

# The Oregon Legionnaire

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Hello Legionnaires, American Legion Family and Veterans advocates,

We are rapidly coming to the end of 2018, and what a great year for the most part with many positive changes in the Department of Oregon operations.

Part of these changes include Department Officers working to support membership and programs with updated training for our District Officers and Post members.

The Department team is also working diligently to fine-tune operations in support of our 2019 American Legion Centennial year, and will include local and National events that are coming our way.

As many know each year we look for students to participate in Boys State, Oratorical, Junior Shooting Teams and our recently new and successful Law Enforcement Career Camp programs to name a few, and it would be a great benefit for those working American Legion Programs to get started early in the year to locate these young adults. So if you know of a family with a student or two that are interested in participating, please direct them to the Department of Oregon for more information.

Many of our local community High Schools support these programs, and with a little help from our Posts we should have a good turnout this year for all of our youth programs. So let's get them on board and look forward to a great and successful Centennial year in 2019.

Membership in the Department of Oregon is an everyday event that needs to be working so we can help those Veterans that are just coming home and really need a Service Officer to help them transition back into their community, or to just let them know that there are other Veterans here to support them in just about every aspect of their lives. It's a great organization and our Veterans need to know we are here for them.

The Department of Oregon has qualified

Service Officers that can be contacted through the Department of Oregon Headquarters in Wilsonville.

Right now we have a chance to make up for lost time... and it starts with "Renewals". If you need help please contact your Post and District Commanders for help locating members in your area.

Legion Past Department Commanders, Mentors, District Commanders, members of the Department of Oregon and American Legion Family... I want to thank you all for your hard work, devotion and volunteering efforts this year that have made the American Legion what it is in the spirit of the men and women that created this amazing organization.

Your unwavering support for our Posts, Veterans and their families during the Holidays each year is heartwarming and incredible, and the Christmas Shops at our VA Hospitals and care centers are outstanding and absolutely appreciated.

Thank you again, and please keep up the great work that you do. May God Bless you and your families this holiday season. And like always...

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"For God and Country"

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
TOM HARRIS



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Merry  
Christmas





DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATE  
PAST COMMANDER  
GENE HELLECKSON

I came across some writings the other day, and I thought I would share them with you. They are:

Quote: "Success depends on unity, organization and ideals. Without this trinity The American Legion never can become a great influence in the councils of the nation."

Response: This quote is referring mainly to the Legion on a National level. But it is just as important all the way down to the Post level. Without unity, organization and ideals, we will be less than successful. If we constantly disagree with each other, the organization will suffer, with that the ideal and pillars of our great organization will suffer.

Quote: "Posts of The American Legion quarreling constantly, departments at loggerheads with other departments, mean disintegration. It is not presumed that all men think alike. The strength of The American Legion depends in a large degree on the union of interest. Anything which tends to destroy that unity strikes at the heart of The American Legion."

Response: Let us put aside our petty disagreements and join in the cause for which we all have devoted so much time and energy.

Quote: "The American Legion must not lose sight of the ideals of which it is the expression. The Legionnaire must not forget that the keynote of this great organization is service, service to country and to comrades. Nowhere are the aims of The American Legion better expressed than in the preamble to the National Constitution of the Legion, first adopted at the Paris caucus."

Response: The number one priority should first and always be service to our fellow veterans. The importance of helping our fellow veterans out-shadows other things we do. Let us all come together to support our Department with our four pillars. Help, educate, mentor and train your fellow legionnaires. Help those upcoming members, so when they are ready to move up in our organization, they are prepared and ready to do the job to the best of their abilities.

Quote: "It is no secret that many small posts and several large ones are finding the second year of The American Legion rather hard sledding. There have been evidences of dry rot, flagging interest, and selfishness. An organization with the future of The American Legion cannot be injured permanently by the laxity of a few posts. But there is not an American Legion member who can afford to allow his interest to lag in this great after war comradeship and those who forget to renew

their dues will regret their carelessness if they are dropped from membership rolls and rein-statement made difficult."

Response: Let us continue to get every member involved in some aspect of your Post. Get some guest speakers to come in. There are many organizations that are more than willing to speak at our meetings. Let's not just have an hour-long business meeting, but an interesting time, so our members, especially our new members stay excited to be a part of the greatest veteran's service organization in the world. Have a family night, invite community officials to your meetings, put on events for the children in your community, and most of all make sure everyone has FUN!

*In case you were wondering, these are excerpts from the Department of Oregon Newsletter of 1920.*



DEPARTMENT 1ST  
VICE - COMMANDER  
STEVE ADAMS

Hello fellow legionnaires, I hope you are having a good lead up to the holidays.

As far as membership goes we are working hard to meet goals. There are several revitalizations planned in December and January. The Auxiliary and legion are working together on these revitalizations so we can help the Post and Unit at the same time. If the Post or Unit would like to have a revitalizations please contact Dept. and set a date and time. The Posts need to look at their emails from Dept. and National as there are some very good incentives for Posts to recruit members from the National Commander.

I would like to thank the District Commanders for their help on membership drives for the last 6 months but we cannot slack off in our attempts to reach our goal of 100% this year.

We have a challenge from Dept. Aux. on membership. At the end of the membership year whoever has the highest percentage of membership will be the winner. The loser either the Dept. Aux President or the Dept. Commander has agreed to eat a Norwegian food delicacy known as lutefisk. And you can believe me when I say neither one of them want to lose and have to eat this fine dish. I can tell from experience that it is not the tastiest item you have ever had in your mouth. We need to rescue our Commander and make sure he does not have to endure this cruelty.

As the way it stands now we are a little behind last year at this time. So we need to continue to retain the members that we have and recruit new members.

*I wish everyone a good Holidays and god bless the United States of America and the American Legion.*



DEPARTMENT 2ND  
VICE - COMMANDER  
DON WEBER

Programs are the reason we all participate in The American Legion. It is invigorating to see the amount of participation and community support of Veterans through the Post support of our programs. Beaverton Post 124 hosted a Veterans Day event, and guests included

Congresswomen Bonamici, military personnel, and local government dignitaries. The comments they all shared were inspiring for the large number of people attending.

The post reports at District meetings show that everyone is participating in special days like Veterans Day. I encourage every post to send a note to Department about their program events. Many of our members don't realize how much the other personnel around the state are working to support Veterans. Your local events could spark an idea in other Posts for additional ways to get involved. In addition to sharing the information makes other Veterans want to belong to an organization as supportive of Veterans as ours.

As you work the programs, make sure you make contact with all of your post members, and ask their support for the events. Extending that request to each member will make them feel needed, and intern become more involved in your post, that will directly support your recruiting plan.

It's time to ramp up planning for some of our most important Children and Youth programs. The Department Oratorical contest will occur March 2nd at the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs office in Salem. Make sure your post is actively looking for contestants. Boys State will be June 16 to June 22 at Western Oregon University, and the Law Enforcement Career Camp will occur in August. Last year we didn't know if we could fill all of the slots until the last moment, when we had a large number of applications and had to decline several because it was too late to secure additional housing.

*Keep up the great work supporting our programs*





DEPT FINANCE OFFICER  
BOB HUFF

We held budget discussions at our Fall Department Executive Committee meeting and Permanent Finance Commission Meeting held in September in Albany. We discussed our membership numbers projected for our 2018-2019 Department Budget and some actions that would be required if we do not achieve our budget numbers for income which supports our mission and our programs. In our 2017-2018 Department Budget we had projected 17,500 members and our actuals were 15,670 traditional members at the end of our 2017-2018 budget year. Traditional members are those Legionnaires that pay their dues to the Department or electronically to our National Organization, and our Paid up for Life members which we receive income from our National Organization

each membership year. In setting our 2018-2019 budget numbers we projected a lower membership number of 16,500 members to base the budget on, being conservative, which the membership number is achievable, which was presented and accepted at our Department Convention in June 2018 at Florence, OR. At the time this article was submitted, reviewing our National Membership Comparison Report Oregon was -417 members behind the same time last year. We are a grass root organization; retention and recruiting new members is a key factor at the Post level. If we have members of our Posts who have not renewed, we need to call them, make sure they are OK, see if there is an issue. Your Post renewals help support your Post and your Post programs and activities. Every District should be holding Revitalizations and part of the Revitalizations is making phone calls, personal visits for retention. If your District Commander has not scheduled a Revitalization supporting your Post, contact them, we

have a team to help. We will revisit our budget again at the Mid-Winter DEC in January in McMinnville. If we, our Posts and Districts work retention, recruiting and Revitalizations we should be back to working to our plan. Thank you for your past support and we need to all work together as a team on retention, recruiting and revitalizations to continue our legacy into the next 100 years.

Yes, it is that time of the year again, for me to remind all our Posts that those with Tax Year January 1 to December 31, 2018 that it is time if they have not, to be putting their paperwork together as a new tax reporting season is about to start. Remember, all Posts must file a 990, 990ez or 990-N electronic e-postcard. There are no exceptions, we are a 501©19 organization. We will be providing training to simplify the process of filling, it is frustrating for some Posts filing their 990-N electronic e-postcard with the many free services that are not free. The IRS site is free and user friendly. We are always here to help and walk you through it.

### The American Legion National Executive Committee

Held on  
October 17-18, 2018

#### Resolution

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Title: The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation  
Origin: Marketing Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion and The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation on March 30, 1925, established The American Legion Endowment Fund; and

WHEREAS, Said fund is deposited in a trust with The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation exists to provide financial support to the Department Service Officer School programs of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission (VA&R) and the Temporary Financial Assistance program of the Children & Youth (C&Y) Committee of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation is connected to The American Legion by its use of the words "The American Legion" in its corporate name and is permitted use of The American Legion Emblem; and

WHEREAS, The corporate charter of The American Legion gives The American Legion the sole and exclusive right to use the name "The American Legion"; and

WHEREAS, The amount of The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation's financial support provided to each program area is only the net investment income derived from the principal of the trust; and

WHEREAS, The revenue for The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation cannot continue to fully support the VA&R Department Service Officer schools and the C&Y Temporary Financial Assistance programs areas without the dual practice of using the trust fund interest and the general fund; and

WHEREAS, Increasing The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation's trust fund principal would in turn increase the amount of income earned to be shared between the VA&R Department Service Officer schools and the C&Y Temporary Financial Assistance program areas that both directly assist veterans and their families by reducing the financial pressure on the general fund; and

WHEREAS, This increased financial support to said programs benefits the entire organization of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, General membership contributions to The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation have provided only small principal trust fund growth; and

#### Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved ☒

Rejected ☐

Referred to: ☐

Other Action ☐

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

*David O. Wambler*

#### Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

*Kenneth D. Danilson*

KENNETH D. DANILSON, Chairman  
Marketing Commission

*Gaither M. Keener*

GAITHER M. KEENER, Chairman  
Finance Commission



NECMAN  
ROB LIEBENOW

At the NEC Fall Meeting, resolution 1 was passed in part to read, that The American Legion calls on the Congress of the United States to declare that the United States has been continuously engaged in a state of war from December 7, 1941 to such date in the future as the United

States government may determine that there has been an end to armed hostilities; and that the United States Congress direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to qualify as "war-time veteran" all military service personnel who served honorably under federal government Title 10 orders for a least one day during said period. Along with resolution 2, which asks for a membership date change, would open eligibility in The American Legion from World War II to a future time designated by Congress. We passed 24 resolutions and tabled 2 others.

Vice Commander Jim Pisa will visit Oregon in January. We are expecting him here on the 4th and departing on the 6th. He will be attending District 3's revitalization in Albany. We will try and get him out to some local Post, please stop by Albany Post #10 and say "Hi".

**National Commander Reistad will visit Oregon during our mid-winter conference.**





DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN  
S. FLYNN PHILLIPS

I have been following the Department Commander around all over the State. District meetings and events in Portland, Canby, Bend, Sutherlin, and Roseburg.

Recently, I thought it would be a great photo op to catch the working party for the VA Christmas gift shop in action. I have to tell you what an eye opener. I didn't know about this event and its 79 years old at the Portland VA Hospital. You will have to read my other article on this subject as it was very heart warming and you need to come and see this in action, better yet get on the working party. See Linda Liebenow, Rob, Don Weber, Larry Wittmayer, or Gea Clausier. This is an annual Legion Auxiliary Project.

