

The Oregon Legionnaire

The Voice of Oregon's Veterans Since 1919

May 2020



Notes from Commanders,
Commission Reports,
Auxiliary,
Trivia and so much more...

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Corona Virus, Convention, National Poppy
Day, Elections and Family working together



The American Legion and Auxiliary Department of Oregon

(left to right) Mary, Cindy, Linda and Flynn

Your Dept Family Staff working to keep you safe and have a little fun to cheer you up.

In these extraordinary times.

(Masks were provided by the Estacada Skip a Week Sewing club, with Auxiliary members)



LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

I would hope that all are watching their May calendars for Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, National Poppy Day, and Memorial Day. I am sure we will all be involved in them in some way.

With all the cancellations of events, hopefully, we are all keeping up and keeping healthy, I encourage you all to continue your buddy checks, especially instead of the present pandemic. Many of our members are senior citizens, and please contact them.

Back in March, the Department started to emphasize catching up on

our renewals. Before national started its emphasis on renewals, the Department of Oregon was moving in that direction. In addition, based on encouragement from the Department of Utah, another type of canvas was started. All posts with 80% or less of goal are being contacted and offered help.

Some revitalizations are still underway in the Department. Until just the other day, we were approaching the 95% goal target date. National has realized that with the pandemic, goal making was getting tighter. They have slipped the 95% target date to May 13, and the 100% target date to June 17. Let's don't let our efforts diminish.

I again ask the district commanders to provide me with a zip code list for their posts that they feel better describes their post areas. We will re-evaluate the projects. As of the 4/3 weekly membership report, the follow-

ing posts are at 100% of goal:

Post 89 (103.57); Post 100 (103.35); Post 50 (114.71).
Post 55 (105.88); Post 86 (102.42); Post 37 (107.77).
Post 180 (114.29); Post 106 (102.00).

The top Post is Post 50 Williams Valley (114.71)

The top district is District 8 (93.10%)

At present, the Department is 87.29%, with 7.71% to 95%. The Department is now #37, and the comparison to last year at this point puts us 322 behind last year.

Keep up the hard work, and we will make it.



TOM HARRIS
IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER

American Legion Family,

My first thoughts today are regarding all of our American Legion Family members, their families, and their wellbeing. I hope you are all doing well through this difficult time in our Nation.

I am incredibly proud of every one of our District Officers and Posts for all that you have accomplished in this past year and pleased with what you will achieve working together through creative changes within our Department.

Our duties within the American Legion must continue, and our support of Veterans, their families, and our American Legion Programs will be vital in

surviving through these tough times. So let's work together with comrades, and we will come out of this in flying colors.

I have found over time that being a Veterans advocate is sometimes rewarding, and other times not so. That's just the way it is, but we must move forward and adjust to changes within the American Legion if we are going to succeed. So, continue in the care for Veterans and our American Legion programs, and ultimately we will achieve within the American Legion and our communities.

If we continue to communicate together as American Legion members by phone and or computer, we will continue to make great things happen within our Department of Oregon.

Thank you again for all that you do to support our Veterans, the American Legion Family, and each other. And I will see you soon.

"Believe and Achieve" For the next 100 Years."

"For God and Country"



GERALD SHOREY
DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

To: All Posts
Subject: 2020 Membership

Posts have asked questions about the 2020 elections that are disrupted by the current

pandemic. Is email on another form of electronic balloting permitted?

Department and National Constitution and By-laws are silent concerning what to do in this situation. The following guidelines will be used for the 2020 elections.

1. Check your current Constitution & By-laws.

2. Online ballots for nominations and elections will be sent with a response dates shown.

3. Results for nominations and election must be returned by the due date to be counted.

4. The results will be announced to all members.

The Posts may elect another process for their elections provided that they follow the parameters specified in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Unusual Times, we are working from home. I am one of the fortunate that can work from home and perform most of my responsibilities. Remember, it is Tax Time if your Post has not filed their taxes. Yes, IRS has moved out 1040 reporting due date from April 15 to July 15 this year. Annual 990 Tax reporting remains the 5th month after the end of the organization's accounting period. For a calendar year, the taxpayer Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-N (e-Postcard), it is due May 20, 2020. Yes, if your Post has a Tax Filing Period of January 1 through December 31, and it has not filed. It's 990, and it is time to put your financial records together to file taxes. There are no exceptions. If your Post receives an IRS Letter revoking your Post EIN because of failure to file the post taxes in the past three years, there is a new simplified process to reinstate your EIN if you submit it within 15 months after receiving your IRS revocation letter. There is also a process for reinstating your EIN if your Post waited, and it is longer than 15 months.

