

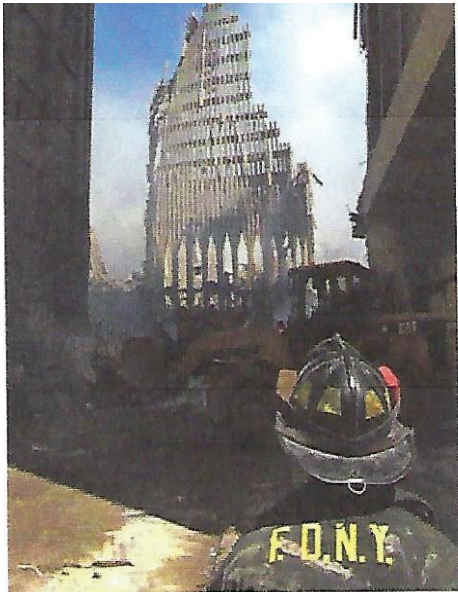
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CORY BROCKMANN
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

District 1 congratulates and proudly supports 2019-2020 National Vice Commander (NVC) Robert D. Liebenow of Hillsboro Post #6.

Liebenow was elected as one of five national vice commanders during The American Legion's 101st National Convention held Aug. 23-29 in Indianapolis Ind.

Chief among his duties during the one year appointment, NVC Liebenow will serve as representative of the national commander in any number of capacities when called upon. He may preside over meetings of the National Executive Committee or the national convention, and perform other duties for the commander as directed. He will also provide leadership to the 15 departments that comprise the West Region, including international departments in Mexico and the Philippines.

NVC Liebenow is a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served during the Vietnam era and is a 47-year member of The American Legion within the Department of Oregon.

This past month has shown a slow but steady start to the Department membership year.

We have new Confidential Rosters, a new Department Zip code list have been distributed the District Membership Goals and the DMS/114 lists for each post.



LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPT 2ND VICE COMMANDER

At this point we are in high 40s percentile and could make the 50% by September 11 if we PUSH.

The word around the Department is that a number of Post have manually submitted membership renewals with incorrect monies attached. This causes delays in getting credit towards Posts goals and provides a disservice to members.

Please consider using the online submission method if possible. If your Post needs help setting this up please call me at 503-970-4944.



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LIEBENOW APPOINTED NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



ROB LIEBENOW
NATIONAL VICE
COMMANDER

The American Legion held Aug 23-29 in Indianapolis, Ind.

NVC Liebenow is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during the Vietnam era, and is a 47-year member of The American Legion, our nation's largest wartime veterans service organization. Liebenow, a native of Hillsboro, OR, is a member of Hillsboro Post #6.

Liebenow has served six years at

Wilsonville, Ore. – The American Legion Department of Oregon has announced the election of Robert D. Liebenow as national vice

commander for 2019-2020 at the 101st National Convention of

the national level of The American Legion holding positions of alternate-National Executive Committeeman, then as National Executive Committeeman, each for three years. He has also served on numerous national committees including Distinguished Guest Committee, Americanism Council, Counter Subversive Activities Committee, Children and Youth Commission, Veterans Employment and Education Council and the National Executive Committee's Liaison Committee for the Convention Commission. In addition to his national level assignments, NVC Liebenow has held many key leadership positions at the Department, District and Post levels, which provide the necessary experiences that make him a proven leader in the position.

In his new position, NVC Liebenow will serve as one of five national vice commanders and will represent the national commander in any number of capacities when called upon. He may preside over meetings of the Na-

tional Executive Committee or the national convention, and perform other duties for the commander as directed. He will also provide leadership to the 15 departments that comprise the West Region, including international departments in Mexico and the Philippines.



Liebenow is married to the former Linda Birchard of Portland and the couple makes their home in Wilsonville, OR. Rob and Linda have two adult children and three grandchildren. When he is not serving the veteran community, Rob enjoys spending time with his family and following Oregon Ducks athletics.

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.

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| Aide to Cmdr | William "Bud" Stutheit |



What is the oldest American Legion Post?

- A) Portland, OR Post 1
- B) Washington D.C. Post 1
- C) New York, NY Post 1
- D) Indianapolis, IN Post 1

National Commander
James W. "Bill" Oxford (North Carolina)

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Francis J. MacDonald, Jr. (Massachusetts)
Richard A. Heigert (Missouri)
Robert D. Liebenow (Oregon)



CORY BROCKMANN
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

dianapolis, Ind. I will be departing shortly, myself, and send this update for you.

101st NATIONAL CONVENTION

As delegate I will be representing you - our District and the Department of Oregon - on the national Americanism Commission as well as being assigned to the Americanism convention subcommittee in conducting the necessary business at hand. Another important delegate endeavor will be the Western States Division Caucus, where we will address a resolution calling for significant changes in how our Division elects our National Vice Commander. As you may already know, Robert Liebenow, Hillsboro #6, is the National Vice Commander-elect, having our District and Department's endorsement, for the 2019-2020 year. I also look forward to attending the business meetings of National American Legion Press Association (NALPA) and National American Legion College Alumni Association (NALCAA), both which are intending changes to structure and functions. Beyond that, there are countless topical programs that I only wish I had time to participate in.

THE LEGION ACT

The Legion Act has passed, I know you've heard that fabulous news! The Legion Act - Let Everyone Get In

Good afternoon, folks,

We are on the eve of the 101st National Convention and many leaders from within our Department have already headed east to Indianapolis, Ind.

involved In Opportunities for National Service Act - opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible. This act provides a tremendous opportunity for membership growth at every single post in District 1! With the legislation having been signed, The American Legion's eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

NEWSLETTERS

American Legion Dispatch-August and American Legion Training Newsletter-July were both just sent out under separate emails due to the file sizes. Again, please share with your posts.

The Oregon Legionnaire-August edition just came out this week and can be accessed at <https://www.oregonlegion.org/oregon-legionnaire.html>

MEMBERSHIP

I received our district membership goal from Department late Tuesday evening and have a draft completed and under review. I expect to be sending it out to you in the next day or two. Please be working renewals and, remember, renewing online is a great way to go! Anticipate contacts and walk-ins from those veterans that are now made eligible through passage of The Legion Act - welcome them to the greatest veteran service organization!

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

Jim Craig, district finance officer, has emailed or mailed posts their notification of the 2019-2020 district assessment, which is \$20 per post. Three posts have already made payment, please make payment at the District 1

meeting on 7-Sep, if possible.

CWF and OCW DONATIONS

Jim Craig, district finance officer, had final tallies of \$202.90 for Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) and \$200 for Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW). Thank you for supporting these programs! These donations will be delivered to National headquarters staff during the 101st National Convention.

FALL DEC

Anticipate a great opportunity to conduct revitalization for your post and District 1 during the Fall DEC weekend at Lebanon #51, Lebanon, Ore.! National staff are expected to be present, so please block those days and try to make it to Lebanon #51 for one of the days to help your post! Stay tuned for more details to come from the Department Adjutant and the Membership Commission chairman.