I traveled to Roseburg with the Commander for their Gift Shop opener and saw Larry Hill and the Ladies. They have a great set up, fed us a great lunch and they were pleased to see The Commander and 2nd Vice Don Weber who made the trip.

A real treat for me was attending the District 9 meeting in Bend, then afterward we were invited to visit the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient, A WWII Veteran, Robert Maxwell US Army. Meeting Robert was very humbling, at 95 years old he has a great back story. You should look him up on the web. I did a repost of one of his videos about him. The best though, was that he gave each of us that visited him that day one of his MOH challenge coins. I learned that each MOH recipient gets to design the back side of their coin.

During the Summer I dropped in on the Youth Law Enforcement Career Camp. They were having a get together BBQ. Food was great and I could tell the new recruits were having a great time. The graduation address from the State Police Commander was great. If your Post sponsors candidates you owe it to them to show up for graduation, you will be glad you did. This is life changing for these kids.

You should carve out some time and help with another one of our best programs Boys State. It's great for the kids and maybe just the thing you need to get involved. Boys State will be at Western Oregon University in June.



## Tis the Season for Auxiliary Gift Shop Openings

It all started here at the Portland VA. Per, Linda Liebenow, Chairman of the Committee said "Veterans are invited to choose two gifts for their family and one gift for themselves at no cost to the Veteran". The Auxiliary wraps each gift and the Veteran may take the gifts or we will ship them to out of town addresses only at no charge to the Veteran".



This year's Legion Family working party and Committee consisted of (left to right) Gea Clausier ALA Dept. Vice President, NECman Rob Liebenow, ALA Dept Secretary, PDP Linda Liebenow & chairwoman, ALA Dept Historian Phyllis McDaniel, District 8 Commander Larry Wittmayer, Joanne Ostlund of Unit 6

Patti Hopkins, Sandy Garten, Flo Bickford, Colleen Candee all from Post and Unit#150, Marie Larson and Bev Knipi of Post and Unit #1, ALA Dept Parliamentarian Ardis Snyder, Mary Louden AL Department Administrative Assistant, Don Weber AL Dept. 2nd Vice Commander.

Last year the gift shop served over 473 veterans, of those 41 were inpatients. Unit and Post in-kind donations totaled over \$30,198.00. They shipped 18 parcels, shipping charges totaling \$251.62, and their silent auction raised \$300.50. There was 4 Posts and 12 Units that participated last year. They had over 50 volunteers and volunteer hours totaled 601.25 hours. Posts that participated last year were Post1, 6, 56, and 104, Units 6, 110, 1, 150, 56, 104, 158, 122, 77, 74, 68 and 180



Cutting ribbon for opening (left-right) Tom Harris, AL Dept Commander; Marc Chaney, Past Det Commander of the SAL; Angela McKinny, ALA Junior President and Gea Clausier, ALA Dept Vice President

### ROSEBURG GIFT SHOP OPENING



*Thank you to all the  
helpers above for serving  
our Veterans at the  
Roseburg Gift Shop*

Linda Liebenow introduced Gea Clausier, ALA Dept Vice President to give some encouraging words. Tom Harris, Dept Commander was introduced and he talked about the Legion as a Family all working together.



Ave Porter from the Portland VA Volunteer Service office also gave some encouraging remarks.



above (left-right)  
Don Weber, Dept 2nd Vice-Commander  
Larry Hill, Post 16  
Michael A. Johnson VVA Chapter 805  
Tom Harris, Dept Commander



## Auxiliary Working for our Veterans

Past National Commander Charlie Schmidt recalls; Last year that he had noticed a veteran in the hallway looking in and had ask "What was going on?" and Charlie said "It's the Auxiliary Christmas gift shop opening". The veteran said "that's nice, I'd like to get a gift but I don't have any money to buy one".

Charlie then said "Young man this is your lucky day, because the gifts are free."

The veteran said "that's nice" with a deep breath he said, "but I have to mail it and I don't have any money to do that either". PNC Charlie Schmidt then said "With a grin on his face, "Young man this is truly your lucky day. That's free as well"

This is truly the Christmas spirit that The American Legion Auxiliary provides our Veterans that are at the VA Hospital each year.

I reached out to Charlie for conformation of the story and here is his response: Regarding my comments...

"This incident occurred several years back at the PVAMC when the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon opened the gift shop. I always use the incident to emphasis the great work the ALA (Oregon in this instance) does for veterans, especially a time when a veteran is away from his/her family. To me, the gift shop is the Auxiliary's appreciation and thank to veterans for their service to our country. Plus, not forgetting them in the holiday season; a time for giving."

In this particular story, to his disbelief and after convincing him today was his lucky day and that he is at the right place, one of the Auxiliary ladies wheeled the veteran into the gift room to shop. He had a wife, son, and daughter Because of his family was not coming to visit him over the holidays (and the nursing staff said he would not be going home for the holidays) it was suggested mailing the gifts to family. As the veteran sat in front of the wrapping table (still in disbelief that someone would do this for him) the veteran said again "but I don't have any money" and began to cry. I said, "Brother, you don't need any money. The American Legion Auxiliary is here for you and the other veterans today to brighten your Christmas...that's just one of the many things The American Legion Auxiliary does in Oregon for veterans each Christmas." The veteran was most humbled by the Auxiliary's kindness and generosity.

## The Dalles Veterans Home Gift Shop Opening



above (left-right)

Jade Lange, Recreation Director  
PDP Gen Horne ALA Chairman

left (left-right)

Ron Mitchell, SAL Detch Commander  
PDP Krisann Owens, ALA Dept President  
PDP Gen Horne and Chairman  
Tom Harris, TAL Dept Commander

District 1 – It is a very active time of year within our posts as well as our personal lives with all the special holiday and spiritual activities we hold near and dear to us. With the advent of a new year we embrace a fresh start and an opportunity to begin anew! And while Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, both very special occasions to all of us, fade quickly behind on the calendar, each really does stay close within our hearts.

Across the district, Posts have been very active in Americanism-related endeavors and post activities supporting veterans, their families and our communities. Activities range from holding dinners and social events that support the strengthening of posts and families alike; food drives for families in need; a multi-post outreach table at the Oregon Air Show; toy drives that support the V.A. Christmas Store as well as families in the local communities; to the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, which has now left Oregon along with well over 600 ornaments made by post and community members from the district; and, to placing wreaths on the graves of our veterans so we remember and never forget. You make a difference in lives each day, so keep up the fabulous work!

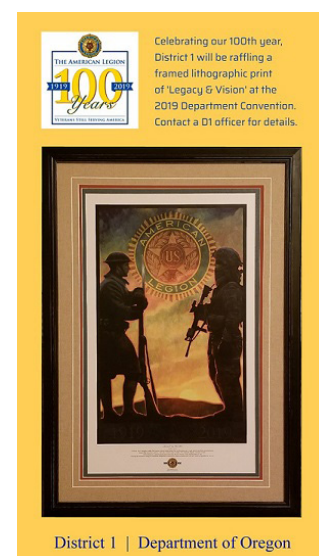
Post visits are underway with more to be scheduled, and I appreciate the warm welcome I have received and the opportunity to learn more of each of our posts. We are an extremely diverse group of Posts, and diversity makes us stronger. Revitalization is an important endeavor, not just at the district-level, but at the Post-level. We know every veteran matters! Please take time to organize and develop a simple plan to secure those expired memberships from 2017 and 2018, then implement it. It's not very hard to do!

As for the district, I anticipate a revitalization endeavor in late January as was done last year. Your help is needed, so please plan to participate!

In celebrating our 100th anniversary and aid in supporting our district programs, we are fortunate to have secured a triple-matted, framed lithographic print of 'Legacy & Vision'! The lithograph is of original art painted by acclaimed artist Mark Hall, which was commissioned by The American Legion. Look for your opportunity



DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER  
CORY BROCKMANN



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to purchase raffle tickets after the first of the year. Your participation will make it more enjoyable and it will help make a difference for our programs.

Lastly, each one of you makes a difference to your post and community.

My sincerest gratitude for your efforts in continuing our legacy into the next century. You are, and remain, a positive reflection of what veterans – Legionnaires – do to make a difference.

***That is all, carry on!***



DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER  
RENEE OHLER

What a wonderful second quarter for the American Legion and Legion Families. I have had the opportunity to visit 13 of our 17 posts and am very impressed by the buzz of activities the posts provide to their communities, legionnaires, and state. Far too many to list for this publication but will include in my book of reports this winter. Honor Guards, Color Guards, and post members have been present at 9-11 Remembrance events, Marched in Veterans Day parades, and provided Flag Presentation Ceremonies. Being visible in our communities keeps us strong and our legacy alive. We are reminded of how important "For God and Country" really is and that we The American Legion are responsible to carry that legacy forward from 1919 and into the future and beyond.

We are now gearing up for Boys State, Girls State, Law Enforcement Career Camp, Oratorical, Junior Shooting, and legion Baseball. Bringing our youth forward in leadership roles is such a vital part of our heritage and is essential for the preservation of the American Legion. With that said, we need to ensure we are getting the word out to our local schools, home school programs, and churches. Information on all of the programs can be obtained from [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and local application forms can be found at

[www.orlegion.org](http://www.orlegion.org)

On line membership renewals are the way of the future and ensure our numbers are growing daily. This is the most effective way to process membership and keeps our posts strong in number. When a post pushes hard with membership effort they can evaluate their volunteer base and draw from that. A call from the post lets members know how important their membership is and feel better when they hear how much your post is doing and what their membership dues are used for. Our next membership goal is 75% by December 12, Pearl Harbor Day, then 80% January 17th and 85% February 13th Presidents Day. As our National Commander Brett Reistad said, "in order to succeed, we must believe that we can. I not only believe that we can, I know we can. You my fellow Legionnaires, are Team 100 and each of us are stake holders in this great organization." I believe that any post that is willing to work hard can be at 100% membership by December 31st.

All Posts need to start gathering their award and trophy articles, pictures, and volunteer hours so you are prepared for submission before May 15th. With all the activities you guys are doing we should have a large showing of awards during our Convention in June. It is never too early to start the process. Have a wonderful Holiday Season and please be safe.

So proud of all of you for what you do for The American Legion Families.

**God Bless**



DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER  
GREG MARVIN

At the Fall District meeting October 6, 2018 held at Stevens-Chute (Bend) Post #4, a resolution was read by Post 4 Commander Keegan Hodges that would add archery to the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Youth Program. The Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition. Shooters use the .177 caliber air rifle. Both males and females can participate through Legion sponsorship; disabled youth are encouraged to join as competitive shooting is a sport that creates an equal playing field for all competitors. Archery is a sport that would work well in promoting the same principles using a bow and arrows in a target shooting environment and is rapidly becoming a popular sport. Commander Hodges has been coaching and is instructing a youth

program in the Bend area for some time and believes that archery would fit in very well with the Junior Shooting Sports program and would add another element to the current program that would add another group to the program. Commander Hodges' two sons put on a demonstration showing the equipment and types of targets used in the sport that can be done on an indoor range as well as outdoors. His daughter also participates in the sport. The resolution adding archery was originated and passed by Post 4 and forwarded to District 5 where it was passed unanimously and will be forwarded on to the Department level for consideration at the Winter DEC meeting to be held January 19 and 20th.

Another resolution written by Post 4 member and Bend Heroes Chairman Dick Tobiason and to be presented to Stevens-Chute (Bend) Post #4 for consideration was discussed by at the District meeting by Tobiason. The resolution will be titled "Renaming Five Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Facilities in Oregon for Six Oregon Medal of



DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER  
JUDITH JOHNSTON

The District 7 hopes everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Remember those who need our help at the VA Hospital and all their families. I have visited all the Post in my District 7 and most would like to have a membership revitalization to assist with getting new active members. I will set up a membership revitalization in mid-January. I will call all the Posts with the date and time. I saw a lot of District members at the Veterans Day Parade in Portland. Please contact the Oregon National Guard Units that are being deployed to Afghanistan soon to see how we can assist the families left here and let them that we are here to support them.

The District Oratorical Contest is at the District meeting January 26th at F & J Ravin at 2 pm. Post 134 is located at 2104 NE 21st Alberta Street, Portland.