Our Proposed Budget for our Department Budget for 2020-2021 and our Proposed two-month Budget to cover the period August and September 2020 to support our Tax Reporting Year change were going to be presented at our Spring DEC in LaPine. As we had to cancel the Spring DEC, it has been sent out to all DEC Members in email for review and will be followed up on a Spring DEC on a GO-to meeting call with all DEC members. Both the Proposed Budgets, our Department's two-month supplemental Budget, and the 2020-2021 Department Budget will be published in the June Legionnaire. They will be presented to the Delegates at the Department Convention for discussion and acceptance.

In these challenging times, we are creative in the way we are holding Post and District elections and com-

municating with our members. We can use electronic, telephone, unless a Post or District Constitution and By-Laws

does not allow PDC, BOB HUFF their use. Those DEPARTMENT FINANCE I have reviewed do not restrict their use—a reminder: as you hold your Post and District Elections. Remember to vote for your Post and Districts Delegates. Post Delegates Forms must be completed and sent to Department with \$15.00 or each Post Delegate authorized. Even if you do not have enough Post Delegates, you are required to send in the \$15.00. For each Delegate authorized for your Post. The Department Adjutant will be sending out the required Post Delegates for each Post by Post population. All Delegates attending the Department Convention must have their Post Delegate Forms with their Adjutant certification sent to Department 45 days before the Department Convention. District Delegates Forms need to be sent to Department after the election at your District Meetings. These are the Delegates attending the National Convention.



My fellow Legionnaires,

It is my great hope that each of you - and your family - are safe and well.

These are challenging times. Thank STEVE ADAMS

you for your DEPARTMENT COMMANDER continuing patience and your persevering leadership as we, collectively, work together through the ongoing impacts of the 2019 coronavirus disease (also referred to as COVID-19) pandemic. The COVID -19 Pandemic has impacted virtually all routine of life and life-events. To some level, whether it is here at home, across our great nation, or around the globe.

The onslaught of the pandemic has been exceedingly quick. And staggering.

Much of the immediate information provided by media outlets, along with National and State level directives regarding actions to take (or not), have very quickly added a great deal of complexity and confusion to our daily lives. Decisions needing to be rendered, concerning work, persisting health issues, school closures, personal finances, or the simple act of travel for the basics of food or prescriptions, create a great deal of thought and management to accomplish what you deem is best.

And, so, it has been for our Department of Oregon.

With this letter, I am updating you on several vital business activities specific to our Department of Oregon.

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Sixteen new Posts came into being in January 1920, making a state total of:

- A. 77
- B. 87
- C. 97
- D. 107



S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

CONVENTION or BUST!

The 2020 Department of Oregon Convention is scheduled for the last full week in June.

The final vote to GO- No-Go for the Convention Decision will be made on May 30th, DEC Conference call.

So, make your reservations as planned until The DEC MAKES the final Decision.

Forward to your Posts

We are all in a unique situation with the Corona Virus- Governor mandated shutdown. For Department Staff to be able to pull all this together will require District Commanders, Post Commanders, Committees, and Volunteers to work together and get their elections completed, required forms, Delegates, and fees sent to Department on time.

The attachment is a timeline of events, and you may feel overwhelmed, but it is necessary if we want to have a successful Convention.

If the final Decision is to CANCEL, all CHECKS **collected** and **held** at the Department for the convention will be returned. We all have a lot of work to do to get prepared, please join me in **Great Legion Spirit** and get these things done.

Don't forget your Buddy Checks

ON ELECTIONS: The Judge Advocate Jerry Shorey has an attachment (**page 3**), and there is a Timeline schedule attached (**page 4**) as well.

ON BY-LAWS: I have attached Ward Allen's Book of reports on By-Laws (**Page 5**) for you.

Your number one fan!