POST CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

With the passage of The Legion Act your post's constitution and bylaws may need updating to become current with the newly passed national legislation on membership eligibility. Now is a good time to get it reviewed to ensure it's current. As you are aware, annual review of your post constitution and bylaws (C&B) need to be conducted, then approved at general meeting each year. Even if no changes are needed the review should be documented within your general meeting minutes and the documentation form completed and submitted to Department; I have attached the form to this email. It is a good practice to attach the annual review form to your C&B so you have a ready reference. These documents are items I request to have copies provided of during post visits.

Thank you for your continued service to our nation's veterans and the communities where you live!

For God and Country



RENEE OHLER
DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER

As we go into the Fall season, I encourage all posts to conduct buddy checks on their members. This is so critical for the legion member to feel appreciated and not forgotten. This is also a great time to encourage renewal of their membership and to let them know of up coming post meetings and events. I look forward to the growth of membership and member participation with the Implementation of the Legion Act. There is a great article in the August Dispatch and covers everything you need to know about how to gain honorably discharged veterans into your legion family. It's all about taking care of veterans and their families and there is no better way to do this than making them feel welcome and needed.

The new membership goals have been set for the district and I challenge



VANDEE MAUSER
DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER

Here it is the month of August 2019. Time is not slowing down, in fact it feels like it is just going faster and faster.

Convention was held in Astoria, Oregon this year and want to say thank you to the members of Clatsop Post 12, for their generous hospitality and friendliness. It was nice to see everyone.

ge all posts to reach for the goal set for your post. What a great time to get the much-needed help in our posts and keep the legacy alive in our communities. During the month I encourage you to reach out to your local Police Department and Fire Department as we remember 9/11. Many of the district posts with have a remembrance ceremony at their flag pole to honor our local heroes and to honor the sacrifice of those lost on 9/11. We will never forget.

I would like to remind all posts to double check their records and make sure you have submitted your paperwork for the new year. This includes your Post officer listing, Post committee chairs, Commander and Adjutant contact information and post meeting place, date and time.

Don't forget our first District 2 meeting September 29th at McMinnville Post 21. Potluck at 1:00 and meeting at 2:00.

For god and Country

God bless

District 5 has some major hurdles to work this year, mostly due to current membership and continuing membership. However, we have leadership this year that wishes to nip this in the bud at the beginning of the year and we are ready to help in any way we possible.

Madras Post 125 wants everyone come to the Airshow being held in August 2019. Said it is great fun for all.

Ray Johnson Post 44 wants to remind everyone that even though it is only August that it is time to start thinking about Wreaths Across America. See their newsletter for up



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to date and address information.

The Dalles Post 19, has sold their building and is looking at a new revitalized future. They will hold one more meeting at their current location and will provide current contact information in the future.

Stevens Chute Post 4 has a new Champion in their mist. Louis Hodges has been named S3DA Archery National Champion. He received this title at the Field Archery Competition at Yankton, SD. Congratulations Louis Hodges.

District 5 Officers will be headed out to Deer Ridge Post 131, Madras OR on August 20 to install their new officers and have a round table discussion on responsibilities.

This is just a small sample of what the Posts are doing in District 5 so far this year. Need more information from the Post Officers in order to have your story put out there to draw more attention to your Posts.

Please send me information each month on what's going on in your Post for the following month in District 5 in order to reply to Department Commander properly when asked, "What's going on in your District?"

Thank you for being who you are.



JOHN MOLESWORTH
DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER

I have combined my duties of Commander of District 8 with duties associated with serving on the Department's Membership Committee for District 7 and

8. In conjunction with these duties I have had the opportunity to speak and communicate with many legionnaires over the last month.

The energy and enthusiasm have been a welcomed surprise. Post 65 had a barbecue for veterans in their area to say "thank you" for their service and in the process signed several new members. Post 180 continues their active, vital role in their community of Milwaukie with over 150 patriotic activities per year, and we were honored to help Post 5 obtain a flag for a veteran's widow to drape her husband's coffin.

Post 150 opened their doors in welcome for the first district planning meeting last month and Post 180 has graciously offered the use of their post for the Department Christmas Party in November. All and all a very active and rewarding month for District 8.

District 8 is also ending August at 49.1% of membership goal. I have been sending out messages encouraging each post to make the push to get to goal by the September deadline.



CORY BROCKMANN
AMERICANISM CHAIR

School Oratorical Contest Scholarship and we continue this month with the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship. 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.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship

The American Legion awards a national scholarship each year of \$10,000 to the Eagle Scout who is selected as "The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year." Three runner-up scholarships are also awarded of \$2,500 each. Consideration – Eligible candidates must complete a nomination packet and turn it into Department headquarters by March 1st. The nomination form, which addresses the items that are to be included in the submission of the packet, can be accessed online from The American Legion website at <https://www.legion.org/scouting/nominate>.

The Department's scouting committee will review and judge each packet received. The nomination packet that is complete and judged best, based upon meeting department criterion, is submitted to American Legion national headquarters by April 1st. A committee at National headquarters will then review and judge all competing nomination packets received from across all departments, culminating in a selection of The American

This is the sixth and final article in a series reviewing national American Legion scholarships available to youth. Last month we reviewed the National High

Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

Eligibility – To be eligible for The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year the nominee must:

Be a registered, active member of a Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron. Or, be a registered, active member of a chartered Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the scout of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member and, have received the Eagle Scout Award; be an active member of their religious institution and must have received the appropriate Scouts BSA religious emblem; have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community; have reached their 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection; and, reside in the department (state) to which they apply. Eagle Scouts who are still in high school that has reached their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.

Scholarships – One \$10,000 scholarship awarded annually to the scout selected as The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year; and, three \$2,500 scholarships awarded to runners-up. The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student provided it is state accredited, above the high school level, and within the continental limits of the United States, except in the case where the student may be from a possession of the United States, in which case the student can select a school in that possession or the continental United States. For more information on Scouting navigate online to <https://www.legion.org/scouting>

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

Membership!!!



LARRY WITTMAYER
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The month of August kicks off our 2019-2020 Department Membership Drive.

The Confidential Roseters are out to the Membership Commission members.

They have begun to call and canvass the Posts on their renewal status and if they need help.

We will know at the August 26th Membership teleconference where we stand Department wide for the upcoming 50% goal.

Secondly, I would like to speak to the subject of online registration.

The main benefit is the immediate registration of your individual verses the mail in method which requires manual manipulation which can take up to two weeks to get credit.

The process is not complicated to get set up and very easy to accomplish the member registration.

At present the Department has 41 posts using the online system with hopes of have many more by years end.

Someone can "walk" you through the setup and use procedure.

Please consider switching.

Thirdly, with the passing and signing of the Legion Act there should be no reason for each Post to make goal this year.