***Have a very Merry Christmas and abundant Happy New Year***

Honor Recipients". The resolution will encourage The American Legion, Department of Oregon to endorse the renaming of the following VA facilities as:

Portland VA Medical Center: Elmer E. Fryar and Stuart S. Stryker

Bend Community Based Outpatient Clinic: Robert D. Maxwell

Eugene Health Care Center: Maximo Ya-bes

La Grande Community Based Outpatient Clinic: John Noble Holcomb

Salem Community Based Outpatient Clinic: Henry Schauer

And The American Legion, Department of Oregon submit letters of support for renaming of the 5 VA medical facilities to the appropriate members of the Oregon Delegation in Washington D.C.

A discussion of this resolution by the members present approved of this resolution and would vote to forward it on to Department when brought before the District for approval.



Kegan Hodges and Son showing Archery





DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER  
LARRY WITTMAYER

The District meetings have been held on a regular basis. Our meetings were held in July, August and September. The next District Meeting will be held at Post 1 on November 20th at 7PM. All members of the Legion in District 8 are invited.

At this writing we are sure that most Post are making plans for celebrating Veterans Day.

We conducted a District Training Event similar to Legion College on November 17th at Department Headquarters.

Subjects of interest to all members of the legion was presented.

The District is planning a district wide fund raiser in the form of a casino trip to Lincoln City. Fun will be had by all with raffles galore.

This event will be held on March 9th, so plan to attend and support our district.

The District Christmas Party will be held at Oregon Trail Post 150 on December 18th. Please bring a \$10.00 unwrapped gift. More info later.

Oratorical is just around the bend and we need to be finding candidates soon. The Area 1 Oratorical will be held at Oregon Trail Post 150 on January 15.

*Have a safe Halloween and Holiday Season*

# Happy New Year



DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER  
DANIEL BURKS

Greetings again District 10,

What a showing we have had so far this year and I am proud to serve you all as the District Commander.

I am extremely pleased that following harvest seasons, District 10 has emerged and has been active in all manners in their respective communities.

Down in Burns Post 63 Legion members participated in the County Fair, Rodeo and Race meet. This included a parade in which Post 63 not only participated but rather led the parade with their Honor Guard assisted by the Boy Scouts and showing off their "4 Pillars" float garnished with a banner on side reading "AMERICAN LEGION 100th YEAR CELEBRATION." 1st Vice held up tradition by sizzling up 3720 burgers, donating over 200 hours of his own time. Post 63 also assisted a Post member by building the member a



DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER  
STEVE BERGADINE

Fellow Legionnaires, It is a new year for the American Legion. As Legionnaires, we need to start the new year on a good note, especially with membership. Without a strong membership we can't survive. We need to keep all members of the American Legion informed of what we have accomplished and what we will accomplish in the years to come. We need to recruit new members into our fold and get them active and ready to take on new responsibilities within the American Legion Family.

The American Legion Family is the cornerstone of this thriving Veterans Organization. The American Legion will reach it's 100th year of serving our American Veterans and America's Front Line Patriots. These men and women Veterans have served this country honorably and without regards to their own lives. The Oath they took to serve this country is unbreakable.

When we celebrate 100 years of American Legion beliefs, we do so with the intent to carry on for another 100 years and beyond. My personal Motto is; "ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL".

The sacrifice these men and women have made is the Heart of the American Legion.

much needed ramp at his home since he can no long navigate the stairs.

Acts such as these uphold 1 of our most sacred traditions as Veterans, we take care of each other. Fantastic job well done guys.

John Day has received some new blood, and I got to witness a new 1st Vice and Sgt at Arms as their duties were explained, have high hopes for the both of them and I believe we will see great things come from them both.

Ontario Post 67 has been very active in our schools teaching Flag Etiquette, holding their annual Trunk or Treat at the Veterans hall and preparing for the Veterans Day Parade.

It's exciting to see my peers getting out and being active in the community.

I would like to make mention what this years motto is.... Mentorship!

We must meet our membership goals, but it is just as important to mentor the new members to not only give them a sense of belonging, but also to give them a desire to help out, step up and continue the legacy of this great organization.

## Milwaukie Post 180 Sending Tips your Way

Like it or not, we live in a multi-media world.

Is your Post using the benefits of the internet? If not, you're missing out on an opportunity to attract new members and gain public support for your Post.

Today's active duty and recently released from active duty personnel are very familiar with and actively use the internet. The internet and multi-media resources are major means of communication for them. That being said, every Post, with or without a physical facility, needs to participate in the multi-media environment.

Your Post can start with a web site (example: [alpost180.org](http://alpost180.org)) or Facebook Page (example: [ALPost180MilwaukieOR](https://www.facebook.com/ALPost180MilwaukieOR)). Get set up with an account on Google.com (the Milwaukie Post was viewed almost 4,000 times in 30 days on a free Google page) and look at sites like Nextdoor.com for free advertising of your events and fundraisers.

Yes, it does take some time and effort to maintain the information on these sites; but to be successful you need to make the effort. Perhaps we need a break-out session at our next Department Convention to provide information on how to best use multi-media to benefit our Posts?

*Michael Wilson Commander Milwaukie Post 180*

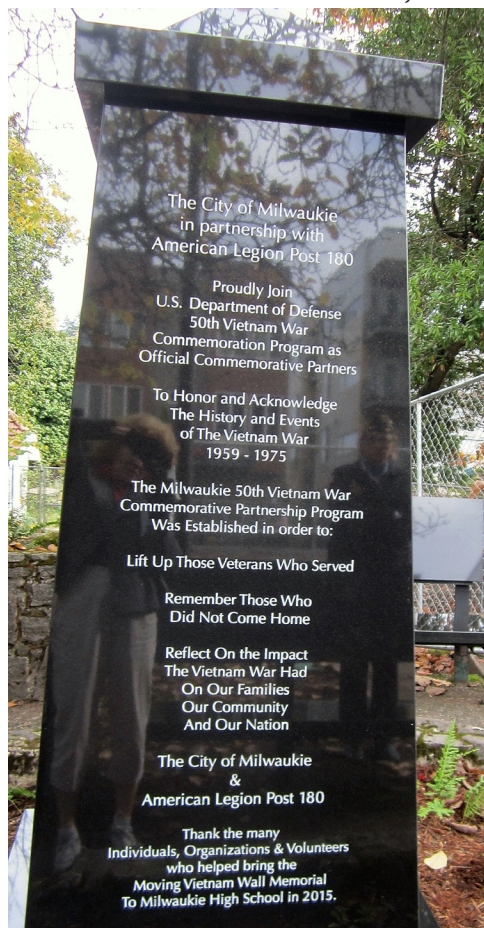




# Milwaukie Post 180 Add Names to Memorial

On Saturday November 10th, Milwaukie Post 180 in conjunction with the City of Milwaukie held Ceremonies adding three additional names to the Vietnam Memorial located in Scott Park, Milwaukie OR. This memorial, erected by Post 180 and the City of Milwaukie in 2017, recognizes Clackamas County residents who died in the Vietnam War. Two of the three families of the new additions were in attendance.

*By Michael Wilson Commander of Milwaukie Post 180*



## Veterans Day Salute



Milwaukie Post 180 conducted programs at assisted living facilities that recognized veterans and their families over the Veterans Day weekend. The Post 180 Honor Guard put on a short information program to the assisted living residents on the history and meaning of Veterans Day and recognized veterans that were residents of the facilities. The program was closed with Taps being played in recognition of those veterans that were no longer with us.

The Milwaukie Post has been conducting these programs with local assisted living facilities for several years. This outreach program has been well received and although it takes time and resources, it is requested each year. If your Post is not engaged in this type of outreach, you should consider it. Please contact Michael Wilson at Post 180 (503-659-1300) if you would like additional information or copies of material that can be used to support this program. *By Michael Wilson Milwaukie Post 180 Commander*





# The Armed Forces and First Responders Memorial Dedication Ceremony

## Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in McMinnville



The American Legion Post 21 Honor Guard Angel Mendoza steps up to give moral support to the City of Carlton Chief of Police Kevin J. Martinez as he gives an emotional speech at the Armed Forces and First Responders memorial dedication ceremony

The Macy family of Macy & Son Funeral Directors donated the Memorials.

Their proud commitment to the Community and surrounding area dates back to 1903, when the late W.T. Macy and his brother, Walter, purchased a furniture and undertaking parlor from H.C. Burns.

The goal of the Macy brothers was to provide the citizens of Yamhill County funeral services of the highest standards at a fair price. With this in mind, the Macy firm was born.



In addition to Post 21 1st Vice Commander Larry Brown, The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 21 President Debra Godwin also gives a presentation.



Steve Shollenburg,  
Department Chaplain  
gives the benediction.



Stan DeStowlinski  
President of the  
McMinnville Chapter  
of the Band of Brothers  
gave a very informative  
presentation on the  
Military history of the Area.



Thomas Clayton  
Chaplain  
The American Legion  
Post 21  
gave the invocation.



# Vietnam Memorial Dedication in Boring



(left-right) Past Commander Navy Post 101 Ron Darkes, Past Commander Post 74 Douglas Jameison, Legion Riders President Dennis Darhens Charter 74 and Ken Crawford of Milwaukie Post 180 Stand in front of the newly dedication Vietnam Memorial in Boring OR



Past Commander Douglas Jamieson of Post 74 shakes the hand of Marine Sgt. Ron Ruedi and thanks him for his service. He sang "Some Gave All".

Just in time for Veterans Day, a debt of gratitude goes out to Boring's Committee on Memorials and Remembrance, Friends of Boring Station Trailhead Park and the Boring, Oregon Foundation and Steve Bates who is the chair of the committee and a Boring resident.

It takes a lot of hard work and perseverance to see project like this get completed. The committee commented in their presentation that in researching those lost in serving in Vietnam from Clackamas County, the Vietnam War, 42 soldiers who died while four were from Boring, and two of them were

brothers. This makes this Memorial extra special.

Steve Carr, President of VFW Chapter 392 gave a Vietnam War 50th Anniversary presentation.

Senator Alan Olsen, Oregon State Senate District 20, and Oregon House District 39 Representative: Bill Kennemer and Committee Chair Steve Bates all gave presentations. Clackamas County Commissioners: Ken Humberston and Paul Savas read the names of the fallen Clackamas County Warriors killed in action in the Vietnam War.

## 9-11 Memorial Service Gresham Post 30

The American Legion Gresham Post 30 held a 9-11 Memorial Service at their new temporary home and meeting place, The Schmizza Public House.

Under the leadership of Commander George Sims the Post was able to get the service organized on short notice.

Gresham Post 30 had been in decline for the last several years. District 7 Commander Judith Johnston is helping with the revitalization and was able to get a new core group together to get the Post going again

The Guest Speaker; Warner E. Allen, a graduate of Willamette University Law School class of 1969, was a US Marine Corps JAG Officer for four years, then returned to private practice in 1974 and joined the law firm of Warren Allen LLP in 1980. He is a retired Colonel in the United States Marine Corps.



City and County dignitaries in attendance were; Gresham City Mayor; Shane Bemis, Multnomah County Commissioner; Lori Stegmann, Metro Councilor; Shirley Craddick, Gresham City Councilors; Kirk French, Janine Gladfelter, and Candidate for State Representative, Justin Hwang. Many stood up and gave some encouraging remarks for the Post and looked forward to helping the Post expedite hurdles in finding a new permanent building.



The Color Guard was provided by the Lewis & Clark Young Marines of Vancouver Washington, Sgt Chantelle Chapa, Cpl Aleena Chapa, LCpl Aidan Imel, and LCpl Victor Wright, and Staff Mrs. Kristine Lewis, Miss Holly Lewis, Mr. Chris Wright, and Mr. Mike Imel



George Sims, Colonel Warner E. Allen, USMC Ret



# Americanism Commission

There is no quiet time of year when it comes to Americanism activities. Nor should there be! Our patriotic endeavors and pursuits – whether we are teaching our youth the history of our nation's colors; demonstrating good citizenship by exercising your right to vote; practicing flag etiquette in displaying your flag at home; encouraging tolerance toward individual religious freedoms; or, advocating family values that strengthen your family, neighborhood and community – no matter how small the activity may seem, each are a foundational means to strengthen America. The same America that so many veterans have fought, sacrificed, and even died in protecting. I encourage you to find ways in which you can make a difference in the lives of others.

