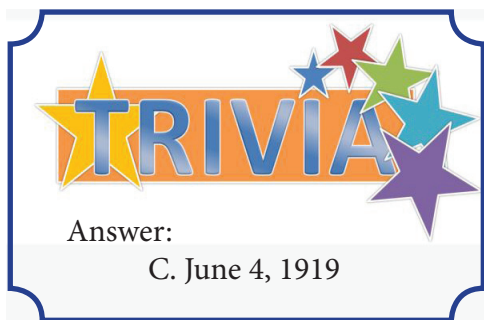
Many of the student's favorite class was the trip to the Scenario Village. They got the chance to see the Law Enforcement Officers that were in training going through various scenarios. They got a chance to see domestic disturbances, road rage and home invasions. They also were given a bus ride around the Emergency Vehicle Operation track.



Every student had a great time. Talking with the students they showed how much effect it had on their desires to pursue careers in Law Enforcement. One such example was a young lady who said she has always wanted to be in Law Enforcement and had planned on going into the Wildlife field. However, after spending the week with a female trooper she said she will now be looking at a career as a State Trooper of Collision Investigation. She can do both.

We really accomplished our goals. The students got a look at all aspects of Law Enforcement from the Uniformed City Police to the Cyber-security of the FBI. The got a good understanding of how to succeed in any career and how integrity, honor, respect, courage, and other traits are required. Last but, not least it was a camp. They stayed a week, got very little sleep, met new friends, and had a great time.

Thank you to all districts that help to sponsor students. Here is the breakdown by districts. Dist. 1 – 4 Students, Dist. 2 – 5 Students, Dist. 3 – 6 Students, Dist. 4 – 1 Student, Dist. 5 – 2 Students, Dist. 6 – 1 Student, Dist. 7 – 1 Student, Dist. 8 – 3 Students, Dist. 9 – 0 Students, Dist. 10 – 1 Student.



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Laurie Skillman and ODVA director Kelly Fitzpatrick also attended.

Ms. Fitzpatrick went over several bills concerning veterans that passed and a few that did not pass. Two important ones, The YMCA was given a little over a million dollars of ODVA Funds to build housing for homeless veterans, The second was \$750,000 increase in the VSO Budget.



We hope to continue to make the Oregon Legionnaire a newsletter that you can be proud of and full of information that will be of use to everyone.

We ask for your articles before the 5th of the month, so we can print by the end of the month and no later than the first of the following month. If you have recommendations to improve the publication, please send those comments to orlegionnaire@gmail.com

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Thank you very much,
 Legionnaire Commission

I attended the U V G O meeting on 20 July at 50 plus center In Salem.

Laurie

Meetings

A trend is occurring in many posts where fewer members are attending the Post meetings. Good member attendance occurs when meetings are interesting. Part of any American Legion meeting includes reports, but we can make meetings more interesting if we spice up our meetings with guest speakers. Here are some ideas:

Begin with a combined organizational meeting including The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and American Legion Riders; and then break into separate meetings to conduct the regular business sessions.

For guest speakers, try getting someone who will teach about a particular program. Utilize speakers for each month utilizing the highlighted programs and activities that The American Legion has identified in the Officer's Guide for each month.

For example:

January.....Legislative and Nat'l Security
February.....Americanism
March.....Community Service
April.....Children and Youth
May.....Poppy Month
September..Nat'l Disaster Preparedness
October.....Education & Scholarship
November....Membership Month
December....Veterans Affairs & Rehab

Work with the American Legion Auxiliary to coordinate activities. Both organizations have materials that are mailed from National and complement each other.

Always keep in mind that the success of our organizations will be accomplished through focus on helping veterans, their families, and our communities.



RICHARD RAMEY
INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR



GENE HELLICKSON
PFC

"The Permanent Finance Commission shall be advisory to the Department Executive Committee on all matters of Department finance and, in addition thereto, shall have full authority of approval or veto over any and all expenditure in excess of the amount budgeted and adopted by the annual Department Convention."

What does this mean? When a Commission, Committee or program wishes to spend more than they are budgeted for, the PFC has to bring this to the attention of the DEC.

The PFC has the fiduciary responsibility to veto any money expenditure, until such time as the DEC has the opportunity vote to uphold the veto, or direct the PFC to determine if funds can be reallocated.

So, if you have \$1,000 in your budget and try to spend \$1,500, the PFC will veto the request. Unfair?

Not according to the Constitution.

With the decline in membership, our available funds have diminished to the point where the PFC will need to be more rigid with requests for spending above your budget.

Want to eliminate this from happening to you?

Have your committee raise funds for your program. The money raised will be "earmarked" for your program, and it will not be used for anything else.

The Boy's State program has raised money to supplement that program. There are other programs that are doing the same by looking for donors to contribute to their program.