VANDEE MAUSER
ORATORICAL CHAIR

Greetings American Legion Family:

I am the brand spank in new Oratorical Committee "Chair". I am very excited and scared (because it is

my first year and have no experience in this program). I am willing to take this on only because of all of you and how important this program is to our high school members of our family and I know that each and every one of you will assist, and guide me when I run astray. Thanking you in advance.

What is the Oratorical Program, quite simply it is "A Constitutional Speech Contest" known as The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program.

The purpose is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States of America on the part of high school students. This will help in the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly with intelligence.

This is an exciting time for the Department of Oregon's Oratorical Program. Changes are in the process. I can't give you a definite until presented the fall DEC for approval. But I can tell you that the prize monies have been increased. Which should be a great incentive for our high school students. All of upcoming changes will be decided at the Fall DEC in Lebanon. The National Oratorical contest is April 17 - 19, 2020.

Please hit the Department of Oregon website for information on eligibility requirements for the Oratorical Program information, www.orlegion.org.

It is time to start hitting your high schools and building the interest in the Oratorical program. The Posts are required to have their contests in December 2019, time is flying by and we have just started.

Remember more good news is due out after Fall DEC. Stay tuned.



This month's Scouting article finds the program practicing the Outing in Scouting.

Most of the units have been attending Day Camp or Summer Camp.

The World Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia

is not over and was attended by a contingent from Oregon. Fall recruiting will be kicking off soon and probably more activity involving the American Legion.



LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTING CHAIR

To All:



The American Legion's 101st National Convention adjourned on Thursday, August 29, 2019. Thus begins a second century of service to veterans, their families and our nation by The American Legion. Many resolutions were passed, including amending the National Constitution and By-Laws that expands membership eligibility into The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion. The amendment was a result of the President signing the Legion Act earlier this month. Several guest speakers during the convention included our nation's Secretary of State and the Vice President of the United States. North Carolina Legionnaire William (Bill) Oxford was elected as a National Commander and Legionnaires from

Missouri, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Iowa, and Oregon's Robert (Rob) D. Liebenow (Hillsboro Post #6) were elected as our 5 National Vice Commanders.



PNC, PDC CHARLIE SCHMIDT
PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

If you believe that history repeats itself, William Follett from Department of Oregon was elected National Vice Commander November 12, 1919 during the Legion's first national convention in Minneapolis. Mr. Follett was one of The American Legion's very first 5 National Vice Commanders. Fast forward to August 29, 2019...an Oregonian was once again elected one of the 5 National Vice Commanders to start another century (second) of service to veterans by The American Legion. Every Oregon Legionnaire should be proud of this noteworthy milestone in The American Legion and Department of Oregon history.

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Answer:

B. Washington D.C. Post 1

General Pershing Post No. 1 was organized On March 7, 1919 in Washington, D.C. calling itself the Pioneer Post and now known as the oldest American Legion Post in the United States of America.

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Hello Legionnaires,



BETTY FISH-FERGUSON
PERMANENT FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Our Beloved Commission Chairman Kevin Owens has decided to spread the wealth (figuratively not literally) around to Commission members to provide articles to the Legionnaire. This month I would like to provide some information from our Department financial and fiduciary advisor, Scott Anderson. For those of you who do not know Scott, he has been managing the Department funds for 2 1/2 years. He has been successful growing our accounts in a tenuous market. Scott is an American Legion member of Canby Post 122.

This is a letter of introduction from him:

Greetings Legionnaires,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is William "Scott" Anderson. and I am the financial advisor for the Departments accounts. I run a fiduciary practice under the Ameriprise umbrella called Falcon Ridge Wealth Management.



History of Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, Guest Speaker

I am a retired Army Warrant Officer and flew Blackhawk helicopters for the majority of my 22 years of service. I currently manage not only your assets. but the assets of several individual Legion Posts throughout the state. I charge each one a 00 .75% management fee and treat each Post as though they are a million-dollar client regardless of the amount of investments they own. I am willing to meet with any Post that is interested.

We have set up the accounts in a fashion that enables us to rebalance the accounts each quarter allowing us to maintain risk tolerance.

I welcome each and every one of you to contact me if you have questions regarding any of the accounts.

**Sincerely,
William "Scott" Anderson**

Scott will be attending a future DEC to put a face to his name. He will have table for questions and answers.

As for the Department finances, the bills are still being paid out for the summer activities: Boys State, LECC, Baseball.

Stay tuned at the next DEC for specifics.

**Legion Strong
Loyally**

Let's Put Jefferson to Work

The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) is a charitable entity which was founded to enable people and organizations to contribute to The American Legion Department of Oregon programs through a 501(c3) charitable venue. The Foundation primarily is focused on providing funds to support Americanism, Children and Youth, and veterans' support programs in the Department of Oregon.

RICHARD RAMEY
THE OREGON AMERICAN
LEAGION FOUNDATION

Thomas Jefferson, a founding father of our nation, and the third President of the United States is honored through his picture on the nickel and the two-dollar bill.

Reach into your pocket and chances are you will find a nickel among your change.

Here is a CHALLENGE:

I propose we take the change from our pockets each day and deposit any nickels into a jar, pop bottle, or other storage container. Then at Convention we can deposit all that money into The Oregon American Legion Foundation to help support our programs in the coming year.

There are approximately forty-three (43) weeks left until our next convention. If each of us took one nickel each day of the working week (Monday through Friday), we would accumulate twenty-five cents (25¢) per week, times 43 weeks, which would enable each of us to deposit \$10.75 toward funding the Foundation. And with all 16,000 members contributing, we would be able to deposit \$172,000.

So gather your nickels and let's put Thomas Jefferson to work in our great state of Oregon in helping to fund our Children and Youth, Americanism, Boys State, Baseball, and many other of our programs which help our veterans and communities.



Sept. 16 is American Legion Day

The American Legion celebrated a milestone 90th anniversary on Wednesday. In recognition, the Senate and House of Representatives passed a resolution designating Sept. 16 as "American Legion Day". The measure was shepherded through the Senate by Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine), and through the House by Rep. Deborah Halvorson (D-Ill.). In the Senate, the bill was cosponsored by Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine), Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) and Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.). It drew co-sponsorship from 92 representatives.

Presenting the resolution to the Senate, Snowe praised the 90-year-old Legion – which was issued a federal charter by Congress on Sept. 16, 1919 – for its continued aid to wounded warriors and military families, legacy of community volunteerism and significant role in establishing important national legislation.

"As all of us in this chamber know, The American Legion remains today an active and vigorous advocate for servicemembers, veterans and their families here on Capitol Hill," Snowe said. "Among its greatest legislative achievements was the enactment of the... GI Bill of Rights. The initial draft

of the GI Bill was written by Legionnaires at the Mayflower Hotel here in Washington, D.C. Many consider the GI Bill as one of the greatest pieces of legislation ever enacted."

A similar measure (House Resolution 679) was introduced to the House by Halvorson in late July. The bill passed Wednesday afternoon.