REVIEW OF REPORT OF DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2020 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

IN TIMELINE ORDER

This report is based on review of the Department Constitution, By Laws, and all appropriate Code of Procedures.

4/18	District 4 Caucus & Election District 9 Caucus & Election
4/25	60 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION Dept. Adjutant provides Convention Delegate Forms to Posts
4/26	District 2 Caucus & Election
5/1	Unity and Legionnaire Award Nominations Due to Dept.
5/2	District 1 Caucus & Election District 5 Caucus & Election
5/9	District 3 Caucus & Election
5/10	45 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION Post Officer Election results due to Department Post-Convention Delegates Elected
5/15	40 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION Judging of Unity and Legionnaire of Year Awards Post Awards and Trophy Questionnaires due to Department
5/16	District 6 & 10 Caucus & Election
5/19	District 8 Caucus & Election
5/23	District 7 Caucus & Election
5/25	30 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION Commission & Committee Reports due to Department Department Adjutant certifies Convention Delegates
5/30	DEPT DEC DECISION FOR CONVENTION GO / NO / GO
6/1	Posts turn in Awards & Trophies Forms to Awards and Trophy Committee Chair Delegate LIST& forms and Fees submitted to Dept.
6/4	Results of District Elections Due to Department Certify Delegates
6/24	Convention Starts



Spring 2020 Book of Reports Constitution and Bylaws

What an unbelievable year. It has been a slow

WARD ALLEN

CONST & BYLAWS CHAIR year as far as being asked to assist in preparing any amendments to Department, District, or the Post Constitution and By-laws. Another major task of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee is to clarify and improve the C&B. After this pandemic, I fully expect to see a lot of resolutions to update amendments to their Constitution and By-laws.

Let's start off with something that should have already been done. This year the Preamble to our Constitution changed. The new line should be updated to read:

- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in **all wars**;

This Pandemic has changed how a lot of Legion business has been handled and will be handled in the future. Some of the things that should be looked at and possibly in need of updating for emergency situations:

- **MEETINGS:** How often does the Post need to hold meetings to stay in compliance? What constitutes a meeting? Do you have to be physically present in a meeting or can it be done over the phone?

- **ELECTIONS:** I have seen a lot of C&B that say that '...persons of the Post shall be nominated from the floor at the regular business meeting.' Multiple Posts do not allow for write in ballots & will need to figure a way to be nominated if unable to hold meetings. Post need think of a way to hold "official communication" if unable to convene.

- **COMMUNICATION:** If there is no physical meeting, will you allow

your Post to hold a Video Conference, Tele Conference, will E-Mail be enough? How much notification would be needed to initiate an "unconventional meeting" & how will you get this information to all your members that things will be changing? There needs to be **no doubt** in showing your members that procedures were followed.

- **BANKING.** Is there a way to make cash deposits if your Post does not have an ATM Card and what to do if your bank is not available to make 'in person' deposits?

Districts and Post's should review & submit a copy of your Constitutions and Bylaws to Department **EVERY YEAR**. This is a living and breathing document. Your Constitution needs to reflect any changes to how your corporation operates. I also want to remind everyone that **even if there are NO CHANGES**, it's important to submit an updated copy to Department **every year** to show that you have reviewed and acknowledge that there are no changes that need to be made. Changes to your C&B can be initiated at any meeting.

Calendar of Events

May

02 District 1 Caucus
02 District 5 Caucus
09 District 3 Caucus
16 District 6 & 10 Caucus
19 District 8 Caucus
22 National Poppy Day
23 District 7 Caucus
25 Memorial Day (Closed)
National Closed

June

06 District 9 Caucus
14-20 Boys State Canceled
14-20 Girsl State Canceled
24-28 State Convention

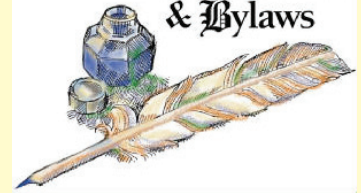
July

03 Dept Closed
04 Independence Day
06 National Closed

National Poppy Day May 22nd, 2020



Constitution & Bylaws



LOU NEUBECKER
INTERNAL AFFAIRS MEMBER

Internal Affairs Commission Book of Reports

If you haven't already done so, Post Commanders and Adjutants, please review with your e-boards your Constitution and By-Laws and get them submitted to Department and Gerry Shorey and Ward Allen for review. The Judge Advocate must approve them. All Post need to change the preamble and the membership portion as the legion act change it big time. Please really look at them and make appropriate changes. I will be looking at your Post files and reviewing your By-laws as soon as we can travel.