As we take pause this centennial year to reflect on the course The American Legion has journeyed over the past 100 years, not just in helping to maintain our freedoms and liberties, but also in strengthening our country through strong grassroots support of key legislation, such as the G.I. bill and in advancing health care for veterans, consider also the following brief history of the National Americanism Commission. Taken from the Americanism Manual, the five basic constructs listed are as important today – if not more so – as they were when created in 1919.

The National Americanism Commission of The American Legion was created by The American Legion's National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1919. Accounts of that meeting reported the following action: "We recommend the establishment of a National Americanism Commission of The American Legion, whose duty shall be the endeavor to realize in the United States the basic ideal of this Legion of 100 percent Americanism through the planning, establishment and conduct of a continuous, constructive educational system designed to:

- "(1) Combat all anti-American tendencies, activities and propaganda;
- "(2) Work for the education of immigrants, prospective American citizens and alien residents in the principles of Americanism;
- "(3) Inculcate the ideal of Americanism in the citizen population, particularly the basic American principle that the interests of all the people are above those of any special interest or any so-called class or section of the people;
- "(4) Spread throughout the people of the nation the information as to the real nature and principles of American government;
- "(5) Foster the teachings of Americanism in

all schools."

For more information on Americanism and how to promote it at your post or in your community, please reference the **Americanism Manual** at: [https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/americanismmanual\\_06.pdf](https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/americanismmanual_06.pdf)

## Fundraiser

**JOIN US** in celebrating our **100th anniversary** and help support our Americanism programs!

Purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautiful 36" x 60" antique charred, high gloss, U.S. flag made of American Spruce from The Rustic Flag Company, a veteran-owned and operated company.

Raffle tickets will be available after the first of the year and may be purchased by contacting any of the Americanism commission committee chairmen. Point of contact:

**Cory Brockmann, chairman**

Email: [cory.brockmann@comcast.net](mailto:cory.brockmann@comcast.net)

More information will be shared when available.

The Rustic Flag Company was founded by Justin Scott, an Army combat veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF III). The very first flag was created in his garage while attempting to replicate a wooden version of his DCU Combat patch, a stained design with the touch of hand chiseled stars. Since that time the company has become the nation's largest consumer of 1X American Spruce and has sold over 65,000 flags, all handcrafted in America. And, the company has grown to employ 45 individuals who are Veterans or the family of Veterans.

Your purchase of raffle tickets will provide additional support in the delivery of our Americanism Programs – Children & Youth, Boys State, Legion Baseball, Oratorical, Junior Shooting Sports, Boy Scouts/Scouting, and Law Enforcement Career Camp!

Hey folks,

I hope you've all enjoyed Veterans Day activities with your comrades and/or families. I thank you for taking time last week to participate in our Americanism teleconference and I will have minutes out to you in the very near future. Please do not forget to get your committee articles in to the department adjutant for the next edition of the Legionnaire; articles are due 20-Nov, and sooner if you can.

For now, I share with you information from the national Americanism Council. Access the current Americanism resolutions and report at the links below. Also attached you will find contact information for Americanism Division staff at national headquarters. I encourage you to share this information with your fellow committee members.

You will find that a summary of current **Americanism Resolutions** are available online at [https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/2018\\_americanism\\_summary.pdf?v=fall](https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/2018_americanism_summary.pdf?v=fall).

A copy of the 2018 **Americanism Commission Report** is available at [https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/2018\\_americanism\\_commission.pdf](https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/2018_americanism_commission.pdf).

Thank you for all you do to support our department and the patriotic endeavors which support our communities and youth.

below (left-right)

Dept Adjutant Lou Neubecker

Dept 2nd Vice-Commander Don Weber

District 1 Comdr & Americanism Chairman

Cory Brockmann

Dept Commander Tom Harris



**CORY BROCKMANN**  
AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN





# Remembering Our Veterans



Canby Post 122, Post Commander Stephen Renhard presents a Letter of Appreciation, Plaque and Cake for Betty J. Ramey for over sixty years of faithful service to The American Legion and Auxiliary.

This meeting and gathering was a district meeting and the award was supposed to be a surprise for her. Unfortunately Betty became very ill during the day and just couldn't make it. This event being so special, Department Commander Tom Harris attended as well, especially in light that they are both Marines. Hoorahh!

This Lady Marine has served The American Legion and Auxiliary for over 60 years.

In her own words... "There had been a member of the Maes (my maiden name) family in every war since the Revolutionary War as far as we knew.

There wasn't any male members of the family to carry on this tradition. When our nation became involved in World War II, I opted to carry on the tradition.

A schoolmate of mine had an uncle in the Marine Corps to whom she was very devoted and she convinced me to join the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

Women who joined the Reserve were restricted to stateside duty to free a man for the battlefields.

So, on December 20th 1943, I enlisted and was sworn into the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve. I was called up for active duty on February 18th, 1944 and went to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for my boot training. Upon my completion of my 6 weeks of boot training, I was sent to Camp Elliot, California which was about 13 miles north of San Diego.

No permanent assignments were made at Camp Elliot as the Marine Corps was dismantling their property so the Navy could take over. After three months, I was transferred to Camp Joseph H. Pendleton at Oceanside, California and was assigned to Quartermaster duties - first at headquarters then in a supply bay. I was Honorable discharged from the Corps on January, 12th 1946.

The Canby American Legion Auxiliary was chartered on March 18th, 1943 and when I was home on leave in 1944 I joined the Canby Unit. I am a 75 year member of the Unit. After discharge from the Service, mutual friends introduced me to my husband on April 1st 1946. We got married on May 8th, 1946.

In those days the Unit elected new officers in June.



When we got back from our honeymoon, my husband and I went to our Post

and Unit meetings. Someone nominated Mrs. Wallace Ramey as the President of the Unit and by the time I realized that was me, I had been elected President.

I served the Unit three different times as President and was secretary for five years. In addition, I was District 2 President in the 50's and had 24 Units in the District.

I also served on the Department Finance Committee for three years and was chairman of the committee my third year.

I served as the Auxiliary Department Historian the year Maxine Bigelow was Department President.

I have continued to serve my Unit as the Constitution and By-Laws Chairman.

After I was discharged from the service and was back home, I joined the Canby American Legion Post and was a member for about five years. I dropped my membership for several

years as we couldn't afford my dues (raising 3 children is expensive).

I rejoined the Post and have been a member for over 50 years.

I was elected Post Adjutant for the 1980-81 year and held that position until 1997-98 when someone twisted my arm and I was Post Commander for two years.

Actually, I was still doing most of the adjutants work as the Post member who was the Adjutant just took minutes of the Post and E. Board meetings.

I was Post Adjutant through May 2003. In addition to my positions in our local Post;

I also was District Adjutant/Finance Officer through June 2016. I am currently serving as District 2 Judge Advocate.

On the Department level, when Harry Klug was Department Commander, he appointed me as chairman of the then Department Constitution, By-Laws and Internal Affairs Commission.

I don't recall how many years, but a long time. At the same time, I was also Vice Chairman of the Department Oratorical Commission all the years Patsy Nestor was Chairmen except for her first year in that position.

I was honored to be named Department Adjutant of the Year 1988, 1996 and 2002.

Now that's Service my Friend.....

Semper Fidelis



(Top left) Her son Richard Ramey, Dept Internal Affairs Chair Accepts the award for his mother from (Top right) Canby Post 122 Commander Stephen Renhard



(left)

Special attendees for the Surprise  
(left - right)

Renee Ohler District 2 Commander  
Tom Harris Department Commander  
S. Flynn Phillips Department Historian



# Remembering Our Veterans

## 11 Honored as 2018 Distinguished Veterans



**2018 Distinguished Veterans, top row (left - right):**

**Steve Adams, Stephen Dahrens, Randy Eshleman, Carl Frank and Kenneth Hern**

**Bottom row (left - right):**

**Kathryn "Kat" Sanderson-Cox, Fred Schafer, Gordon Stephens, Wesley Whiting and Jim Willis.**

Eleven Distinguished Veterans were honored Friday evening during the annual Veterans of the Year Banquet held at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center.

Steve Adams

U.S. Navy: 1961-1967

Nominated by Dennis McNaught

Steve Adams of Albany is dedicated to the advancement of American Legion Post 10 and he supports all veterans. Adams has advanced within the leadership roles of American Legion Post 10 and Color Guard and is credited with creating a family atmosphere at the post.

In 2015 he organized the Sept. 11 Memorial Ceremony, now held annually on the steps of the Linn County Court House. Adams revised and organized the Pearl Harbor ceremony each Dec. 7 for survivors and community members. Adams was also instrumental in starting the Veterans Grave recognition program. Albany is also on the map as a Flag City USA due to Adams' hard work and dedication. "Steve has provided needed support, not only on military remembrance days, but every day of the year for all veterans and their families," McNaught said.

Michael D. Cantrell

U.S. Marine Corps: 1969

(then transferred to Marine Corps Reserve)

Nominated by Junction City Grange.

Michael Cantrell of Junction City has been

actively involved with community veterans' needs since the early 1970s, when he first stood up for veterans affected by Agent Orange and those with post-traumatic stress disorder. He is active with the Big Brother program, toy runs for underprivileged children, gathered items to send to overseas troops during Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan. He continues to assist with veteran stand down events in the local area and Thanksgiving dinners for veterans in need.

Stephen F. Dahrens

U.S. Navy: 1961-1966

Nominated by Larry Williams, Commander, American Legion Santiam Post 51

Stephen Dahrens of Lebanon is the Post 51 chaplain. He joined the post in 2013 and stepped up immediately. Dahrens was instrumental in setting up a common area for religious services inside the Edward C. Allworth Veterans Home. He now holds weekly services and makes the rounds to visit veterans, their families and staff to assist with their needs.

He presides over the many solemn "walk-outs" as the veterans leave for their final resting place and often sits with veterans during their final hours so they never are left alone. "Steve's reach extends far beyond our post and his presence is felt well into the Lebanon community," Williams said.

Randy Eshleman

U.S. Air Force: 1973 -1979

Nominated by Lily Thompson of the Lorane Grange No. 54

Randy Eshleman of Lorane has been an active member of the Lorane Grange for about 30 years. He has spearheaded community projects and promoted the Grange as a whole. He has received the Outstanding Community Service Award several times. Eshleman has worked to successfully mentor a number of troubled young people in the community and works wherever he can to help others in a quiet, kind and gentle manner. Along with fellow veterans, he started a flag ceremony at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Lorane. "Our community is a better place for individuals like Randy who give back unconditionally," said Lily Thompson.

Carl Frank

U.S. Navy: 1952-1975

Nominated by David Stahl of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 585

Carl Frank of Halsey enlisted in the Navy in 1952, entered flight training in 1956 and received his wings and commission in 1957. He served in eight squadrons and commands, flying fixed wings and helicopters. He retired in 1975 as an O-4, lieutenant commander.

Frank moved to Oregon in 1977. In 1981 he helped organize the Rice Hill Volunteer Fire Department and served as chief until 1989. He chairs the Halsey City Planning Commission and helped plan and build a Veteran's Memorial Park and monument. He has risen through the ranks within the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 585 and is a member of the American Legion Post 184 in Brownsville.

He steps up for all chapter events and volunteer efforts, such as the Strawberry Festival and the Hero's Half-Marathon, builds wheelchair ramps for disabled veterans and assists with fishing trips for veterans. Frank has donated blood six times this year, and over the years has given 105 pints. "Carl is always there when needed, always willing to help," Stahl said.

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Kenneth Hern

U.S. Army: 1979-72

Nominated by Lonna Bennett,

Lowell Grange No. 745

Kenneth Hern of Lowell enlisted in the Army and attended boot camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. He transferred to Fort Hood, Texas as a crew chief on the Huey helicopters. He deployed to Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. After his discharge from service, Hern settled in Lowell.