"On September 16, 1919 The American Legion was granted their federal charter by Congress, and 90 years later they have kept their commitment to serve not only as a resource and a voice on behalf of veterans across America, but also as an organization dedicated to the betterment of America through community service," Halvorson said. "Since their founding charter, The American Legion has not

waved from the guiding principles and vision that can be found in their Four Pillars of Service."

National Commander Clarence Hill expressed his ap-

preciation to Congress. "We, as an organization, are honored and humbled that Congress is recognizing the dedication that members of The American Legion have demonstrated on behalf of their fellow veterans for nearly a century now," Hill said. Posts are urged to get a proclamation from their town or city mayor, designating locally Sept. 16 as American Legion Day. Legionnaires should look for photo opportunities with the mayor signing the bill. A sample proclamation can be found at the Legion's new [Web site: Legion Town, USA](#). There, posts can also submit success stories about their acts of community volunteerism and service to military men and women.



PNC, PDC CHARLIE SCHMIDT
PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR



Hillsboro Post #6



A Blast from the Past

Burns Parade

Featuring from Left-Right

PDC "Mac" McLaughlin

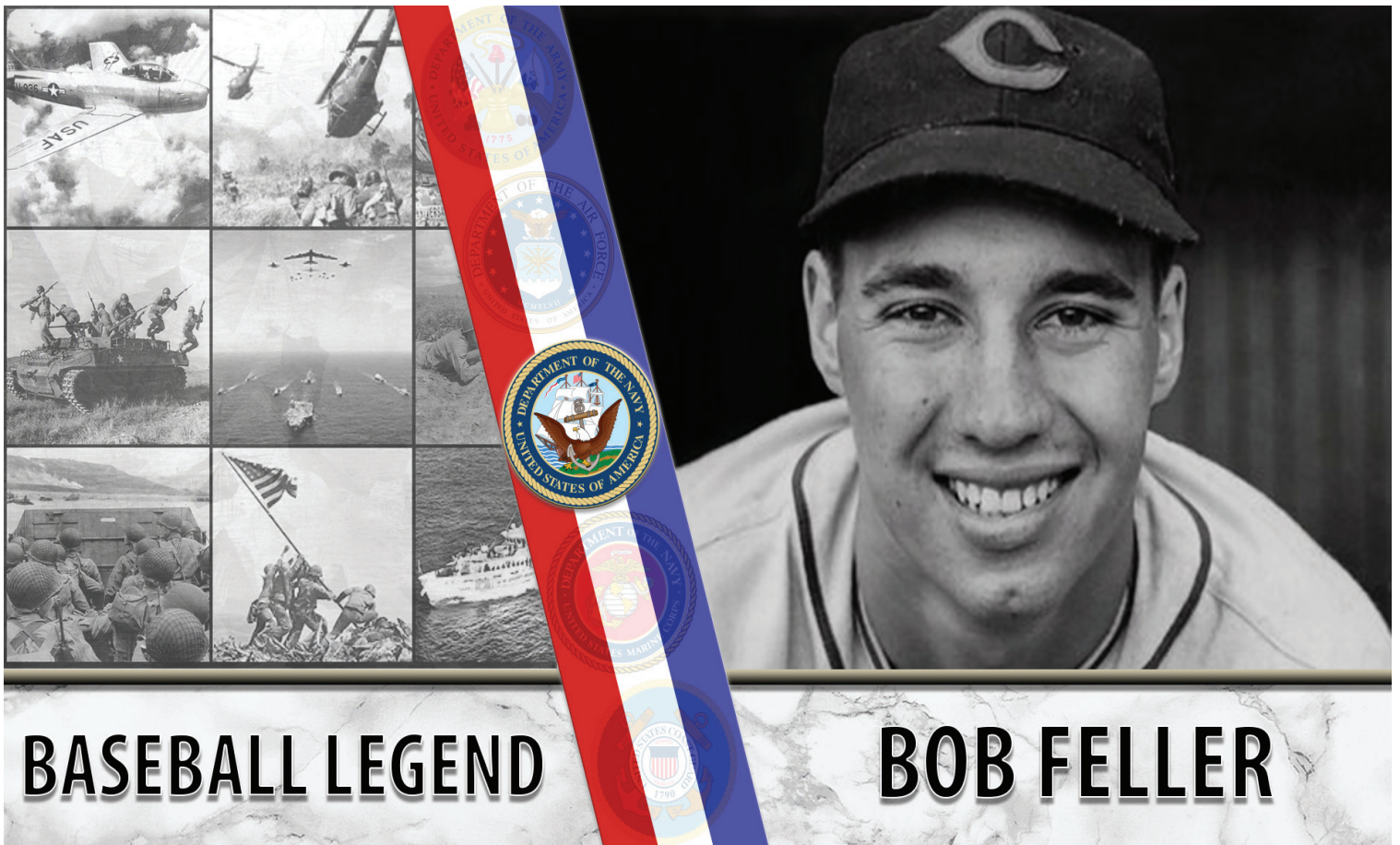
PDC John Kalmbach

PDC Gene Hellickson

PDC Jim Willis

PDC Mike Jones

in back 3 more Legionnaires



Baseball legend Bob Feller was one of the first professional athletes to enlist in the military for service during World War II. He would go on to break numerous baseball records both before and after his time in the service.

Bob Feller made his Major League Baseball debut in the summer of 1936, when he was just 17—and still in high school. For the next five seasons, the young hurler would show off the stuff that made him one of the most electric pitchers in the game.

After the 1941 season, Feller drove to Chicago to meet with Cleveland Indians representatives to discuss his contract for 1942. On his way there, he heard about the bombing at Pearl Harbor. Two days later, he enlisted in the Navy.

After graduating basic training in early 1942 at Norfolk Naval Base, Feller began playing for the Training Station's baseball team, a light duty assignment for athletes. After applying for gunnery school and requesting sea duty, Feller joined the crew of the USS

Alabama.

The Alabama served as an escort for aircraft carriers, fended off kamikaze attacks and bombarded beaches. Feller saw combat off Tarawa, in the Marshall Islands, at the Caroline Islands, and in the Philippines. He called the Battle of the Philippines “the most exciting 13 hours of my life. After that,” he said, “the dangers of Yankee Stadium seemed trivial.”

In March 1945, Feller transferred to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center where he managed the baseball team. In late August, just 15 days after the US dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, Feller left the Navy and returned to the Cleveland Indians to finish out the 1945 season. For his Navy service, he received six campaign ribbons and eight battle stars.

Feller would go on to dominate the American League, as he had prior to serving. Though he threw his first no-hitter in 1940, his career was just as spectacular after serving. He threw two more no hitters—in 1946 and

1951—won the 1948 World Series, led the American League in wins six times, in strikeouts seven times, and was an 8-time all-star. He retired in September 1956, having won 266 games with 2,581 strikeouts and a career 3.25 ERA.