The investigation into Post 10 has been completed, and a report forward to the appropriate body for discussion and action.



PDP, KEVIN OWENS
PERMANENT FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Permanent Finance

I hope this finds everyone in good health. As we move closer to the Department

Convention, the delegates have an essential job in approving the budget for 2020-2021. It should be the responsibility of the delegates to look over the budget, understand it and, most important, ask questions to its content.

The money of this Department belongs to each and everyone one of us. The proper expenditures of it fall on every one of the members of this Department. This year the budget was prepared; differently, each Committee Member was responsible for sections in the budget to help better understand the process but, more importantly, to contact everyone for additions or subtractions in their budget, better to understand the needs of the Officers and Committees.

We have come a long way in preparing the budget, getting everyone involved, but most importantly, making sure the Permanent Finance Commission is getting the right information out to all of you.

I look forward to the Convention and questions you may have to help us learn about your needs and the needs of our membership.

Deadline

for the June issue
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ROB LIEBENOW
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NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER

Oregon American Legion Foundation

As you know, the foundation is here to assist our programs. Even though some of our

programs have been put on hold this year, others will go on as planned. We need your help in raising funds to help these programs and the ones that we will bring back next year.

The Foundation Board of Directors is holding a series of fundraisers throughout the year, including Legion Coins, Legion World Series Baseballs, commemorative prints with legion coin, and many other items. Ask your district commander for details on the current promotion. The Oregon Legion Foundation is your foundation and your programs, without your support they are **NOTHING**.



Department Officers

Commander	Steve Adams
Imed. Past Cmdr	Tom Harris
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Chaplain	Floyd Bacon
Historian	Judith Johnston
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Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Ward Allen
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Steven Mays
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Aide to Cmdr	William "Bud" Stutheit

THE 2020 OREGON AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION (TOALF) RAFFLE



It's not too late to purchase your 2020 TOALF raffle tickets! This exciting fund-raising raffle is underway to grow further opportunities of support for our Oregon American Legion youth and veteran programs, and we

would appreciate your help!

Being raffled is a smaller framed print of 'Legacy and Vision,' which includes a 2019 commemorative American Legion silver dollar. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets, and the drawing will take place at the 2020 Department Convention.

Look for the related raffle flyer in this edition of the Oregon Legionnaire. And, please, contact your post commander or district commander to purchase your tickets today!



BETTY FISH-FERGUSON
LEGION COLLEGE

NATIONAL LEGION COLLEGE in a Nutshell

As a member of the Dept. Training and Development Committee, I have been asked to make a request for applications for the National Legion College. Even as we speak there have been multiple cancellations at the National level. However, as of

this date, The National Legion College is scheduled to occur the first week of November. Currently we have only one applicant. In an effort to encourage more applications, I have been asked to give a synopsis of this week long event.

The National Legion College is held at the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The majority of the expense is paid for in combination with the Dept. and National. It is a comprehensive 6 days of training in all aspects of the American Legion. Half of the time we met for group presentations and the other half we were divided into work groups of 8-10 people. Each member was asked to submit a resolution and the group choose one that was polished as a group and then presented to a panel of Legion personnel for consideration as a National resolution. We worked together late on several nights if there were projects to attend to.


As a group we heard motivational speakers, had presentations on running a Legion meeting, proper use of the Legion logo, how to organize or conduct a Dept. Legion College, Post scenarios that needed addressed to name a few. One of the most thought-provoking sessions was on the life cycle of an organization and whether we thought the American Legion was still vibrant or a dying institution. One of the things most nerve wracking though were called elevator talks. It was a 30 second spontaneous speech on a topic given to you at the moment. They called your name and you received your topic and had to start talking. Most people I think dreaded those.