He was a member of the Budget Committee and Parks and Planning committees. Small town volunteers aren't paid, yet Hern purchased the dirt and grass seed and spread it himself in Rolling Park. It was Hern who cut the grass in the parks, the cemetery and at the Grange. He built the restrooms in both city parks as well. "Ken takes the initiative to do whatever is needed," Bennett said. "Where others may think a task is impossible, Ken finds a way to get it done. Whether it's building wheelchair ramp access in our community or restoring a 103-year-old building, Ken is usually spearheading the action."

Katherine (Kat) Sanderson-Cox

U.S. Air Force

Nominated by David Solomon,

American Legion Post 10, Albany

With Katherine's Sanderson-Cox's willingness to volunteer, and with her guidance, the Albany post continues to grow each year with unique events for the community. In August 2017, she initiated an event in Albany to help celebrate the solar eclipse, using the Albany Municipal Airport and gathering all hands to assist. Folks from as far away as the United Kingdom and Australia descended on Albany for the event.

Currently she holds the position of finance officer, spearheading events all while keeping a check on the bottom line, such as Halloween and Christmas children's events, family-oriented gatherings and Toys for Tots. She also attends to the fallen with the American Legion Riders' numerous flag lines. She also is a member of the Native American Color Guard and participates in many Native American ceremonies.

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family and community — into a century of living.

Born and reared on an Idaho farm, the 100-year-old Barnes grew up to serve in the National Guard, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force Reserve. For his service, he's been named the Veteran of the Year and was honored Friday evening during a banquet at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center, along with this year's Distinguished Veterans.

Barnes is also the grand marshal of today's Albany Veteran's Day Parade, "A Century of Valor – WWI to Present Day," which begins at 11 a.m. More than 200 floats and 400 motorcycles are expected, rain or shine.

"More than 40,000 cheering spectators come together each year, rain or shine to simply offer their appreciation to the men and women who have served our country," said Patty Louisiana of the Veterans Commemoration Association. "This is a profound tradition begun so long ago, to bring our veterans together and honor them in the largest way possible with standing ovations as they pass by." Barnes grew up on a small farm near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he helped his father milk cows by hand and work fields with horses.

He joined the Idaho National Guard when he was 17 years old, "because it was the only way I could earn money. The Depression was on and there just weren't any jobs. It was hard to just pay property taxes." Barnes' family was fortunate that in addition to their 80 acres, his grandfather had a nearby farm with several acres of fir and white pine trees.

"We bought a small truck and we logged with our horses," he said. "We developed a wood yard. I weighed about 115 pounds and could lift a 100-pound sack of feed over my head back then." Barnes said he hauled three cords of wood at a time and the price was \$5 per cord, cut and delivered.

Barnes attributes his long life and good health to hard work. By the time he was 20, he was working in lead and zinc mines in the far northeast corner of Washington state, but he developed bronchitis working under-

## Centenarian Bud Barnes is Veteran of the Year

LEBANON Waife Emmett "Bud" Barnes has jammed a lot of life — unselfish service to his country,

ground and took a job as a laborer in Alaska. He worked for the Naval ship yards for three years on Kodiak, Island, before returning home when his father fell ill.

In November 1942, Barnes — who was nicknamed Waife, because when he was born, a midwife saw his shock of hair sticking up and said he resembled a waif — drove to Spokane, Washington, and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. "They sent me to Fort Riley for basics and then to Aberdeen, Maryland, to learn how to handle ammunition," he said. "I had a lot of experience with explosives from the mines." Six months later, he was transferred to Santa Anita, California, along with two other men, to train an ammunition company.

"Those guys didn't have any training," Barnes said. "Our job was to square them up. Then, they shipped us to Orange, New York, where we got them into shape. We did 10-mile hikes with 60-pound packs. It was 90 degrees and 90 percentage humidity. It was miserable."

Thirty days later, his unit boarded the Queen Elizabeth along with 15,000 other soldiers and headed to Scotland and then Marlborough, England.

"We received and dispersed ammo," Barnes said. "When we arrived, there was a lot of ammunition left over from World War I. Some of it was in bad shape. The nitro was leaking out of the caps." His unit cleaned up what ammo it could and then destroyed the rest. Many of the soldiers who handled the ammunition were African-Americans, although later, German POWs were assigned to the job.

"They were all officers. The lowest rank was a lieutenant and most had been conscripted by the German government into the war," Barnes said. "We became well-acquainted and got along fine. They got three meals a day and were treated well. They didn't want to be on the front lines any more than anyone else."

Barnes said the work could be dangerous, but only two men were injured during his three years at the depot. Both were Americans. "We never lost a man," he said. Barnes was discharged in December 1945 and returned to the family farm. "I built border fence and cross-fence on the 80 acres," he said. "We also bought 1,500 chickens and had a good thing going until all of the neighboring farmers bought chickens too."

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It was during a visit to his sister in Lewiston, Idaho, that Barnes met the love of his life, a young registered nurse name Mary Denice Howard. "She had beautiful red hair and was the prettiest girl I had ever seen," he said. They married on June 7, 1947. His father died a month later.

The couple moved to Lewiston and lived in a tent in his sister and brother-in-law's backyard before moving to Kennewick, Washington, where he worked for the Hanford project. They lived in the Tri-Cities for about seven years, until Mary Denice developed asthma. Another sister was going to college in Corvallis and invited them to the mid-valley.

"We looked all over and Oregon was booming at the time," Barnes said. "We really liked Lebanon. I turned down jobs in every other town and got a job at Champion here in town." He made particleboard for 27 years. "I think Lebanon is the nicest place ever. It has been a lovely place to live," Barnes said. "We bought this house in July 1956."

Barnes never got too far away from military service. After more than two decades in the Air Force Reserve program, he retired at 60 as a Senior Master Sergeant. "We drilled in Portland, but two times per year, we would be assigned to work projects around the country," Barnes said.

Barnes was active for years with the Santiam Fish & Game Association that operated Clear Lake Resort. He's also a member of the American Legion Post 51 in Lebanon and helped found what now Linn-Co Federal Credit Union is.

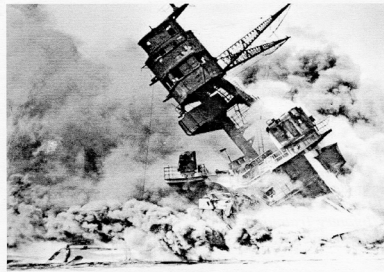
"I love fishing, but the truth is, I only got to go fishing at Clear Lake twice when we had work parties because there was always something to fix," Barnes said. "When I was president, I was the first guy to get a call when one of the generators broke down or a water heater in a cabin wasn't working." In July, friends and family gave him a 100th birthday party. Marilyn Nelson, who considers Barnes her adopted father, called him generous and friendly.

"He would help anybody if they needed help. He's just very loving. Their whole family is," she said. Mary Denice died in November 2015. Barnes has two sons, Don, who lives in Reno, Nevada, and Gene, who lives in Snoqualmie, Washington, plus six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. A daughter, Denice Ward, died in 2015.

Barnes said he doesn't understand why he was chosen as the Veteran of the Year, but he's grateful. "Why me?" he asked.

# Pearl Harbor

## December 7, 1941




USS Arizona


Albany Post 10 Remembering our Veterans on Pearl Harbor Day

December 7, 1941

Commander, David Solomon along with many other members put on an outstanding program.



*First Sergeant (Retired)*  
Bryan J. Burt  
Army Rangers, Airborne Ranger  
Advanced Infantry Training Instructor



**December 7, 2018**

Opening remarks: David Solomon  
Commander, Post 10

Colors: Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Floyd Bacon, Post 10

Guest Speaker: Bryan J. Burt  
First Sergeant (ret) US Army  
Army Rangers, Airborne Ranger  
Advanced Infantry Training Instructor

Military Honors: Albany Post 10 Honor Guard

Tape: Glen Hunter, Post 10 Honor Guard

Closing Remarks: David Solomon

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Floyd Bacon

Breakfast will be served.

Thank you for attending today.



Albany Post 10 Commander  
David Solomon



## Pearl Harbor

"December 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy..."

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, December 8, 1941



David Solomon, Commander Post 10

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# Finding Untapped Monetary VA Benefits for Surviving Spouses

I recently read a report by Bart Stichman, Executive Director of the National Veterans Legal Services Program that address the issues of untapped monetary VA benefits for surviving spouses.

Mr. Stichman pointed out that it is an unfortunate truth that millions of Americans have to struggle to make ends meet. But some of these citizens may not realize that they're now entitled to at least \$15,300 per year in tax-free financial assistance from the federal government. All they need to do is file a simple VA application.

Who are the people unaware of their entitlement to this money? Tens of thousands of surviving spouses of veterans who served in Vietnam and who are now deceased. The reason these survivors now qualify for these benefits relates to Agent Orange, the toxic herbicide used by the U.S. Government more than four decades ago during the Vietnam War to clear vegetation in areas where enemy troops were hiding. 2.7 million veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975. The overwhelming majority of them are men, and many of them were exposed to this toxic herbicide.

Until the 1990s, the VA took the position that the only adverse health effect of exposure to Agent Orange was chloracne, a skin condition. In 1991, Congress required the VA to contract with an independent agency, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), to review the emerging scientific studies on the adverse health effects of exposure to this herbicide and to prepare a report for the VA every two years with its conclusions.

Slowly but surely, the NAS reported over the years, and the VA agreed that many serious disabling diseases are associated with Agent Orange exposure. By 2010, here's the list of diseases that the VA has officially recognized as linked to Agent Orange.

- Prostate Cancer
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Soft Tissue Sarcomas
- Lung Cancer
- Trachea Cancer
- Larynx Cancer
- Multiple Myeloma
- Hodgkin's Disease
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
- AL Amyloidosis
- Ischemic Heart Disease
- Parkinson's Disease
- Chronic B-Cell Leukemia

Whenever the VA added a disease to its list, it amended its regulations to provide that a veteran who contracted one of these diseases is entitled to service-connected disability benefits, as long as the veteran set foot in Vietnam or served on the inland waterways. No proof of exposure is necessary because VA's rules contain a presumption that all of these veterans were exposed to Agent Orange.

The word has gotten out to many in the Vietnam veteran community about the changes in law regarding disability benefits for Vietnam veterans. While hundreds of thousands of Vietnam veterans who suffer from one of these diseases have applied to the VA for these benefits, thousands of other veterans and their families remain unaware of their entitlement.

The same VA rules that provide disability benefits to these Vietnam veterans also provide service-connected death benefits (known as DIC) to surviving spouses of Vietnam veterans who died of one of these diseases. Unfortunately, many of these veterans died from one of these diseases before the VA recognized the disease as Agent Orange-related. The surviving spouses would have had no reason to believe at the time of death that the death was due to Agent Orange, and even if they did, the VA would have told them that they were not entitled to benefits. These survivors have gone on with their lives, and many of them are unaware that the rules have changed since their spouse died, and they now qualify for tax-free death benefits of at least \$15,300 per year.

Surviving spouses who have never remarried are not the only survivors of a Vietnam veterans who died of an Agent Orange-related disease who qualify for these benefits; many of those who have remarried are entitled. For a surviving spouse to qualify for VA death benefits, (known as DIC), the spouse must have been married to the veteran for at least one year prior to the veteran's death and meet one of the following requirements:

- The surviving spouse has not remarried since the veteran's death;
- The surviving spouse remarried, but that remarriage ended by divorce, annulment, dissolution, or the death of the second spouse; or
- The surviving spouse is currently married, and that remarriage occurred both after December 16, 2003 and after the surviving spouse reached the age of 57.

The application process for these survivors is simple. All a surviving spouse would need

to do is to complete and sign **VA Form 21-534EZ**.

It is strongly recommended that any surviving spouse wishing to file for these benefits contact our American Legion Service Office at 503-412-8408 or 503-777-1867.

**Please share this information with any surviving spouse who may qualify. You may be able to change their quality of life for the rest of their life. Thank you**



**PDC JIM WILLIS**  
**VA & R CHAIRMAN COMMISSION**



## Legislative Commission Update

Good day Legion Family,

I was not able to attend the UVGO meeting in Oct..

This is from the minutes from that meeting.