Bob Feller was elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962—his first year of eligibility. Sporting News ranked him 36th on their 100 Greatest Baseball Players list and he was an MLB All-Century Team finalist in 1999.

In 2013, the US Navy and Major League Baseball teamed up to create the Bob Feller Act of Valor award, which is given to those who honor and support service men and women.

Bob Feller died in December 2010. He was 92.

We honor his service.

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How a GI Bill change means bigger housing stipends for some students



A change in Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits rules earlier this month means some student veterans will be eligible for larger housing stipends this semester.

Veterans Affairs officials will now recognize any “hybrid training” — classes that are a mix of online and in-class instruction — as part of the calculation for full housing stipend rates. “If a student is required to attend any amount of on-site classroom training, the class will be certified as ‘residence’ training,” officials said in a statement.

Previously, for those classes to count towards the full housing stipends, instructors and students had to meet in person at least once every two weeks or the equivalent amount of time over a semester. Under the rule change, even a single in-person meeting could shift the classification from remote instruction to residence training.

That’s significant because students using GI Bill benefits for online-only classes are eligible for living stipends of about \$900 a month, whereas students in traditional in-person college classes routinely receive twice that amount.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill living stipend calculations are based on the zip code of the school and the correspon-



ding Basic Allowance for Housing rates for an E-5 with dependents. For low-cost areas, like Ohio, that works out to about \$1,200 a month this semester. For high-expense areas, like San Diego, it tops \$2,600.

With the new hybrid training rules, student veterans will still need to be enrolled full-time to be eligible for the housing payments.

Lawmakers on the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee earlier this summer discussed the possibility of eliminating the remote classes stipend altogether, instead granting all students the full living stipend payouts.

But veterans’ groups have warned such a move could dramatically add to the expense of the GI Bill program, and encourage some schools to push veterans into online-only classes in an effort to maximize profits.

The new stipend change went into effect on Aug. 15. VA officials could not say how many veterans may be affected by the new hybrid training rule.

More than 890,000 individuals used veteran’s education benefits in fiscal 2018, according to VA records.

Military Times: By: Leo Shane III

Free Admission for Vets at Six Flags Georgia



Six Flags Over Georgia is offering free admission to Veteran and active duty military during its Military Appreciation Days on August 24 and 25.

Veterans will receive one free admission ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia with a valid Military ID card and can purchase an unlimited amount of additional tickets for family members or friends for 50% off.



Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on the Corporal Diffie Veterans Fund being promoted by the Milwaukie Police Department and the American Legion.

We had a successful event at the Sunday, 25 August Market and were able to reach out to approximately 60 visitors. Your support of our efforts in this worthwhile endeavor is greatly appreciated.

MIKE WILSON
MILWAUKIE POST 180
COMMANDER

‘Fix the Gold Star Kiddie Tax!’

INDIANAPOLIS,(August 19, 2019)—The head of The American Legion called on Congress to address a tax that unfairly penalizes Gold Star families once lawmakers return to Washington.

“There is a real problem with this provision of the tax reform but the Senate and the House already passed different solutions to fix it,” National Commander Brett P. Reistad said of the measure. “For many Gold Star family members, the tax penalty has become unbearable. In some cases, the taxes on the survivor’s benefits received after a military member’s death have increased from \$1,000 a year in 2018 to nearly \$4,500 in 2019. It re-defines certain benefits for children as ‘unearned income,’ subjecting them to higher rates. Increasing the tax burden on these families who lost a loved one is unconscionable.”

The law, which is often referred to as “the kiddie tax,” increases the marginal tax rate for some to as much as 37 percent.

“It’s outrageous to hammer these families with such an unjust tax hike. Haven’t they already sacrificed enough? How can a family plan its financial future for such things as rent, food or the basic necessities of life when the tax rate on the important benefits they received is held up in limbo? In addition to the ‘kiddie tax,’ there is a ‘widow’s tax’ that The American Legion has long opposed,” Reistad said. “The House version of the National Defense Authorization Act includes the elimination of the



widow’s tax and The American Legion has called on the Senate conferees to adopt the same language and pass it as part of the budget deal as soon as they return from recess.”

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USAA Angels
Having fun
at National Convention
Left-Right
Betty Fish-Ferguson
Judith Johnston
Phyllis York



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OREGON HONORS WARTIME VETERANS WITH 79 SIGNS ON SEVEN MAJOR HIGHWAYS

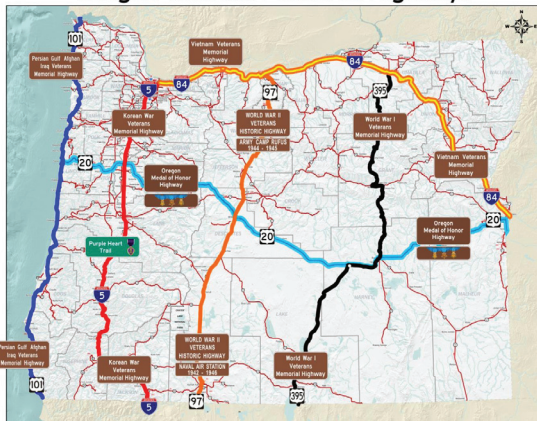
During the last eleven years, the non-profit Bend Heroes Foundation was successful in requesting the Oregon legislature and Oregon's Governors to adopt laws honoring nearly one-half million Oregon veterans who served during 5 major wars during the last 101 years beginning with WWI: **WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Wars**. Almost 6,000 veterans from Oregon made the supreme sacrifice, an estimated 15,000 Oregonians were wounded and over 800 became Prisoners of War (POWs) during those wars. Exactly 1,000 Oregon veterans still remain Missing in Action (MIA) from WWI to the Vietnam War. Twenty – nine (29) Medal of Honor recipients have close ties with Oregon.

The honors to Oregon's 479,800 wartime veterans and 29 Medal of Honor recipients were accomplished by 79 large signs installed on 6 major border-to-border highways totaling about 2,480 miles in length. Each highway displays 10-18 signs with half facing in each direction. The highways range in length from 300 to 451 miles. On average, highway travelers will view a sign every 62 miles.

The 6 highways are:

WWI Veterans Memorial Highway.....10 signs on U.S. Hwy 395
 WWII Veterans Historic Highway.....18 signs on U.S. Hwy 97/S.R. 126
 Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway and Purple Heart Trail.....11 signs on Interstate 5
 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.....17 signs on Interstate 84
 Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway..11 signs on U.S. Hwy 101
 Oregon Medal of Honor Highway.....12 signs on U.S. Hwy 20

Oregon Veterans Memorial Highways



Bend Heroes Foundation will raise \$24,000 to pay Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to install twelve (12) 4 ft. x 8 ft. signs with half facing in each direction on U.S. Hwy 26. See below for a typical sign design. Note the POW/MIA logo.

It has been a high honor and privilege leading this legacy project honoring Oregon's nearly one-half million war veterans with 91 signs on 8 veterans highways totaling almost 3,000 miles. They will not be forgotten.