The Oregon American Legion Permanent Finance Committee is responsible per Constitution Article VIII, Section 4, which reads:

"The Permanent Finance Commission

The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) was established in 2010 as a 501(c)3 corporate entity, separate from The American Legion, Department of Oregon. In addition to engaging in any lawful activities, none of which are for profit, the corporation's primary purpose is to seek donations, administer funds and distribute said funds to charitable programs recognized by The American Legion, Department of Oregon through the processing of grant applications.

The corporation is governed by a 7-member Board of Directors appointed by the Department Commander that is organized into 3 committees: a Revenue (Fundraising Committee that is responsible for marketing, advertising, and solicitation of funds to make possible grant making activities of the corporation; an Administrative Committee that has the responsibility for bookkeeping, record keeping and management of the processes of the committee; and the Grant Committee who has the responsibilities of receiving grant applications and approving grants to The Department of Oregon's charitable programs based on the foundation's assets.

The Oregon American Legion Foundation was established as a means for Oregon's Posts, Units, Squadrons, and Chapters to seek financial assistance to administer Legion programs through their communities through a grant application process. Seeking financial assistance to start a Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) could be an example for a grant request. A Grant application form may be downloaded at www.orlegion.org/more/foundation.

Grants are made possible by monetary contributions from individuals, businesses, organizations, Posts, Units, Squadron, or Chapters to The Oregon American Legion Foundation. Funds donated to TOALF are tax exempt under IRS Code 501(c)3

rule. Contributions may be sent to The Oregon American Legion Foundation, P.O. Box 1730, Wilsonville, OR 97070. You may also donate on-line



PNC, PDC CHARLIE SCHMIDT
TAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

at www.legion.org/more/foundation. Without generous contributions, TOALF could not exist. The more financial resources TOALF has, the more grants the Foundation can award; grants to build American Legion programs in Oregon helping veterans, their families, and our youth.



LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTS CHAIR

This year in Scouting brings an emphasis on reorganizing which units are in what stage of chartering.

This chairman will need to reevaluate which Scout Units / Posts are in process of completing the process. Please email Larry Wittmayer at larrywittbsa@comcast.net and let him know your status.

Summer camps are underway throughout the state with many scouts earning merit badges and other awards.

More information to come in the next installment.

The American Legion 2019-2020 membership campaign has begun. The mission of our Department's membership efforts is **RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, and REVITALIZATION**...the three R's. A strong public relations plan should be part of all three. Community relations are a vital aspect of "good PR." The American Legion usually recruits about 300,000 new members a year. Unfortunately, half of the new members drop out after the first year and even more by their second and third years. The American Legion's Membership Team Training Guide at www.legion.org/media/publications contains dozens of suggestions that posts can use to retain members. "Public relations can play a huge role in the success of these initiatives. Often members who have left the organization say it's because they have had little or no contact with their American Legion post. This is where a pro-active public relations team can come in. For instance, by publishing a "New Member Newsletter" to first year Legionnaires, your post can highlight the activities and accomplishments of the local American Legion while at the same time making the new members feel special and appreciated. The newest members are the least likely to know about the regular activities and, therefore, the most likely to either not participate or drop out. The New Member newsletter is basically a summary of the most important information that has been sent to them via other formats, such as the post newsletter, department newspaper and national magazine, with further explanation and background. These publications usually go out quarterly. After their first renewal, they can stop receiving it. External media can also play a key role in retaining members. Remember, membership is a year-round process, not a one-time task. By repeatedly answering the questions 'what's in it for me?'

and 'how are you serving veterans?' members will stay. It is possible to make the renewal process itself the story. If a story is pitched to a news director or editor that your post "signed up some new members," it will probably not illicit much more than a yawn; a glazed look and thoughts of a mundane, administrative task. However, a friendly "renewal competition" among neighboring posts might include a wager such as the post that comes up short having to sing the fight song and wear the team colors honoring the local school of the triumphant rival post. Dunking booths, renewal fairs or other events are ways to attract local coverage. The events could be family affairs and include The American Legion Family. Remember, if you treat the renewal process as routine, so will the media. Moreover, some ex-Legionnaires decline to renew because they are angry at an individual or feel slighted by the post. Whether it's real or perceived, often the misunderstanding can be resolved with an in-home visit, a phone call or personal invitation by the commander to discuss the issue. What is certain, however, is that if the post doesn't reach out to the non-renewal, the alienation will continue and perpetuate into a growing cycle of non-renewals among other members. Marketing can help prevent much of the alienation. By surveying members on a regular basis, the post can learn what it does well and what areas it needs to improve. Members can rate certain areas with letter grades and provide comments. Even if it's determined that a post is not the best fit for an unhappy member, the wartime veteran might be able to serve proudly in a different post and still benefit The American Legion through his/her membership. A strong public relations program is related to a dialog, not a monolog. Only by getting feedback from the membership and the

public can The American Legion be the best that it can be. The post newsletter and other media tools can also be used to explain the ease of the re-



PNC, PDC CHARLIE SCHMIDT
PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

newal process. Members can simply go to www.legion.org and click "**RENEW**" to safely and conveniently pay their post dues on an annual and automatic basis. Once a member enters the information requested, he or she can set up an account for automatic annual renewal. They can also call the toll-free American Legion customer service line at **(800) 433-3318**. Regardless of whether the renewal is made online, in-person or as a response to a mass mailing, it is important that the post acknowledge its appreciation to the member. The post PR Team could produce certificates of appreciation during milestone membership anniversaries and perhaps offer incentives to "early birds" who renew first. By rewarding renewal efforts as much as initial recruiting efforts, the post sends a message to its existing members that he/she is just as important as the first timer who just walked in."