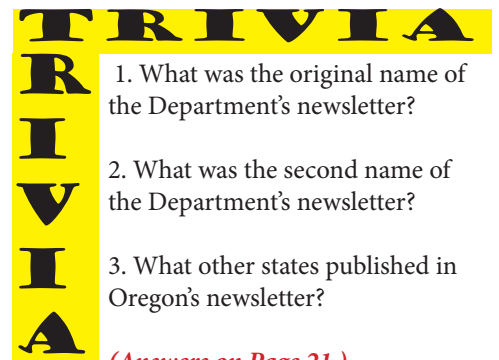
**JACK LABOX**  
**LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION**

The chairman, Mary J Mayer introduced the first female ODVA Director, Ms Kelly Fitzpatrick and invited her to say a few words.

She is a retired US Army Major.

The legislature approved a disabled warrior sticker that can be attached to the disabled placard. The application will be on the DMV Website Jan. 2nd.

**For God and Country**



1. What was the original name of the Department's newsletter?

2. What was the second name of the Department's newsletter?

3. What other states published in Oregon's newsletter?

**(Answers on Page 21)**



## Veterans Employment, Education & Homelessness Commission



PDC BOB HUFF

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION  
& HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION

The Veterans Employment and Education Commission is tasked with Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness.

After completing the ODVA Expo 18, we returned to the Medford Armory on Thursday September 20 and held a Veterans Stand Down,

Employment, Education and Benefits Event, which was very well attended and had good outcomes for the participants.

We are now participating with the planning for the next ODVA Expo 19 which will take place in Pendleton in July 2019 and our team will be working with ODVA, our American Legion Posts in the District 5,6 and 10 preparing to support that important event for our Veterans and spouses in that area.

On Friday March 15, 2019 we will be holding another Stand Down, Employment and Benefits Event at Josephine County Fairgrounds. The VA supports all our activity and remains a strong supporter providing staff and services for all of our events.

I would like to thank all of you who have informed our team of events in your area that we have been able to have local Legionnaires join in.

A few years ago, there were only a very few of these events in our Department; today almost every county is holding events that support Veteran Employment and Homelessness and it is continuing to grow.

If you require support in your community, please contact our team. As we support new events Email notice will be sent out as their location and dates when locked in, and remember our most successful events are those with local Post participation.



## MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

As we prepare for the Mid-Winter DEC the legionnaire Q2 Digital magazine edition is being prepared. Dave Bogner has stepped down and we are working on getting it done trying to meet the deadline. I plan to have the committee members meet sometime on Saturday afternoon at DEC, that coincides with PNC Charlie Schmidt's schedule if he is available. So, stay tuned for any update.

I have been busy posting to Facebook District meetings etc., and have been getting some good comments, so I will continue in that fashion. I have made some changes to the Department website trying to update pictures etc. We still need update documents posted for the upcoming programs that people are counting on. If you have suggestions, or comments please send them my way and I will try to address them as quickly as possible.

I am working on an electronic billboard project to be placed on the Department property



S.FLYNN PHILLIPS  
MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION

so it faces both directions on the I-5 corridor. This is just in the discovery phase. The building some may say, "why do we need that" it's too expensive". The answer is of course is advertising. The department building is uniquely situated right where the 5 O'clock traffic comes to a crawl daily. The

sign is digital and can be updated and changes at will, and we will be able to display our message of the "Four Pillars" and our events and programs. It will be similar to the one in Seaside Oregon Post. We will find the money. There will be city requirements etc.

## Information & Technology Committee



S.FLYNN PHILLIPS  
INFORMATION &  
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The new network wiring is completed. The server has been relocated into the new network cabinet and the full cutover should be accomplished by Friday Nov 30th. John Marsh has rewired the entire back wall for the correct electricity, i.e. correct ground. This is a whole new circuit.

That part of the building had the old two wire electrical and was giving ground faults to the uninterrupted power supply (UPS). John also wired some new LED outside lighting.

Dirk Levy had been there too throughout the summer.

The latest Legion College had a chance to use the new HD television mounted on the back wall which is connected to a PC for Conferencing and Training. This setup is working well, although a faster PC is recommended. It was a leftover in the safe but does work.

Gea's PC was upgraded with some more and faster Ram until we can buy newer PCs. The Accounting Department (Lynn) will be getting the new Snap scan ix500 to streamline invoices and receipts into QuickBooks directly. The ladies also have new Plantronics wireless headsets. This will allow them to get up from their desk and go search through files for you while you are talking to them, instead of putting you on hold for 10-20 minutes. We are trying to stream line customer service to make it better.

## American Legion Foundation

By PDC KEVIN OWENS, PRESIDENT

Last month we talked about what the purpose of the The Oregon American Legion Foundation is; you, it's up to all of you to take advantage of what it can do for your programs.

This is the time of year that local businesses start looking at next year's budget, what an opportunity to be asking them to support one of the many programs that your Post may be doing.

Don't sit on the sidelines waiting for some

one else to do it, be the one that makes it happen. Everyone is looking to support someone or something that provides opportunities for kids and families and most of all helping Veterans.

Members of the Foundation are here to aid any Post, you just need to act. Go out find the money and the help you need to close the deal is just a call away, everyone wins when we all work together.



# 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA



National Convention Center:

The Oregon brigade is about to hit the halls for the parade as the outside venue had been cancelled due to a forecasted thunderstorm.

This was a good thing in that all those holding flag poles were sure to find out what Benjamin Franklin discovered.

Thanks to Irene Jerome who was kind enough to take the picture and others, so I could be in the parade. She risked life and limb to stand up on a ledge to get the picture. There will be prints of this picture at the Department for those pictured.



The parade was one of the highlights of the week. Commander Tom Harris, and President Krisann Owens carry the banner for Oregon.



# 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA



The Oregon Delegation stayed at the Renaissance Inn which was about nine blocks away. Each morning those of us that did not have limo's at our disposal boarded the Gold Bus Route to the convention site. Our driver showed up on time (most of the time).



More of the delegation boarding the Gold Route Bus. PNC Charlie Schmidt and the new Sheriff in town (Adjutant) Lou Neubecker being very gentlemanly letting the ladies board first. Who says chivalry is dead.



Dept 1st Vice President, Gea Clausier and our new Assistant Service Officer, Jody Marsh being surprised as I walk up the stairs and Snap their Photo.

## Scouting

The Department Scouting Committee is happy to welcome a new member.

Bob Huntington of Prineville Post 29. Welcome aboard Bob.

The Department Scouting Committee is working hard to encourage Posts to Charter (Sponsor) Scout Packs, Troops and Crews. After all the premise of Scouting and its ideals fall directly in line with our four pillars. Please call Larry Wittmayer at 503-970-4944 if your Post is interested.

It appears that the Eagle Scout of the Year Resolution passed by our Department this past year did not reach National Convention. We will try to make that happen this year.

Within the 5 Scouting Councils in the state of Oregon some hold an event called the University of Scouting. That event is an opportunity for the Legion to "show the flag" and build up enthusiasm about what the

Legion can do for Scouting. The committee will be participating in the Cascade

Pacific Council event and possibly at the Oregon Trail Event.

This chair will be staffing a table at the Cascade Pacific Council University of Scouting on November 3rd.

We look toward the future year with encouragement for the Legion/Scouting partnership to grow.



LARRY WITTMAYER  
DEPARTMENT SCOUTING  
CHAIRMAN



## Permanent Finance Commission

By PDC KEVIN OWENS, CHAIR

We often go to the Doctor to for checkups for the good of our health, we take our vehicle in regular for checkups, but do you look at your Post financial health on a regular basis?

Do we wait until the Post becomes financially strapped and not knowing if it can pay its bills or runs its programs?

The membership of the Post needs to be hearing from your Finance Officer each month as to the condition of your Post.

We hear all too often when the Post is in trouble when it could be prevented.

As members we have a right to know the financial health of the Post and the Officers of the Post have a responsibility to make sure they are providing the most current and correct information at the Post meeting.

Don't settle for anything less, we all have a stake in the future of the Post, but most of all to honor the men and woman before us that made the American Legion the organization we are so proud of.

At the Department we are here to help guide you to better financial health.





# Legion Baseball: Appeals Board says Southpaws Must Forfeit State Title

*Reprinted from the Gazette Times:*

Two days after winning the program's first state title since 1954, the Mid-Valley Southpaws were stripped of their trophy Friday morning by American Legion officials.

Mid-Valley defeated Medford 6-2 in Wednesday's AAA state title game to earn a spot in next week's Northwest Region 7 tournament. Briley Knight, who was on the Southpaws' roster but had spent the summer with the Corvallis Knights, pitched and batted leadoff in the win.

The Mustangs lodged a protest with officials after the loss, citing that Knight was not allowed to play for multiple teams. The American Legion National Appeals Board announced Friday that Knight was ineligible, requiring Mid-Valley to forfeit the championship.

According to a report in the Medford Mail Tribune, Southpaws coach Troy Babbitt is in discussions with state and National American Legion officials to appeal the ruling. Babbitt told the Gazette-Times and Democrat-Herald Thursday that state chairman Ron Long said Medford's appeal had been denied and was under the impression that the matter was over.

"Based on ongoing communication at state (Ron Long) and national (Steve Cloud) levels, our regional plans continue," Babbitt tweeted Friday. "CLEAR directives given by these parties throughout the entire process, fully aware of (Knight's) ongoing and current participation with another organization."

Babbitt did not respond to messages left Friday by the Gazette-Times and Democrat-Herald. Knight, a 2018 Crescent Valley High graduate and the 5A state player of the year, suited up for the Southpaws last season and has played for the West Coast League's Corvallis Knights this summer. Knight was kept on the 18-man roster by Mid-Valley on the possibility of a midseason return.

When the opportunity arose at the AAA state tournament, Babbitt said he cleared Knight's eligibility with officials. "We followed to a 'T' what they told us to do," Babbitt said Thursday. "I was told by our state chairman and the national commissioner that he was eligible."

Babbitt told the Gazette-Times and Democrat-Herald that former state chairman Rod Trask and Area IV manager Les Duman also signed off on Knight's eligibility. Long and Duman were aware of Knight's ongoing participation with the Corvallis Knights, Babbitt

said.

"Patiently waiting for Ron Long and Steve Cloud to share all facts, with all parties," Brooke Knight tweeted Friday. Brooke, Briley's father, manages the Corvallis Knights. "It's important gentlemen ... we all expect a higher standard. This was 100 percent your call. Tell the story."

In a press release, the National Appeals Board indicated that Mid-Valley was in violation of Rule 4.D regarding player recruiting and transfers and Rule 6.D regarding team and player certification and dual participation. All decisions made by the Nationals Appeals Board are final, the release stated.

The issue appears to stem from Briley Knight playing for the Corvallis Knights during the early portions of the AAA state tournament. Knight went 1 for 4 with a run scored in Corvallis' 12-3 victory over Bend Tuesday night, one day prior to the state tournament finals.

Knight, a Utah signee, is batting .229 (33 for 144) for Corvallis this season. He pitched four scoreless innings in the finals for Mid-Valley and was 1 for 2 at the plate with two runs scored, exiting the game early after getting hit by a pitch in the shoulder.

The ruling gives Medford its fifth consecutive state title.

## Commentary: American Legion Punishes Wrong People



BY STEVE GRESS  
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Aug 4, 2018

A sensational season that appeared headed to heights not seen in six-plus decades, came crashing down for the Mid-Valley Southpaws. The Albany-based American Legion baseball team was having a summer to remember under coach Troy Babbitt, who has done a quality job building up the program the past seven years.

Mid-Valley won the Area III crown and was a favorite to win the first Oregon AAA state title by an Albany team in 64 years. Holding off rival Corvallis in an elimination contest, the Southpaws had their chance. And it appeared they had an ace in the hole. Babbitt

turned to Briley Knight, a Crescent Valley grad and the 2018 Oregon 5A player of the year, to start on the mound against a Medford Mustangs program that had won the last four state titles.

It was Knight's first appearance of the summer with the Southpaws. Knight did his part, helping keep the Mustangs off the board for four innings as the Southpaws built an early lead — one they rode to a 6-2 win and apparent state title and a berth to the Northwest Region 7 tournament in Missoula, Montana. It seemed like a shrewd, calculated and effective move — keeping Knight on the roster — by Babbitt, one thought out a month or so earlier. In the immortal words of Lee Corso, not so fast. Despite, as Babbitt claims, being told by state officials that Knight — who had been playing for the West Coast League's Corvallis Knights all summer — was cleared to play, even right before the game, the move ultimately backfired. Medford filed a protest immediately after the loss, claiming Knight was ineligible as he had played for Knights as recently as Tuesday night.