Dick Tobiason
 Chairman, Bend Heroes Foundation, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization located in Bend, Oregon
 LTC US Army Retired, Vietnam Veteran (1966-1967, 1972-1973)
<http://bendheroes.org/>



WWI Veterans Memorial Highway Sign on U.S. Hwy 395 Near Burns



WWII Veterans Historic Highway Sign on U.S. Hwy 97 at Intersection of Interstate 84



Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway and Purple Heart Trail Signs on Interstate 5



Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway Sign on Interstate 84 Near La Grande

The **Purple Heart Trail** signs on Oregon's 308 mile long Interstate 5 connect California's and Washington's Purple Heart Trails on Interstate 5 thereby creating the first **Purple Heart Trail** spanning our nation in any direction. Likewise the 338 mile long border-to-border **Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway** along the beautiful Oregon coast is believed to be the first of its kind in our nation. And the **Oregon Medal of Honor Highway** along U.S. 20 is our third "first in the nation" highway.

Crossing the other 5 highways is the 451 mile **Oregon Medal of Honor Highway** honoring 29 Medal of Honor recipients connected with Oregon who acted with "*conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of life*" during combat with an enemy of the United States thus receiving our nation's highest award for military valor during 8 wars over a 108 year period (Civil War to Vietnam War). Eight of the 29 recipients were mortally wounded during their unselfish acts of Valor. Up until his passing on May 11, 2019 WWII Army Veteran Mr. Robert D. "Bob" Maxwell of Bend was the oldest of our nation's 71 then living Medal of Honor recipients and the only recipient living in Oregon.

The highway signs were funded by veterans' groups, Boards of County Commissions, civic organizations, several non-profits, and individuals. Bend Heroes Foundation and its partners raised the funds and paid Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to fabricate and install the honorific signs across Oregon.

With the "**Oregon Medal of Honor Highway**" signs project completed on May 2, 2018, there are now 79 signs on 6 border to border highways totaling about 2,400 miles in length at a cost of about \$97,000. Veterans from anywhere in our nation who travel Oregon's veterans' highways are also honored by the highway signs. Photos of signs on each of the highways are shown below.

Oregon's Legislators and Governors, many patriotic donors and ODOT have made this 11 year project a reality.

This project has been featured in the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs newsletter, local media and national American Legion, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), VFW and Vietnam Veterans of America national magazines.

On Memorial Day, May 27, 2019 Bend Heroes Foundation requested the Oregon Legislature to designate the 471 mile U.S. Highway 26 as the "**POW/MIA Memorial Highway**" to honor Oregon's almost 200 veterans who died as POW in captivity (WWII to Vietnam), almost 600 POWs who were repatriated during WWII and 1,000 more Oregonians who still remain Missing in Action (MIA) from WWI to Vietnam.

The Legislature agreed with the request and issued HB 3452 on June 12: "**Provides that U.S. Highway 26 shall also be known as POW/MIA Memorial Highway**". The Oregon House and Senate passed HB 3452 by unanimous "Aye" votes on June 25 and 29. Governor Brown signed HB 3452 into law on July 23. The law becomes effective on January 1, 2020.

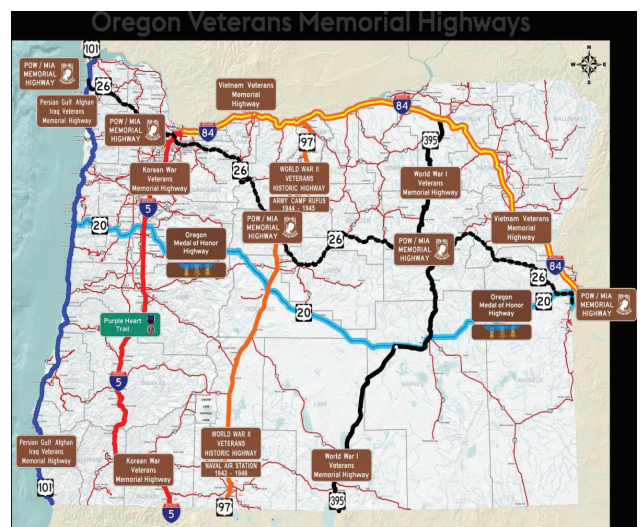
Below is a map depicting the new Oregon **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** (black) on U.S. Highway 26. Note that it, like the **Oregon Medal of Honor Highway** (blue) which it parallels crosses the other war veterans' memorial highways.



Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway Sign on U.S. Hwy 101 Near Warrenton



Bob Maxwell and Dick Tobiason at Oregon Medal of Honor Highway Sign on U.S. Hwy 20 at Newport



POW/MIA Memorial Highway on U.S. Hwy 26

OREGON POW/MIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY ON U.S. HIGHWAY 26 FACT SHEET

On Memorial Day, 2019, the nonprofit Bend Heroes Foundation requested Central Oregon's state legislators to sponsor legislation designating U.S. Highway 26 as "POW/MIA Memorial Highway". At 471 miles in length, U.S. Hwy 26 is the longest highway in Oregon and stretches from the Oregon coast near Seaside to the Oregon/Idaho border at Nyssa. The House and Senate voted unanimously in favor of House Bill 3452 during June. Governor Kate Brown signed HB 3452 into law on July 23. The law will become effective on January 1, 2020. The law requires ODOT to install POW/MIA Memorial Highway signs paid for by veterans.

The purpose of the **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** is to honor Oregon's over 600 former WWI and WWII Prisoners of War (POWs), almost 200 POWs who died in captivity during WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars and 1,000 Oregonians who **still** remain Missing in Action (MIA) from WWI to the Vietnam War, educate the traveling public and let the families of POWs and MIAs know Oregon supports their hopes and prayers for the return of their loved one's remains. The 1,000 MIAs are: WWI/21, WWII/887, Korean War/57, Cold War/2 and Vietnam War/33.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) is earnestly searching for the remains of our nation's 86,500 MIAs although about 35,000 were lost at sea or buried at sea. DPAA lists the names of MIAs by war (WWII to present) and state on its web site (Our Missing): <https://www.dpaa.mil/> The names of our nation's 4,422 WWI MIAs listed by state are found here: <https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php/doughboy-mia-database-1917-1920.html>

The **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** is the 8th border to border veterans' highway initiated by Bend Heroes Foundation since 2008. It is believed to be the first border to border POW/MIA Memorial Highway in our nation. It intersects all 5 of Oregon's "War" highways, **Purple Heart Trail** and **Oregon Medal of Honor Highway**. There are POWs and MIAs associated with all of those highways except the **Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway**. Below is a map of the 8 veterans' highways with the **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** marked in black.