PDC BOB HUFF
VEEH COMMISSIONER

On Wednesday July 24th twenty-nine members of The American Legion Family, from District 4 and 9, Legionnaires, ALA, SAL and Juniors supported the Veterans Stand Down, Employment and Benefits Event at the VA SORCC in White City. Excellent event, excellent reviews from veteran participants and vendors on the event and forty-one veterans received Veterans Court and Legal assistance at the event.

On Saturday July 27th, we supported the ODVA Expo 19, Benefits, Employment and Education Event in Pendleton at the Convention Center, another excellent event, this event supported the District 6 area, first of its kind event in this North Eastern area of Oregon. Great turn-out, I met several members of our District 6 Posts, gave out lots of information, assisted members and local veterans with questions, assistance and referrals. Lots of interest in District 6 for our programs, our mission, what we do and thanks. A really good feeling, well worth the 9-hour drive, signed up new members, a lot of interest. The next ODVA Expo 20 is being planned for the Coast for next July.

On Tuesday August 6th, the Celebrate Veterans Event at the Street of Dreams 2019 at the Home Builders Assn of Metro Portland. I was triple booked, Gea Clausier, our new Department ALA President, our 2nd Vice and Membership Chair Larry Wittmayer, District 8 Commander John Molesworth and two members of their local Post were able to man our Legion Family table for the event.

On Wednesday, August 15th, we

supported the Southern Oregon Women Veterans Conference at Inn of the Commons. The ODVA Oregon Women's Conference, Employment and Benefits Event will be held in May 2020 in Bend, it is in the planning and development phase and we have notified them that we will be there to support the event.

September will be a busy month.

On Tuesday, September 3rd, we have been invited to participate in the Salem Stand Down.

On Wednesday, September 11th, we have signed up for the Portland Veterans Stand Down and Employment Event at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

On Thursday September 26th, we will support the Roseburg VA Stand Down with our local American Legion Team. Please mark your calendars and communicate these events in your area. Remember, our most successful events are those with local Post support.

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 National Guard 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. We can always use volunteers to assist with the events we participate in and those we are not able to support with conflicting schedules. This is going to be a busy and eventful year; this will also be our largest deployment in our State.



Post 2

City: Forest Grove

Names: Forest Grove Post 2 (1919), Patterson's Legion Hall (1927) Chairman: C.E. Hawke (1919) FOREST GROVE organized Post No. 2 with 100 members. Temporary heads of the Forest grove Post are:

Dr. Malcolm H. Hawke, President, and Glenn R. Jack, secretary (1919) Posts of the Legion reported to state headquarters as organized by the last of July (1919), Forest Grove, C. E. Hawke, chairman; Paul Abraham, vice chairman; Haskell E. Ferrin, secretary.

OFFICERS were elected for the coming year as follows:

Chairman, Ralph Mills; Vice Chairman, Paul Abraham; Secretary, R. E. Loomis; Treasurer, Taylor Graham. A meeting will be held in two weeks for the purpose of accepting the by-laws now in preparation.

A FEATURE of the Armistice Day celebration at Forest Grove was the dedication of a big seven-inch cannon which had been secured for the city by the Legion Post and other patriotic organizations. The big gun will be used for patriotic celebrations and as a relic.



Happy Birthday Coast Guard

On an average, the Coast Guard:

- conducts 45 search and rescue cases;
- saves 10 lives, along with 51.2 million in property;
- seizes 874 pounds of cocaine and 214 pounds of marijuana;
- conducts 57 waterborne patrols of critical maritime infrastructure;
- interdicts 17 illegal migrants;
- escorts 5 high-capacity passenger vessels;
- conducts 24 security boarding in and around U.S. ports;
- screens 360 merchant vessels for potential security threats prior to arrival in U.S. ports;
- conducts 14 fisheries conservation boarding;
- services 82 buoys and fixed aids to Navigation;
- investigates 35 pollution incidents;
- completes 26 safety examinations on foreign vessels;
- conducts 105 marine inspections; and investigates 14 marine casualties involving commercial vessels.

Personnel Numbers:

- Active Duty Total: 40,487
 - 6,724 Officers
 - 1,792 Chief Warrant Officers
 - 31,962 Enlisted Personnel
- Delect Rescue Total: 6,401
 - 955 Officers
 - 117 Chief Warrant Officers
 - 5,329 Enlisted Personnel





Proclaiming Clackamas County to be a Purple Heart County and Recognizing August 7th as Purple Heart Day

Whereas, The Purple Heart was initially created as the “Badge of Military Merit” by George Washington in 1782 and is the oldest military decoration in present use; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services who has been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

Whereas, Clackamas County has had numerous residents make the ultimate sacrifice in many of the World Wars and has many resident veterans that have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat; and

Whereas, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities, putting themselves in danger for our country and for the good of all; and

Whereas, the contributions and sacrifices of men and women of Clackamas County who have served in the Armed Services have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

Whereas, Clackamas County is honored to become a Purple Heart County, and we support our veterans and appreciate the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms.