The National Legion College is running with an exceptional staff of PNC's and other Legion professionals all committed to training the next generation of Legionaries. It is well worth the time and effort to further your education in the American Legion. Participating at the Headquarters in the same room


where the business of running the American Legion has taken place for 100 years is also really cool as well as meeting Legionaries from all over.

If you have any questions I would be happy to speak to anyone.





2020 RAFFLE




Proudly Celebrating and Supporting Oregon's Veterans, Military, Families and Communities!

Limited Edition

A framed and matted print of The American Legion's 'Legacy & Vision' Centennial print with the Centennial Commemorative silver dollar coin!

Certificate of Authenticity is included!



(Not to scale— approx. 10"x 13")

All proceeds support veterans and youth programs.

Tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Contacts: District Commanders and Department Adjutant

The Oregon American Legion Foundation

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STEVE ADAMS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

I can tell you that much discussion has taken place among our department officers, executive committee members, past department commanders, as well as engaging select national officers to assess actions needed in the best interest of our Department of Oregon.

I understand very clearly through our district commanders that many of you have done the very same thing. In essence, you have communicated effectively, to the best of your abilities, to manage the immediate needs of your posts. For that, I commend you. And I thank you. And, I assure you your department leadership will continue to work and manage our way, successfully, through the remainder of the pandemic.

Just as these current events impact our military service members, they still have a vital mission in the protection of our nation and the basic principles of our liberty and freedom - our national security - whether it's abroad or right here at home. Similarly, vital services apply to our local law enforcement agencies, firefighters and emergency responders, and healthcare providers.

We, too, have a vital business that

continues. The attachments to this letter identify critical activities and functions needing due attention. What I am hoping you will note after reading it, is the underlying responsibility of conducting the foundational business that requires action. There is no attempt to sway or mislead - through fear, misinformation, intimidation, or emotion - efforts to take or not to take. We conduct these activities not at risk, but in measured steps, given current circumstances. What is paramount is that we hold the business that is warranted and prudent, safe, and justified, and not look for excuses not to take care of our veterans. Those very veterans that sacrificed so much for us with their service. We continue our Service as Legionnaires...just as we have for the past 101 years.

A reminder; our Department of Oregon has an account to conduct audio and video conferencing. *Go-To Meeting call* has been shared at countless meetings over the past several years. All it takes for use in coordination - advance notification - with our headquarters administrative staff to get it scheduled, so that call coordinates to the particular group intending to use it. Please keep that in mind for those districts or Larger Posts that have had to postpone the meeting.

I am grateful for the efforts of our entire Department of Oregon's leadership - and that includes you! I am thankful for each of you and for the continuing guidance that you provide within your family, your Legion post, and your community.

Please take note of the attachments and their election guidance.

Respectfully



Answer:

A. 77

Need to Know Dates

Boys State - Canceled 2020

Girls State - Canceled 2020

State Convention
June 24-28, 2020



LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTING CHAIR

1919.

Great things are happening in Scouting

The Scouting committee continues to encourage posts to charter (sponsor) scouting units. Due to the coronavirus, we are sequestered in our homes and under the governor's direction.

This issue does not mean that Scouting has ground to a halt. All across the five councils in Oregon, we hear of exciting things. Scouting units are finding ways to meet, and boys are advancing in rank. I know of quite a few Scouting units that are holding meetings online. They are attending merit badge seminars on zoom. All of this is due to the enthusiasm and resourcefulness of our adult and youth Scouters.

It is my exciting pleasure to report the current status of the Department of Oregon American Legion Scouting Program. Because of our active involvement in sponsoring units from 2017 to date, we have increased our sponsorship from 19 units to 37 - a 194% increase.

We will continue our commitment to Scouting as The American Legion has since

Contact: Larry Wittmayer at 503-970-4944

larrywittbsa@comcast.net



Sons of the American Legion Convention Agenda
June 26-27 Canyonville, OR.

Fri. June 26.

9:00 A.M. SAL Convention opening ceremonies.

Reading of the minutes from previous meeting.

Introduction of Special Guest

Reports, Dept. Liaison.

Squadron Reports.

Committee Reports.

Commanders Report.

Finance Report.

1st Vice Report

2nd Vice Report

Membership Report

VA & R Report

NEC Report

Alternate NEC Report

Child Welfare Report

Past Detachment Commander's Report

Sick Call and relief.