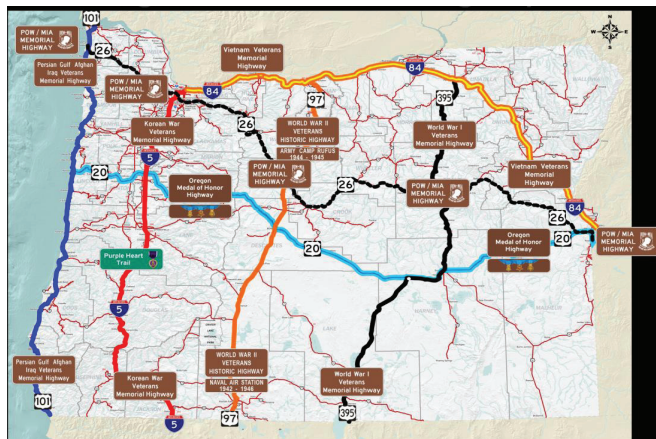
Bend Heroes Foundation will raise \$24,000 to pay Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to fabricate and install 12 signs on the newly designated POW/MIA highway beginning in early 2020. Below is an image of a typical 4 ft. x 8 ft. POW/MIA Memorial Highway sign. Note the POW*MIA logo.

With the installation of 12 signs on the **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** in 2020, the 8 veterans' highways will then display 91 honorific signs on 2,969 miles of scenic border to border highways in Oregon honoring almost one-half million Oregon veterans who served, died, became wounded or became POW and MIA during war since the Civil War. **They will never be forgotten in Oregon.**

Bend Heroes Foundation is deeply grateful for the outstanding support from the Oregon Legislature, Oregon's Governors, Oregon Department of Transportation, veterans' groups and the many donors over the last 11 years. **Oregon will always honor and never forget its veterans.**

Tax deductible donations can be sent to Bend Heroes Foundation: 1900 NE 3rd St., Ste 106, #205, Bend, OR 97701. Bend Heroes Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and assisting veterans and first responders – Tax ID 27-207 1808.

Contact: Dick Tobiasson, Chairman, Bend Heroes Foundation and Project Manager, Oregon Veterans' Highways: dtobiason@bendcable.com 541-390-9932, Website: bendheroes.org 7-23-19



OREGON'S VETERANS HIGHWAYS



TYPICAL 4 FT. X 8 FT. POW/MIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY SIGN

LIT Luncheon at National Convention in Indianapolis



Left - Right

Cory Brockmann, Jim Jerome, Phyllis York,
Betty Fish-Ferguson and Judith Johnston

Oregon receives \$1,464,213

Operation Stand Down Street of Dreams



Pence: ‘The Bible stays’ at New Hampshire veterans hospital facing lawsuit

Vice President Mike Pence weighed in on a First Amendment lawsuit challenging [a Bible on display at a New Hampshire veterans hospital](#), saying under the current administration, “VA hospitals will not be religion-free zones.”

“We will always respect the freedom of religion of every veteran of every faith,” Pence said in a speech addressing the American Legion National Convention in Indianapolis on Wednesday. “And my message to the New Hampshire VA hospital is this: ‘The Bible stays.’”

The founder of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, which originally objected to the Bible, called the vice president a “repulsive and repellent fundamentalist Christian” bully.

The Bible became part of the missing man table honoring missing veterans and POWs at the entranceway of the Manchester VA Medical Center. The Department of Veterans Affairs said the table was sponsored by a veterans group called the Northeast POW/MIA Network.

A federal lawsuit was filed in Concord in May by U.S. Air Force veteran James Chamberlain against the center’s director, Alfred Montoya, saying the Bible’s inclusion is a violation of the Constitution. The First Amendment stipulates “that the government may not establish any religion. Nor can the government give favoritism to one religious belief at the expense of others,” according to the suit.

Chamberlain, a devout Christian, said in the lawsuit the table should be a memorial to all who have served, regardless of their beliefs. The suit said the original POW/MIA table tradition was started by a group of Viet-

nam combat pilots and didn’t include a Bible as one of the items.

A missing man table is usually set up near military dining facilities and is in honor of fallen or missing service members. It’s a table set for one person and features a white tablecloth, single rose, a lit candle and more. In some displays, a Bible is also on the table to represent spiritual strength.

Pence, in his speech, said the lawsuit is no surprise because under the last administration, “VA hospitals were removing Bibles” to be “politically correct.”

“But let me be clear: Under this administration, VA hospitals will not be religion-free zones,” he said.

Mikey Weinstein, founder and president of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, in a statement called Pence “one of the most repulsive and repellent fundamentalist Christian supremacists and bullies on the scene today” and added that “it is hardly surprising that he is lending his ugly bigotry and pervasive prejudice in support of keeping that Christian bible bolted down on that POW/MIA table at the Manchester, New Hampshire VA Medical Center.”

The medical center initially removed the Bible in January after the foundation objected, saying it got complaints from 14 patients who felt it violated the First Amendment. A variety of religions were represented among the 14.

But the Bible reappeared on the table in February. It was put in a clear case and secured to the table. A Department of Veterans Affairs spokesman said the Bible was put back after the medical center received an outpouring of complaints from veterans and others.

Christmas Gifts Shop Openings



Adaptive Scuba Programs for Disabled Vets

LifeWaters is a non-profit that improves the lives of disabled Veterans by offering scuba diving and scuba certifications as part of recreational water therapy. A dedicated staff of volunteers, including Spinal Cord Injury therapists, doctors, nurses, Veterans and civilians provide different services depending on needs, desires and skill level. They have amputee scuba diving, disabled Veteran scuba diving and other scuba diving programs available.

Coast Guard helps with rescues in Bahamas as Dorian moves toward US coast

FREEPORT, Bahamas — Bahamians rescued victims of Hurricane Dorian with jet skis and a bulldozer as the U.S. Coast Guard, Britain's Royal Navy and a handful of aid groups tried to get food and medicine to survivors and take the most desperate people to safety.

Airports were flooded and roads impassable after the most powerful storm to hit the Bahamas in recorded history parked over Abaco and Grand Bahama islands, pounding them with winds up to 185 mph and torrential rain before finally moving into open waters Tuesday on a course toward Florida.

People on the U.S. coast made final preparations for a storm with winds at a still-dangerous 105 mph, making it a Category 2 storm.

The U.S. Coast Guard airlifted at least 21 people injured on Abaco. At least seven deaths were reported in the Bahamas, with the full scope of the disaster still unknown.

The storm's punishing winds and muddy brown floodwaters destroyed or severely damaged thousands of homes, crippled hospitals and trapped people in attics.

"It's total devastation. It's decimated. Apocalyptic," said Lia Head-Rigby, who helps run a local hurricane relief group and flew over the Bahamas' hard-hit Abaco Islands. "It's not rebuilding something that was there; we have to start again."

She said her representative on Abaco told her there were "a lot more dead," though she had no numbers as bodies being gathered.

The Bahamas' prime minister also expected more deaths and predicted that rebuilding would require "a massive, coordinated effort."

"We are in the midst of one of the greatest national crises in our coun-

try's history," Prime Minister Hubert Minnis said at a news conference. "No effort or resources will be held back."