Now, therefore, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Clackamas County to be a Purple Heart County and recognizes Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 as Purple Heart Day and we encourage all citizens to honor and support our veterans for the sacrifices and contributions they have made to this great country.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2019

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Sons of The American Legion Resolution National Convention August 23-25, 2019

WHEREAS, since the inception of the organization in 1932, the principal mission of The Sons of The American Legion has been to support the needs, programs and legacy of the parent organization, “The American Legion”, and

WHEREAS, over the past many years, as the Sons of The American Legion has grown in both membership and scope of service supported, the structure and administrative requirements have increased, and

WHEREAS, providing continued financial support is necessary to ensure the mission, through the service and support which the organization provides, is able to be sustained, and

WHEREAS, the national organization has not implemented a per capita dues increase in nearly 35 years, and

WHEREAS, to benefit the continued health and growth of the organization, it is dependent upon the ability to properly fund the programs and administrative costs, therefore an increase is necessary, and



Joseph, Francis, Albert, Madison and George Sullivan

Joseph Eugene “Joe” Sullivan, 24 (born August 28, 1918), Seaman Second Class

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, Article X, Section 2, now reads: “The amount of such annual National dues shall be \$2.00 per member and shall be payable October 20 of each year and for the succeeding year.”, and now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion, National Convention assembled August 23-25, 2019, in Indianapolis, Indiana, amend The Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion in Article X, Section 2 to read: “The amount of such annual National dues shall be \$5.00 per member and shall be payable October 20 of each year and for the succeeding year.” and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the increase take effect on June 1, 2020, with the distribution of the 2021 National Membership cards, and applied to all membership transmittals received after that date.

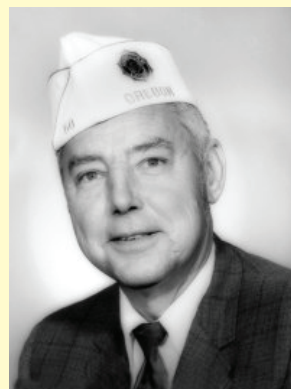


The Navy discouraged siblings serving together, but George wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, citing his own and Francis’ recent service and asking if he and his brothers could “stick together.” George Sullivan closed with the phrase, “We will make a team together that can’t be beaten.” The Secretary of the Navy granted the request.

Francis, Joseph, and Madison were killed in the initial attack and Albert drowned during the second attack. George was one of 80 men who made it to life rafts, but who would die a few days later from shock, exposure

To members of the American Legion
Dept of Oregon:

The American Legion Louis Larsen Post #68 honored the Lifetime of Service to Country and Community



given by T. Les Galloway in a ceremony dedicating the Clatskanie American Legion Hall in his memory.

The dedication was held at the Clatskanie American Legion Hall on Saturday, August 17th at 1:00 PM. A luncheon followed the Legion Hall Dedication Ceremony

Thank you for joining us in Honoring this Great Man and Patriot



or sharks. Subsequently, only ten men from the Juneau were rescued.

In memory of
Bevely "Tex" Estes,
World War II
Navy Veteran &
Pearl Harbor
Survivor

1923-2019

LANE COUNTY STAND DOWN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

796 West 13th Ave, Eugene



ALL Veterans Welcome
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Legal Advice/Aid
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Veteran Benefits
Job Fair & Housing Programs
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**Providing Our Veterans A
Hand Up Not A Hand Out**

6:30am Check In

7:30am Breakfast

11:30am Lunch

1:00pm DOD Gear



Citizens of our community can help
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JOHN KALMBACH POST 90 DEDICATION

Banks, Ore. - A memorial and dedication ceremony were conducted on Tuesday evening, August 13th to honor the life and service of past-Department Commander (PDC) John Kalmbach, a former member of Banks Post 90 and a rural resident of Banks. The evening's activities were conducted in conjunction with the post's annual membership appreciation barbeque and was very well attended.

Serving as master of ceremonies was Post Commander Michael Warrens. Among those in attendance were: John's wife, Ellen Kalmbach, along with her adult children and family members; department and district leadership from The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion, as well as, many members of Post 90 and other supporters.



A tremendous honor was bestowed upon the Kalmbach Family as Post Commander Warrens announced the formal renaming of the post's charter to John Kalmbach Post 90. The American Legion post in Banks received its permanent charter on August 8, 1921 and has been serving veterans and the community for over 88 years. PDC Kalmbach played a vital role in the revitalization that saw an increase in post membership and keyed member-participation within its Legion Family, supporting veterans, children and youth programs, and many other community service endeavors.