According to the point of emphasis section of the American Legion baseball rule book in regards to dual participation, it states: "Once department championship tournament play has begun, the department baseball chairman cannot grant permission to participate in other baseball events, baseball tournaments, exhibition games, showcases or combines. Any player missing any game of an American Legion national tournament because he participated in another baseball event, exhibition game, showcase or combine shall be ineligible for post-season tournament play."

Thus began the chaos that lasted several days.

On Thursday, Babbitt told the newspaper he was told by state chairman Ron Long that Medford's protest had been denied. So, we ran a story in Friday's editions based on that information.

Then came Friday morning when it turned out that was not the case and the protest was upheld, denying the Southpaws a state title and trip to the regional.

Babbitt also told the newspaper on Thursday afternoon that the team "followed to a 'T' what they told us to do. I was told by our state chairman and the national commissioner that he was eligible."

Apparently that turned out to not be the case. Had Babbitt been told Knight wasn't eligible, there is no way he would have played him in the title game.

And who knows what would have happened. Maybe the Southpaws win, maybe

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## Commentary: American Legion Punishes Wrong People

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they lose. But at least it would have been in their hands.

From the outside, it sounds like quite the fiasco with misinformation, lack of information and confusion all around. And it's unfathomable that this kind of mistake could have been made by Legion officials.

*It's unfair to everyone involved.*

## Legion Baseball



CORY BROCKMANN  
LEGION BASEBALL COMMISSIONER

While it sounds as if the final verdict that upheld the protest was likely the correct call, why are the players who had nothing to do with the decision on eligibility the ones to be penalized?

It's a tough ending that is sure to leave a bitter taste for all associated with the Southpaws program for some time to come.

It was a costly mistake, regardless of who you want to blame.

Having a "ringer" like Knight — he has signed to play for the University of Utah next season — show up for one game at the end of the season is, well, wrong in my book. Knight, who played for the Southpaws last summer, could have chosen to play for them again. Instead, and rightfully so for his development, he chose to play for the Knights. I mean, what if it were Game 7 of the World Series and one team brought in an All-Star starting pitcher to start after having not played one game.

I know it's a different set of rules, etc., but the premise is the same. I'm not saying the Southpaws tried to cheat their way to the title — they had a good chance to win Wednesday even without Knight, as they proved throughout the course of the season. But the appearance of impropriety by bringing in a player who the night before played for another team was certainly there. And that's what made me cringe when I heard what was happening.

The decision to uphold the protest was the right one in regards to the integrity of the game. It sets a bad precedent to allow teams to hold a spot for players playing elsewhere just to come in for a couple games late in the

season. Everybody loses in this case. But none more than the Mid-Valley players that worked so hard to be in position to continue their season.



### Answers to page 16:

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That is \$2.82 in today's dollars.

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## Internal Affairs

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At every level of The American Legion, whether Department of Oregon, District, Posts, Commissions and Committees, the official business is conducted at meetings, and from Robert's Rules of Order, "The record of the proceedings of a deliberative assembly is ... called the Minutes."

The Order of Business and the essentials of this record are:

1. Kind of meeting — regular, or special
2. Name of the assembly
3. Date of meeting and place
4. Name of chair and secretary/adjutant
5. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and their approval as amended, if amendments are required
6. Reports of Officers and Committees
7. All the main motions; and the name of the member who introduced a main motion, (that of the second isn't required) and points of order and appeals, whether sustained or lost, and all other motions that were not lost or withdrawn.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Hours of meeting and adjournment.
11. Signature of president and secretary.

The intermediate content of Minutes:

The minutes should contain reference as to the members present, to indicate whether sufficient members are present to constitute a quorum for conducting business.

The principal duty of the secretary is to record what is done by the assembly, not what is said by the members. When a count has been ordered or the vote is by ballot, he or she should enter the number of votes on each side.

When elections are conducted, the names of people elected should be included in the minutes.

When reports are given, the minutes should include who the report is given by, and the report may be summarized as to the subject. Any reports should be attached to the Minutes.

Any resolutions resulting from business of the meeting should be entered in the minutes with the result of the vote noted both for and against.





# Remembering Our Veterans

## 11 Honored as 2018 Distinguished Veterans

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Fred Schafer

U.S. Navy: 1961-1966

Nominated by Leslie Lewis, the National Atomic Veterans Association

Fred Schafer of Lebanon served aboard the Chipola AO-63, a floating service station.

During his service he and his shipmates were asked to observe various atomic blasts. Many suffered physical deterioration after being exposed to significant amounts of ionized radiation. These experiences were labeled government secrets and among the service members it was felt to be their patriotic duty to uphold this silence.

Schafer joined the American Legion Post 51 in Lebanon in 1971. He is a consistent and reliable volunteer. In the early 1980s he met someone who spoke about a National Association For Atomic Veterans. He immediately joined and assisted in starting an Oregon chapter. He continued in this capacity and was elected as the National Commander of the Atomic Veterans Association.

Schafer began a newsletter and made contact with over 300 members of the Chipola.

Through this newsletter, servicemen began to talk about their health issues and lobbied the Veterans Administration to get the help they needed. Working with the Oregon Legislature, the group was successful in having July 16 designated as Atomic Veterans Day in Oregon.

Gordon E. Stephens

U.S. Army

Nominated by Amy Stephens

At 87 years, Gordon Stephens of Marcola has been the solid foundation for his family and his community of Marcola for decades. Stephens quietly gives of his time and has coached and mentored many young people in baseball programs, 4-H, Mohawk Grange, Marcola's Mary Cole Days, the Mohawk Booster Club, assisted with Food for Lane County and Helping Hands.

He has also found time to assist the VFW during the poppy events.

"Over the years, Gordon quietly, selflessly gave of his time to support the youth of his community," Amy Stephens said. "He set a solid example to his family for community service and he gave to his country by his honorable service."

Wesley Whiting

U.S. Navy: 1943 - 1947

Nominated by Mary Blanshan

Wesley Whiting of Lebanon is of the Greatest Generation, young men who gave up their youth and innocence to make the world a better place for freedom.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 in Little Rock, Arkansas, then it was on to San Diego for basic training and on to New London, Connecticut, for submarine training.

He was assigned to the USS Franklin CV13 and remained on the ship from 1943 until 1945. He was off the shore of Japan when the USS Franklin was bombed, losing 754 sailors. The ship was towed to Pearl Harbor, where Wesley was deployed to the Hawaiian Islands, then off to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyards until his honorable discharge in 1947 as an aviation boatsman.

Whiting has volunteered most of his life for community betterment. He worked for Pioneer Telephone Co. for 38 years, but volunteering brought him the greatest joy. His name was "Happy Feet the Clown" when he went to nursing homes, hospitals and any place cheer was needed. He taught beekeeping, woodworking and roller skating to children. He also volunteered with the Eugene and Albany Police Departments and Fire Departments.

Wesley has also been on the Honor Flight back to Washington, D.C. to visit the WW II monuments and memorials.

Jim Willis

U.S. Air Force

Nominated by Randy Martinak

Reared in Albany, Jim Willis first remembers walking hand-in-hand with his father at a young age in the Albany Veterans Day parade. After graduating from Albany Union High School, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1961.

His total service of seven years, six months included one year in the Republic of South Vietnam.

Upon discharge from active military service, he began a career as a deputy with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office in Roseburg. After a long and distinguished career in law enforcement, which also included Oregon State Police in Washington County, he was appointed as the Director of Veterans Affairs for the state of Oregon and served in that capacity for 10 years before retiring.

"Jim is someone who finds it hard to retire," Martinak said. "He has been a member of American Legion Post 10 and Post 51 and the V.F.W. Post 584. Serving in leadership roles in each, locally, at the state level and nationally as well."

Martinak added that Willis is "always there for his community and fellow veterans. "Spearheading the call for a veterans home, one now sits in Lebanon thanks to Jim. Many accolades can be shared about Jim, but the best way to sum it up is, Jim is a veteran's veteran."

## Calendar of Key Events

January	01 Happy New Year Dept Closed
	05 District 9 Meeting
	17 80% Membership Target
	18-20 Mid Winter DEC Meetings
February	02 District 5 Meeting
	09 District 10 Meeting
	12 Oratorical Area 1,7 & 8
	17 85% Membership Target
	14 Valentines Day
	18 Presidents Day
	24 District 2 Meeting
	26-31 Washington Conference
March	09 Oratorical Area 3 & 4
	10 Daylight Savings
	13 Membership Target 90%
	15-17 Legion Birthday 100 Years
	17 St Patricks Day
	23 Oratorical Area 5, 6 & 7
	29 Round Up Prinville Post 29

## Editors Notes

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## Editors Notes



## National Security Commission



DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER  
GREG MARVIN

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year applications can now be found on the Department and National websites

The information for the Applications for The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and The Firefighter of the Year awards

was sent out by e-mail by the Department Adjutant Neubecker on November 13, 2018.

Department no longer sends out the information packets as in previous years. It will be up to the Posts to download the application information and the application forms. The process of the Posts picking a Post Law Officer and or Fighter will remain the same and then forwarding their Candidates on to Department for the National Security Commission and Law and Order Committees to pick the Department winners to be forwarded on to National for the Regional and National contests.

The information packets can be found on the Department of Oregon website [www.orlegion.org](http://www.orlegion.org) under the Media heading, Resources, Forms and Publications, Law & Order, Homeland Security Committee.

Please download the information sheets for both the Law Officer and the Firefighter categories.

The actual Application Forms will be found on the National Legion website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). Search for National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year or National Firefighter of the Year. Both applications need to be completed and sent to Department by **January 15, 2019**, so the committee can select who will be the representative from the Department of Oregon at the National level during the DEC meetings on January 19th and announced Sunday January 20th.

Oregon representatives have done very well at the Regional level and the National Firefighter winner was sponsored by Carl Douglas Post #74, (Estacada) last year. Ray Johnson Post #44, (Redmond) has had the Department winners the last two years.

Please have all of the requested documents of certification for your candidate and judging weighs heavily on the candidate's community service in addition to their Law Enforcement and Firefighter duties, so make sure these activities are well documented also.

## In Memorium

President George Herbert Walter Bush  
Transferred to Post Everlasting on November 30th, 2018



**Sully's last watch. In memory of President George Herbert Walter Bush  
1924-2018 RIP**

*Jim McGrath, "Mission Complete, #remebering41"*



Dale Sumner

Transferred to Post Everlasting on  
Dec 2, 2018

Past Dept Asst Sgt at Arms 2011-2015,  
many District positions and  
Post 30 Commander and Adjutant  
for 15 years  
Semper Fi

Carol Ann Weber  
Oct 9, 2018

Past Auxiliary Dept Sgt at Arms, Dept Asst  
Sgt at Arms, District 1 President,  
Kidney Transplant Unit, Portland VA Gift  
Shop, Rose Court Roses for Veterans  
And so much more.  
You will be greatly missed!





# American Legion Charities

American Legion Charities benefits various programs and charities focused on the men and women who have served The United States of America in its armed forces, and the families who support those service members.

American Legion Charities was launched as a 501(c)3 nonprofit trust in 2010 to allow Legion Family members and friends to make a general donation to The American Legion or choose a specific program to support. Donors can choose to contribute specific dollar amounts to more than one American Legion program.

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund provides scholarship money for children whose parent has died on active duty since September 11, 2001 and children of post 9/11 veterans with a VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher. One hundred percent of all donations go directly into the fund to be used for scholarships.



needs of children across the nation.

Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW) is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill men and women in military and veterans' hospitals, wounded warrior battalions and transition units, and those individuals transitioning back to the community from these medical facilities. One hundred percent of donations to OCW provides them with items or recreational experiences not usually supplied by the government, and helps assist wounded, injured or ill veterans transition from military to civilian life.

Soldier's Wish identifies the unmet needs of U.S. military personnel, veterans and their families, and provides the necessary resources to meet those needs. The non-profit organization is saluting and serving our nation's heroes this summer by traveling to seven special events throughout the country with The American Legion and the **HISTORY** Channel to grant wishes and educate Americans about the needs of veterans and servicemembers.