Five Coast Guard helicopters ran near-hourly flights to the stricken Abaco, flying more than 20 injured people to the capital's main hospital. British sailors were also rushing in aid. A few private aid groups also tried to reach the battered islands in the northern Bahamas.

"We don't want people thinking we've forgotten them. ... We know what your conditions are," Tammy Mitchell of the Bahamas' National Emergency Management Agency told ZNS Bahamas radio station.

With their heads bowed against heavy wind and rain, rescuers began evacuating people from the storm's aftermath across Grand Bahama island late Tuesday, using jet skis, boats and even a huge bulldozer that cradled children and adults in its digger as it churned through deep waters and carried them to safety.

One rescuer gently scooped up an elderly man in his arms and walked toward a pickup truck waiting to evacuate him and others to higher ground.

Over 2 million people along the coast in Florida, Georgia and North and South Carolina were warned to evacuate. While the threat of a direct hit on Florida had all but evaporated, Dorian was expected to pass dangerously close to Georgia and South Carolina — and perhaps strike North Carolina — on Thursday or Friday. The hurricane's eye passed to the east of Cape Canaveral, Florida, early Wednesday.

Even if landfall does not occur, the system is likely to cause storm surge and severe flooding, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

"Don't tough it out. Get out," said

U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency official Carlos Castillo.

In the Bahamas, Red Cross spokesman Matthew Cochrane said more than 13,000 houses, or about 45% of the homes on Grand Bahama and Abaco, were believed to be severely damaged or destroyed. U.N. officials said more than 60,000 people on the hard-hit islands will need food, and the Red Cross said some 62,000 will need clean drinking water.

"What we are hearing lends credence to the fact that this has been a catastrophic storm and a catastrophic impact," Cochrane said.

Lawson Bates, a staffer for Arkansas-based MedicCorps, flew over Abaco and said: "It looks completely flattened. There's boats way inland that are flipped over. It's total devastation."

The Red Cross authorized \$500,000 for the first wave of disaster relief, Cochrane said. U.N. humanitarian teams stood ready to go into the stricken areas to help assess damage and the country's needs, U.N. spokesman Stéphane Dujarric said. The U.S. government also sent a disaster response team.

Abaco and Grand Bahama islands, with a combined population of about 70,000, are known for their marinas, golf courses and all-inclusive resorts. To the south, the Bahamas' most populous island, New Providence, which includes the capital city of Nassau and has over a quarter-million people, had little damage.

Choppy, coffee-colored floodwaters reached roofs and the tops of palm trees on Abaco.

"We will confirm what the real situation is on the ground," Health Minister Duane Sands said. "We are hoping and praying that the loss of life is limited."

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Coast Guard helps with rescues in Bahamas as Dorian moves toward US coast

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Sands said Dorian rendered the main hospital on Grand Bahama unusable, while the hospital at Marsh Harbor on Abaco was in need of food, water, medicine and surgical supplies. He said crews were trying to fly out five to seven kidney failure patients from Abaco who had not received dialysis since Friday.

The Grand Bahama airport was under 6 feet of water.

Early Wednesday, Dorian was centered about 90 miles east of Daytona Beach, Florida, and it was moving north northwest at 8 mph. Hurricane-force winds extended up to 60 miles from its center, while tropical storm-force winds could be felt up to 175 miles from the core.

The U.S. coast from north of West Palm Beach, Florida, through Georgia was expected to get 3 to 6 inches of rain, with 9 inches in places, while the Carolinas could get 5 to 10 inches and 15 in spots, the National Hurricane Center said.

NASA satellite imagery through Monday night showed some places in the Bahamas had gotten as much as 35 inches of rain, said private meteorologist Ryan Maue.

Parliament member Iram Lewis said he feared waters would keep rising and stranded people would lose contact with officials as their cell-phone batteries died.

Dorian also left one person dead in its wake in Puerto Rico before slamming into the Bahamas on Sunday. It tied the record for the strongest Atlantic storm ever to hit land, matching the Labor Day hurricane that struck Florida's Gulf Coast in 1935, before storms were given names.

Across the Southeast, interstate highways leading away from beaches in



South Carolina and Georgia were turned into one-way evacuation routes. Several airports announced closings, and hundreds of flights were canceled. Walt Disney World in Orlando closed in the afternoon, and SeaWorld shut down.

Police in coastal Savannah, Georgia, announced an overnight curfew. North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper ordered a mandatory evacuation of the dangerously exposed barrier islands along the state's entire coast.

Having seen storms swamp his home on the Georgia coast in 2016 and 2017, Joey Spalding of Tybee Island decided to empty his house and stay at a friend's apartment nearby rather than take any chances with Dorian.

He packed a U-Haul truck with tables, chairs, a chest of drawers, tools — virtually all of his furnishings except for his mattress and a large TV — and planned to park it on higher ground. He also planned to shroud his house in plastic wrap up to shoulder height and pile sandbags in front of the doors.

"In this case, I don't have to come into a house full of junk," he said. "I'm learning a little as I go."

Stripes: By RAMON ESPINOSA, DÁNICA COTO AND MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN | Associated Press |
Published: September 4, 2019

American Legion: Thank you Senator Isakson for Serving Veterans

INDIANAPOLIS (Aug. 28, 2019)—The nation's largest veterans service organization extended its gratitude to Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., who today announced his plans to retire.

"His commitment to his home state of Georgia and to this nation has been exemplary," American Legion National Commander Brett P. Reistad said. "From his military service in the Georgia Air National Guard, to his service in the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate, and in the U.S. House and Senate, he has demonstrated the highest ideals of integrity, service, and excellence. As the chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, he helped usher through significant reforms. He will be very much missed."

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**The OREGON STATE
FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS,
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Invites you to the dedication of OSFGC's
84th Blue Star Memorial Marker

September 14, 2019
Ceremony at 11 am

The Oregon Garden
879 W Main St
Silverton, OR 97381

After the dedication we hope you will join us at the
OSFGC Fall Garden Fair, being held in the J. Frank Schmidt
Jr. Pavilion at The Oregon Garden, September 14 & 15,
10am-5pm.

This marker is placed in memory of Jan Iseli, past
president of OSFGC and Oregon Garden Champion.

We sincerely hope you will be able to celebrate this event
with us as we dedicate this tribute to those who have
served, are serving and will serve, in the Armed Forces of
the United States, for:

**ALL TO SEE
LEST WE FORGET THOSE WHO HELP TO
KEEP US FREE**





Need to Know Dates

Boys State – TBD

Girls State – June 14-20, 2020

State Convention
June 24-28, 2020

Calendar of Events

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

November

09 John Day #77
28 Thanksgiving
28 Dept Closed
30 Portland VA Gift Shop
30 Dept Christmas Party



Deadline

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We hate to have you miss the next Legionnaire Newsletter!

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Please Email to: Office@orlegion.org
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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 ID# former member _____ Email _____ Post # _____ Date _____

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

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| <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 |
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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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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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Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____