During the presentation past-Department Commander Kevin Owens assisted Ellen Kalmbach in the unveiling of a framed memorial photograph of her late-husband, PDC John Kalmbach.

In further honoring PDC Kalmbach, a resolution, passed by The American Legion's National Executive Committee and signed by National Commander Brett P. Reistad and National Adjutant Daniel S. Wheeler, honoring John's life and mourning his passing, was read and presented by Department Commander Steve Adams. Also read and presented to Mrs. Kalmbach was a memorial resolution from the Department of Oregon, signed by then-Department Commander Tom Harris and Department Adjutant S. Flynn Phillips, which acknowledged during the 101st Department Convention in Astoria, Ore. this past summer, PDC Kalmbach's selfless service and transfer to Post Everlasting.

The evening's events also honored 2019 Department of Oregon Legionnaire of the Year Rodger Rau, post adjutant of John Kalmbach Post 90, for his years of dedicated service to the post and veteran community.

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

CONTACT: Rodger Rau, post adjutant, rodgerrau@yahoo.com, 503-789-7974



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American Legion Auxiliary Receives 2019 Best of Wilsonville Award

Wilsonville Award Program Honors the Achievement

WILSONVILLE August 13, 2019 -- American Legion Auxiliary has been selected for the 2019 Best of Wilsonville Award in the Veterans Organization category by the Wilsonville Award Program.

Each year, the Wilsonville Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Wilsonville area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2019 Wilsonville Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Wilsonville Award Program and data provided by third parties.

About Wilsonville Award Program

The Wilsonville Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Wilsonville area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.



The Wilsonville Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

SOURCE: Wilsonville Award Program



Commanders/Presidents Fund

We are starting a Commanders/Presidents fund to run the entire year. Donations will be dedicated to Children & Youth programs. All Donations will be through Department HQ. The donations will be tallied at the Pre-Convention DEC in 2020 and distributed evenly between the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, and ALR and must be used for their respective Children & Youth programs.

I am asking Districts, Posts, Units, Squadrons and Rider groups to hold events and donate to this fund to enhance and benefit our Children & Youth programs.

This is in memory of Past Department Commander John Kalmbach who passed in April of this year. John advocated and worked hard for youth programs in the Legion and in his community.

The Field Office photo is by Tom Cronin Post Commander of Post 58.

The Field Office is a picture of our information booth's table of American

Legion information items for the public.

During this summer of 2019 our Field Offices is on the road to local events for 6 days.

Stayton Summer Fest on 7-27-19.

Warbirds Over the West (B17) at the Salem Airport 8-10 and 8-11-19.

Aumsville Corn Festival 8-17 and 8-18-19, in Aumsville, Oregon.

Stayton Troup #50 Scouts 85th year Celebration 8-24-19.

American Legion Post 58
P.O. Box 602
Sublimity, Oregon 97385

FROM the great amount of interest being displayed in every section of the state and the steps forward made during the past 30 days, I can safely predict a splendid future for the American Legion in Oregon,” was the confident statement of State Chairman Eivers at the close of July, as he reviewed progress of the month. “Organization is progressing rapidly and very soon there will not be a single county not well represented in the state body.”

Seventeen posts have been fully organized, including the election of officers, and fully twice that number are under way. There appears a cordial desire to work together, from the reports of liaison officers, and the powerful influence of the Legion is already making itself felt.

NUMBER OF LEGION POSTS IN OREGON INCREASES, STATE NOW HAVING 31

PORTLAND August 26. – With the report in New York of only 19 posts of the American Legion in Oregon, George A. White of this city, who is temporarily in charge of the American Legion Weekly, has written to E.J. Eivers, state chairman of the Legion that Oregon is eighth in states of the union in the proportion of posts to men in service.

During the last week further charters have been sent east until the total of posts in Oregon is now 31, which will make Oregon well in the front rank of states.

Membership in the Portland Post passed the 1000 people during the month, but August will see the inauguration of a systematic membership campaign, which should result in a total membership eight times that at present, as there are 10,000 men eligible in the city. The city is being districted and will be carefully surveyed by canvassing membership crews.

One of the first auxiliaries to be formed on the coast was the women’s auxiliary of Portland Post, in which are wives, mothers and sisters of men who were in the war. Officer elected were: Mrs. F.C. Norris, president; Mrs. George Pauss, secretary; Mrs. Minnie Monroe, treasurer; Mrs. A. Sorenson, Mrs. A.A. Johnson, Mrs. H.F. Wheeler, Mrs. E.J. Eivers and Mrs. George Williams, executive committee.

CAPITAL Post Goes over 1,000 mark – Capital post has succeeded in making a remarkable membership record. Setting the membership goal at 1,000 for 1927, the post has gone over the top and on June 25th had 1015 paid up members.

THE Sam Jackson Memorial Trophy, a handsome bronze statue won last year by Alfred Babcock post of Albany for outstanding community service consisting of the presentation of an ambulance coach to the community.