Disaster relief has been a part of The Amer-

ican Legion identity since the early 1920s when it entered a formalized agreement with the Red Cross to provide volunteer help and raise money in times of catastrophe.

Today, The National Emergency Fund di-



rects immediate cash grants to Legionnaires and Sons of the American Legion members (up to \$3,000) and American Legion Posts (up to \$10,000). Applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a declared natural disaster. The fund is not meant to replace or repair items; only to meet most immediate needs (i.e., temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc) during the period immediately following the disaster. The fund does not cover insurance compensation or monetary losses from a business, structures on your property (barns, tool sheds, etc), equipment or vehicles. Membership must be active at time of disaster and the time of application which is submitted to the Department Headquarters within 90 days of the disaster. Grants to Legion Posts must derive from a declared natural disaster and substantiating documentation must provide that The American Legion Post will cease to perform the duties and activities in the community due to losses sustained. The NEF has kept posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to rebuild their lives after disasters. Not one donated dollar is used for fundraising or administrative costs.

Income from The American Legion Endowment Fund (TALEF) provides resources for veterans in need. It funds Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) grants to veterans with children in need and Department Service Officer (DSO) Schools so service officers can provide quality assistance to veterans. In 1924-25, National Commander James A. Drain raised \$5 million dollars to fund service officer training and providing free assistance for disabled veterans and extend a financial safety net for needy military and veteran families with children. Since its establishment, TALEF has been an invaluable resource for The American Legion "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." Two Department Service

Officer Schools train approximately 275 Services Officers out of the 3600 certified American Legion Service Officers at a cost of approximately \$400,000 annually. The TALEF contributes \$35,000 to this effort. In 2017, 933 minor children of veterans received \$588,434 in TFA grants to insure the children had food, shelter, utilities, health care and other life's necessities, thereby keeping a child in a more stable environment. The TALEF contributed \$53,640 to this program.

The need for The American Legion Endowment Fund is just as vital today as it was 94 years ago. Increasing financial assistance requests on The American Legion Endowment Fund are overtaking the fund's unrestricted resources today. Unable to fully fund each program, The American Legion's general fund and other sources must supplement costs to fund programs.

To insure long-term funding for TFA grants and DSO Schools, the National Executive Committee passed Resolution 3 at their October 17-18, 2018 meeting:

**"RESOLVED**,...That The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation engage in a Twenty-Five Million Dollar (\$25,000,000.00) financial campaign doing business as "The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation" to further increase The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation's trust fund principle; and, be it further **RESOLVED**, That this financial campaign will start immediately and continue until such time as "The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation" monetary goal is achieved; and be it finally **RESOLVED**, That said increase trust fund earnings will be used to exclusively, and only, support the Department Service Officer programs of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission and the Temporary Financial Assistance program of the Americanism Commission's Children & Youth Committee of The American Legion in perpetuity without paying any of the programs' supporting costs as such costs will be covered by the general fund."

American Legion Charities make a difference in the lives of those who have served, those who are serving, and those who will serve. Additional information about American Legion Charities is available at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). You may also direct your questions by calling (317) 860-3009. If you would like to donate to a specific charity you may do so at [www.legion.org/donate](http://www.legion.org/donate) or mail your donation to **American Legion Charities, P.O. Box 361626, Indianapolis, IN 46236**.



## US Department of Veterans Affairs Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)



(left-right) Terry Brown, Post 74 Commander volunteering to get his finger stuck to get tested for Hepatitis C.

Mike Sidorovic, RN from the VA Medical Van inside the Minneapolis National Convention Center. Has his test results in about ten minutes.

Adults born from 1945 through 1965 should be tested once (without prior ascertainment of HCV risk factors) **Hepatitis C** is a liver infection caused by the Hepatitis C virus (HCV). Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus. Today, most people become infected with

the Hepatitis C virus by sharing needles or otherequipment to inject drugs. For some people, hepatitis C is a shortterm illness but for 70%–85% of people who become infected with Hepatitis C, it becomes a long-term, chronic infection. Chronic Hepatitis C is a serious disease than can result in long-term health problems, even death. ***The majority of infected persons might not be aware of their infection because they are not clinically ill.*** There is no vaccine for Hepatitis C. The best way to prevent Hepatitis C is by avoiding behaviors that can spread the disease, especially injecting drugs.

## VA is a National Leader in Hepatitis C Testing, Care & Treatment

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- VA has higher rates of birth cohort screening (people born between 1945-1965) and HCV reflex confirmatory testing than any other large health care system in the US.
- As of June 2018, 83.5% of VA's birth cohort had been tested
- As of December 2016, 98% of all patients tested for HCV had reflex confirmatory testing performed HCV Treatment
- Treatment of HCV can prevent the

progression of advanced liver disease (e.g. cirrhosis) and help prevent hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), end-stage liver disease, and death.

- All Veterans with hepatitis C in VA care are eligible for treatment. Veterans with HCV are generally referred by their primary care provider to the local VA HCV clinic for evaluation and treatment; at many VAs, the local HCV clinic is conducting active outreach to Veterans known to have HCV to schedule appointments for such evaluation. To qualify for medical evaluation for treatment, a Veteran has to be enrolled in VA health care and be diagnosed with HCV.

# Stan Lee

S. FLYNN PHILLIPS  
MEDIA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Stan Lee Proud to Be WWII Vet, and Member of The Hollywood California American Legion Post 43 passed away in November.

### POST 43 HISTORY

World War I veterans in Los Angeles who worked in the motion picture business chartered the Hollywood Post in 1919 with the goals of service to the community, state, and nation and to help their fellow veterans suffering badly from the effects of the Great War. Classic Hollywood luminaries—veterans and non-veteran supporters—like C.B. DeMille, Adolph Menjou, Walter Long, and Mary Pickford were all instrumental in getting the post on its feet in the early days, when they met in a small church on the corner of Hollywood & Vine. Over the years, Post members have included the likes of Clark Gable, Gene Autry, Mickey Rooney, Red Buttons, Ronald Reagan, Charlton Heston, Stan Lee, and many more showbiz figures.



Stan Lee

Transferred to Post Everlasting  
November 2018



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# Stan Lee a True American Hero

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## Tim Troupe during District 8 meeting commented;

The world, and the future lost an American hero this week. Brother Stan Lee received his transfer to post Eternal.

Brother Lee, is a World War II veteran who used his skills in storytelling art and later motion pictures and television, to put forward and speak about issues and conditions of people.

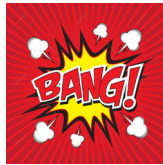
His inspiration of the masses throughout his lifetime always spoke of better times, and the heroes with an assault. He worked with others to create heroes and superheroes with in various universes, which spoke about the human condition and overcoming that condition.

When you look at the body of work forward, along with the continued public and private publications interviews and more, you see a very subtle mind at work. Within the comics, the movies, the Marvel universes, the subtle work of the legionnaire. The four pillars concept that are the best at the American Legion, can be seen throughout the body of work of Stan Lee and the areas that he has influenced. And one of the Captain America movies there was a discussion between Steve Rogers a.k.a. Captain America, and the Falcons, and they talk about PTSD, and how to simple things cause it to come up. There are rumors, that this little five-minute exchange in a major motion picture was directly influenced by Brother Lee.

There are lots of rumors and stories about our departed brother. I don't have the space to go over all of them or the ability to do them all justice. I will say this all of those people who brought his characters to life, all said the same thing, they will miss his guidance his influence and his genuine nice supportive Inspiration.

Brother Lee, You saw some of the worst that people can do to people, and you still managed over the course of your life to inspire the rest of us to be more, Excelsior!

Tim Troupe



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Did you know that Stan Lee served in the military?

Lee, known for working with the company that became Marvel Comics and artist Jack Kirby, co-created comic book characters such as Spider-Man, The Incredible Hulk, the Fantastic Four, Thor, X-Men and Doctor Strange. But he also served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II from 1942 to 1945.



## Stan Lee U.S. Army



Lee enlisted in 1942, shortly after hearing of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was a line-man for the Signal Corps before the Army realized his writing skills and moved him into technical writing and doing posters, said Army Sgt.1st Class Nicholas Jones, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

Other known writers who started out in the Army with Lee included novelist William Saroyan and TV writers Ivan Goff and Ben Roberts, who Lee met while working at the Army Training Division in Astoria, Queens, New York.

Service members from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, including Jones, inducted Lee into the Signal Corps Regimental

Association and gave him an honorary membership into the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, during a comic convention in March.

"This is one of my proudest moments," Lee said as he received a certificate for lifetime membership in the Signal Corps, as well as a coin from the battalion.

During a comic convention this month, Lee said as a writer, he used his experiences throughout his life to influence his characters and hopes they will continue to live on and inspire others.

Here's Lee getting inducted into the Signal Corps Regimental Association:

*Thank you for your service, Mr. Lee*



**Legionnaire Insurance Trust**





# Lebanon Veterans Home Christmas Cheer



The Auxiliary Department President Krisann Owens along with many of the Auxiliary ladies who made this Christmas Cheer special for our veterans



(left-right)  
Lisa Atchison, Bobbi Peebler  
and Shirlee Harrington



Those cute Junior girls from Eugene  
Unit  
Thank you all for your help



(left-right) PDC & NECman Rob Liebenow,  
PDC & Finance Off. Bob Huff, 1st Vice  
Cmdr Steve Adams, Dept Cmdr Tom Harris,  
2nd Vice Cmdr Don Weber, PDC Jim Willis,  
PDC Gene Hellickson and SAL PDC & Alt.  
NECman Larry Horne

## Remembering Christmas in Vietnam

While shaking hands and thanking our veterans for their service at the Lebanon Veterans Home I met veteran who glanced up at me and he said "thank you it was my pleasure".

Before I had a chance to ask him his name, he began to tell me about Christmas in Vietnam.

When I asked him how old he was he replied "12" With a little giggle only later to find out he was 24.

It was 1968 when a young man of 24 had his first Christmas away from home. His parents had sent him a care package. The care package had been wrapped with some green tissue paper. He took the green tissue paper and crumpled it up to make himself a Christmas tree.

He then asked the Chaplain if he would hold a service for their unit. He said "I don't know how many are religious or how many will show up, but I will be there." It turned out that every veteran that was not on duty showed.

They lit candles and had a great service. "I remember we had to hold our hand over the candle so that it wouldn't blow out." he said.

After the service they walked into the club house with their candles where the club manager yelled at them "put those things out before we all go up in flames."



Taken back by his story I asked him his name.

"Jose Humanez" he said to me.

I smiled and said "Jose do you mind if I write down your story?"

He said Jose Humanez is from Johnny Carson and then he laughed. "My name is Boyd Yaden."

Boyd Yaden retired Lt. Col of the Air Force. He also explained to me about his ribbon colors

**"Red is for the blood that had been shed"**

**"Blue is for the seas you cross"**

**with a little giggle "And Yellow is the color of you know!"**

What a character Mr. Yaden is.

He is a Legionnaire, PUFL member for 17 years. Starting at Klamath Falls Post 8 until 2004 when he transferred to Milwaukie Post 180.

Thank you again Jose, I mean Boyd for your service and your great sense of humor.

Submitted by Geanne Horne, Auxiliary 135



# Lebanon Veterans Home Christmas Cheer



It wouldn't be complete without Mr. & Mrs. Claus and their little helper



Santa's cutest little helper with one of the veterans



Santa visiting with the residents



Santa and Mrs. Claus posing with one of the veterans



Santa and Mrs. Claus posing with one of the spouses



Santa shaking hands with one of the veterans



Look who else enjoyed Santa PDC & NECman Rob and PDP & Secretary Linda Liebenow



Santa and Mrs. Claus even made time for Dept Commander Tom Harris



Lebanon JROTC was awesome with helping escort the veterans to and from their rooms



Legion Riders showed up giving their support to the veterans



When all was said and done Dept Historian S. Flynn Phillips had time for his picture



Dept Cmdr Tom Harris, SAL 83 Bob Sloan & SAL PDC & Alt. NECman Larry Horne

The American Legion family!  
This makes me proud to  
belong to the best  
Veterans Organization!  
How about you?  
Dept. Adjutant, Lou Neubecker