A SPECIAL meeting was held of Veterans who served in the World War, between April 6th 1917 and November 11th 1918 was held in the offices of Phil Keizer North Bend Oregon Monday night August 25th 1919 for the purpose of organizing a North Bend Post of the American Legion. About 25 members who had served in the World War were present at the meeting presided by W.B. Follett Vice Chairman of the Oregon National Committee. Temporary Officers to serve until the election of permanent Officers were nominated and elected as followed: Chairman: Dr. Phil Keizer; Secretary: Ed Moore; Treasurer: James Mills.

The Pacific Legion August 1919, pg. 8
The Pacific Legion July 1927, pg. 37
The Pacific Legion August 1927, pg. 6

First Department Commander

Born in Portland April 20, 1890, Mr. Eivers served in the Mexican border campaign as a first lieutenant. He served in France in World War I as a captain of a machine-gun detachment in the 162d infantry and was promoted to major before the end of the war.



**PDC, EDWARD EIVERS
DEPT COMMANDER**

In France he was active in the founding of the American Legion. He was the first Oregon station Legion commander. He was also first national commander of the American Legion’s fun organization, 40 et 8.

East Oregonian, August 26, 1919, **Daily Evening Edition**, Section 2, image 7

Calendar of Events	
August	01 August Legionnaire 04 Coast Guard Birthday 22-29 National Convention Indianapolis, Indiana
September	02 Labor Day (Closed) 03 Salem Stand Down 07 District 1 Mtg 11 Portland Stand Down 21 District 9 Mtg 26 Roseburg Stand Down 28 District 7 Mtg 29 District 2 Mtg
October	05-06 Fall DEC Lebanon 12 District 5 Mtg 14 Columbus Day (Closed) 15 District 8 Mtg 19 District 6 Mtg 31 Halloween

Need to Know Dates

Boys State – TBD

Girls State – June 14-20, 2020

State Convention
June 24-28, 2020

Christmas Gifts Shop Openings



Deadline

for the October issue
of the
Oregon Legionnaire
is September 5th, 2019

American Legion Welcomes Recognition of Additional Vets as House Passes LEGION Act

(INDIANAPOLIS, July 23, 2019) -- The head of the nation's largest veterans' organization, welcomed today's passage by the House of Representatives of a bipartisan act which will recognize veterans who served during periods not previously considered "wartime."

The Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act (LEGION Act) opens the door for hundreds of thousands of veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible. As a congressionally-chartered organization, the legislation was required for The American Legion to change its eligibility criteria.

"Today's passage of the LEGION Act is a victory for veterans who until now have not had their service to our nation fully recognized," American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad said. "These veterans and their family members can now enjoy all the benefits of their service which they so richly deserve."

The gaps in the war eras were largely during the Cold War, a time when threats to U.S. national security was real, especially to the men and women serving in uniform. Overall, estimates show that about 1,600 U.S. service-members were killed or wounded in hostile operations during periods that were not previously recognized as times of war by the federal government.

On Feb. 14, Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., introduced the LEGION Act, along with Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C. It passed the Senate by unanimous

consent on June 11. Reps. Lou Correa, D-Calif., and Ben Cline, R-Va., introduced the House version.

President Trump is expected to sign the LEGION Act law soon. Reistad evoked the memories of The American Legion's founders who launched the organization 100 years ago this year.

"As we celebrate our centennial anniversary, we hold to the same truths that our founders appropriately crafted a century ago," Reistad said. "Among those: a veteran is a veteran. It does not matter whether a veteran fought enemies on foreign soil, protected our interests in an ocean far away or secured our national defense here at home. Their service is what matters most. Now, thanks to this legislation, all veterans will be properly remembered for their service."

With a current membership of nearly two million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, patriotic youth programs and Americanism. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 13,000 posts worldwide. From the drafting of the original GI Bill to the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs, The American Legion is the most influential voice for America's veterans. The American Legion, www.legion.org, will be celebrating its centennial through Veterans Day.

Media contacts: Indianapolis: John Raughter, jraughter@legion.org, (317) 630-1350; Washington, D.C.: Mackenzie Wolf, mwolf@legion.org, (760) 889-0307.

Trump Signs Sinema Bill to Expand American Legion Membership



All veterans, whether they served in designated wars or not, will now be allowed to join the American Legion.

On Tuesday, President Donald Trump signed the LEGION Act into law, with sponsor Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., standing by.

The law, introduced by Sinema and co-sponsored by Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., allows the veterans organization to expand its membership eligibility to include honorably discharged former American servicemen and servicewomen who served between recognized periods of war.

“The LEGION Act’s success shows when we work across the aisle, we can deliver for everyday Americans — including improving services for veterans across Arizona,” Sinema said in a written statement.

Veterans including servicemen and servicewomen from 12 “unrecognized war eras” that include the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Libyan Conflict, the Iran Hostage Crisis and the Salvadoran Civil War will now be able to join the Legion.

Brett Reistad, the American Legion’s national commander, said in a statement the recognition of veterans in Sinema’s bill is long overdue.

“The families of those who were killed or wounded during these war-time acts should take pride in knowing that we recognize their sacrifice and service,” Reistad said.

“Moreover, we are proud to welcome any of the six million living veterans from the previously unrecognized periods into our organization and call them ‘Legionnaires.’”

Sinema told The Arizona Republic after introducing the bill that the benefits of Legion membership “make a world of difference” to veterans, citing the assistance offered by the organiz-

ation to U.S. Coast Guard members who worked without pay during the government shutdown early this year.

The law will likely also benefit the American Legion, which has an aging membership and is competing with veterans organizations founded in the wake of the war on terror to attract recent veterans, according to David Lucier, president of the Arizona Veterans and Military Leadership Alliance.

The Legion, which has nearly 2 million members and nearly 13,000 posts nationwide, assists veterans, military personnel and their families with donations, grants and legislative advocacy on issues ranging from health care to education assistance.

The LEGION Act is the second bill introduced by Sinema to be signed into law by Trump. The first was intended to protect veterans from predatory loan practices and increase access to earned homeowner benefits.

Jeannette Hinkle, Arizona Republic |
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Submitted by William Proffet

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AMERICAN Legion Post 180



Hello fellow veterans.

Attached is a fact sheet describing the new 471 mile Oregon POW/MIA Memorial Highway on U.S. Hwy 26.

With Gov. Brown signing HB 3452 designating U.S. Hwy 26 as POW/MIA Memorial Highway yesterday, we now have a law which becomes effective on Jan. 1, 2020.

ODOT has agreed to installing 12 signs along US Hwy 26 for \$24,000.

We have about 5 months to raise \$24,000.

Stand by for an invitation to the Governor's ceremonial bill signing (time and place TBD).

I will send out a press release across Oregon especially the cities where the signs will be installed – near Seaside, Beaverton/Hillsboro, Portland, Gresham, Madras, Prineville, John Day and Nyssa.

We need to publicize the project in American Legion, VFW, MOPH, MOAA, OVMA and VVA newsletters and meetings. I am available for briefings.

I am planning a National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at Bend Heroes Memorial on Sept. 20. All are invited. We will read proclamations, display posters and the names of Oregon's 1,000 MIAs.

Please send your updates.

We and POW/MIA Families are indebted to Governor Kate Brown, Senator Tim Knopp, Representative Jack Zika, Representative Cheri Helt and Representative Rick Lewis for their eager and patriotic support.

Hope your summer is fine.

Best,

Dick Tobiason
Chairman, Bend Heroes Foundation
Project Manager, Oregon Veterans
Highways



Brother / Sister Can You Spare Some Time

One of the endeavors I encourage all posts to do is to make a list of all the activities / programs which their American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit, Sons of the American Legion Squadron, and American Legion Riders Chapter contributed to their community over the last year. Each of these activities involved many of their members and their efforts are appreciated by the members and the individuals and organizations within our community. (And it makes a great synopsis reference for telling prospective new members what the American Legion Family do in the community.)

We all have felt that sense of pride and fulfillment when we look back at times when we helped someone and made our community better.

With the current and coming year we continue to put our best foot forward and do the things that help our young people learn about Americanism, our veterans and their families in need, and show pride in the celebration of patriotic holidays. All these take a little time and we would appreciate your help.

Usually the first response from people asked to help is “I’ve just got so much to do and no time to help.”

Here are the facts: **Time Available:**

Number of hours in a year (24 times 365 days) =	8,760	8,760
Two weeks of vacation each year (24 times 14) =	336	8,424
Hours required for 8 hours of sleep each night (8 x 351) =	2,808	5,616
50 Weeks of work plus ½ hour lunch (8.5 times 50 times 5) =	2,125	3,491
Drive time to work ½ hour each way = (½ x 2 x 50 x 5) =	250	3,241
Breakfast and Dinner ½ hour each per day = (½x 2 x 50 x 7 =	350	2,891
Help at Post, Unit, Squadron for 5 hours 1 day in year =	5	2,886

And, see, you still have 2,886 hours a year to fish, hunt, play softball, volleyball, exercise, garden, etc.

NOW, Brother / Sister Can Your Spare Some Time?

If each of us would volunteer 5 hours for our favorite program each year just think what we could accomplish in this coming year!

For a post/unit: 5 hours x 1,000 (Post, Unit) = 5,000 Community Service hours

For our Department:

5 hours x 20,000 (Post, Unit, S.A.L., ALR members) = 100,000 Community Service hours

Pick a Program you would like to help with, let your Post / Auxiliary Unit/ Squadron officer know, and....

Now you can write that on your Resume’ !

**Wilsonville Post 65
NEWS FLASH**

On Saturday, August 17th, Post 65 held their 1st Annual Veteran’s Picnic at Edelweiss Park in the Villebois neighborhood of Wilsonville.

All veterans of Villebois were invited. Thirty-six veterans plus their spouses attended for free hamburgers, hotdogs, chips & watermelon.

A GREAT time was had by all and Post 65 gained 10 new members directly from this event!!

We could not possibly have experienced a bigger success on our first recruiting attempt.

Wonderful job by our existing leadership team in preparing and executing this Post 65 event.





The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that Army Pfc. Dale W. Ross, 22, of Ashland, Oregon, killed during World War II, was accounted for on April 16, 2019.

(This identification was initially announced on April 18, 2019.)

In January 1943, Ross was a member of Company E, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, serving in the Pacific Theater. He was reported missing in action on Jan. 14, 1943, following a patrol in the vicinity of Hill 27, Mount Austen, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. A search was conducted, but fellow Soldiers were unable to locate his remains. On July 14, 1949, based on a lack of information, the U.S. Army determined Ross to be non-recoverable.



Ross was believed to have died. Between 2012 and 2015, several investigation and recovery operations were conducted in Mbarana, and possible human remains were located along the steep hillside surface of Hill 27.

In 2017, Pacific Wrecks, Inc., a partnership organization, contacted DPAA regarding possible remains found along Hill 27. DPAA excavated the site with support from local civilians, recovering additional remains. The remains were consolidated with the remains found in 2015, and sent to the labo-

ratory for analysis.

To identify Ross' remains, scientists from DPAA used anthropological

analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence.

Additionally, the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used Y-chromosome DNA (Y-STR) analysis.

DPAA is grateful to the government of the Solomon Islands, Pacific Wrecks, Inc., and the Ross family for their partnership in this recovery.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died during the war. Currently there are 72,722 service members (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still

unaccounted for from World War II. Ross' name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in Taguig City, Philippines, along with the others missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

For family information, call the Army Service Casualty office at (800) 892-2490.

SFC Kristen Duus
Chief of External Communications
Public Affairs NCOIC- D.C. Directorate
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
2300 Defense Pentagon



LAURA J FORTE US Navy

Born June 21, 1929 transferred to Post Everlasting July 24, 2019

Laura was a 15-year PULF member of The American Legion Salem/Pioneer all ladies Post 149 and a new member of ALA Unit 110.

Laura served in the US Navy in the Korean War.

She is survived by her husband Carl Forte, 7 Children one of which is Carole Bova-Rice, 18 Grandchildren and 34 Great Grandchildren.

The services for Laura J. Forte will be at Willamette National Cemetery at 10am September 27th. Celebration of life to follow. TBA at Cemetery.

Laura will be escorted from Keizer Funeral Chapel & Cremation Services located at 4365 River Rd N, Keizer, OR 97303 Phone: (503) 393-7037 by The American Legion Riders to Willamette National Cemetery. Riders are welcomed to join in the escort at any time.

Condolences can be sent to Carole Bova-Rice 540 KBEL YLINIEMI LN Independence, OR 97351 Oregon 97032.

The family asks in lieu of flowers to make a donation to Salem Pioneer Post 149 (Mail to Carole above address).



In Memory

Betty Jane Maes Ramey USMC



Betty Ramey, a 60-year member of both The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, passed away at her

home in Canby, Oregon transferred to Post Everlasting July 28, 2019. Betty has been an active member serving as Unit President, Post Commander, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, District Adjutant, and Committee member of several Department Committees including Constitution and By-Laws and Oratorical Committees. Betty's service was recognized by receiving Post Legionnaire of the Year and Dept Adjutant of the Year. Betty was born in Portland Oregon November 5, 1923, and graduated from Canby High School in 1941. In 1943, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve and served at Camp Pendleton in California. In May of 1946 she married Wallace Ramey. Betty is survived by her sister Jean Moore, three children, and nine grand-children. The family and friends will have a Celebration of Life on September 14, 2019 at Canby American Legion Post 122 (424 NW First Avenue) from 2p.m. to 5 p.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers any donations be made to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 122 Foundation (3929 Pringle Rd SE, Salem, OR 97302).



Dale Duane Nass US Army



Born November 13, 1932 Transferred to Post Everlasting on July 30, 2019.

Married his wife Rose (Schulz) from North Dakota on June 14th, 1955.

They moved to Tigard in 1956 where he spent the rest of his life. Dale served in the Army.

Dale owned Western Plumbing until he sold it to his partner where he worked until he retired.

Dale is survived by his wife Rose Nass of 64 years, 5 children, 9 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 1 Step-granddaughter and 3 Step great-grandchildren.

Dale was an active member in the Tigard American Legion Post #158 where he volunteered.

Dale was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery on August 13th, 2019.

A Celebration of life was held after at The Tigard American Legion Post #158.



American Legion Family College



65 Family Members joined us today. Thank you Commanders Steve Adams and Carl Pawlik and President Gea Clausier



Jon Marsh receives special gift



Legion Family learning & training



Thank You to American Legion Aux Unit 122 and Juniors for assisting in making Legion College a success



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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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 _____ 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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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 _____

_____ / _____ / _____ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and older ☐

Date of Birth (Required)

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:

☐ 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 _____

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DUES RECEIPT (please print)

_____ Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____