Break. 15 min.

Workshop. Filling out applications properly.

Online transmittals for membership.

Creating a phone tree. Email list.

Workshop. Fund raising.

In Post fundraising, use of funds created inhouse.

Community fundraising events, use of funds.

Noon. Lunch break, 1 hour.

1 P.M. Reconvene.

Unfinished Business.

Reading of Resolutions. Discussion.

Revue of Delinquent Squadrons. Discussion.

New Business.

Confidential List Report and New Membership materials.

Awards.

Voting on New Officers.

Good of the Sons of The American Legion.

Closing.

Short Meeting of New Officers.

Sat. June 27th.

Joint Installation of Officers.

Convention or Bust! We are moving forward on preparation for our Department Convention at Seven Feathers in June. We

do this to combat the fear and isola-

tion that many of our Legion Family are feeling. We have great hope and optimism that Oregon *will* reopen, and the entire Oregon Legion Family can celebrate together. What a party it will be!! As you know, the Department itself is planning to put on the convention this year and what a grand plan we feel we have!

We are working hard to put the *fun* back into this function. The banquet has been revised for entertainment, real entertainment. The number of awards is limited, a special guest will work magic, AND a band will perform music we will all enjoy and hopefully to dance ...

We ask you to join us in looking forward to the future by registering for the convention, booking your room, ordering meals, and taking an ad in the convention book. There is no penalty associated with hope and optimism. Rest assured that if we are unable to gather, you can rollover your expenses towards next year or receive a refund.

Hope to see you in Canyonville!



PDC, JON MARSH
CONVENTION CHAIR





**Veterans
Employment,
Education
And
Homelessness
Commission**

PDC, BOB HUFF is tasked with Veterans Employment, Education, and Homelessness. We have canceled all our upcoming events right now through the end of May. All of our events and those we support required meetings in large groups.

With our Oregon National Guard deployed, we are participating with several Vet-Nets and Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and Oregon National Guard focal by phone, email, and Zoom and *Go-To Meetings* with any issues or support for families.

We have been meeting with our Oregon National Guard (ONG), the deployment event dates and city locations have been set, but the not building. For the family yellow ribbons and the 30 and 60-day yellow ribbons for our returning soldiers, this is the list; Current meetings have been canceled and will be revisited with the existing stay at home and social distancing orders. As changes affect this schedule, we will communicate by email as we are in a moving schedule situation.

**DURING DEPLOYMENT EVENTS
(5 total) for families**

<i>May 2nd</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Medford</i>
<i>May 16th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>June 13th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Portland</i>
<i>June 14th</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>July 11th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Springfield</i>

**POST 1 DEPLOYMENT EVENTS
(5 total) for Returning Soldiers**

<i>November 14th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Medford</i>
<i>December 12th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Portland</i>
		2021
<i>January 9th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>February 20th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Springfield</i>
<i>March 13th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Portland</i>

**POST 2 DEPLOYMENT EVENTS
(5 total)**

<i>April 10th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Medford</i>
<i>May 16th</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Portland</i>
<i>June 12th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>July 10th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Springfield</i>
<i>August 14th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Portland</i>

Our Posts need to contact their National Guard FOCAL at their Armories in their areas to see how we can support our troops, families and these yellow ribbons, this is important.

Reminder: The 2020 Oregon Women Veterans Conference is held every two years and is being held on May 30-31, 2020, at the Riverside Convention Center in Bend, which we sponsor, and support, and we will be there. Registration is now open at www.wvc.oregondva.com. The 2020 Oregon Women Veterans Conference is an excellent event, well attended. Please get the word out to all Women Veterans. This prestigious event is still scheduled.



CORY BROCKMANN
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

We have much to be thankful for. Sure, we have all encountered odd disruptions to our day. And, infrequently, one big enough that it creates that ripple which ends up impacting the entire day. We've all been there, right? And, then, the next day, we're back on track, and our routine is just that. Routine.

When was the last time you encountered an event impacting our entire nation, such as the ongoing 2019 coronavirus has? How about a *global impact*? Posing that question makes most people take pause. Among veterans, not so much.

You see, you need not look far to find veterans that have been there – experienced it – having endured tremendous hardships. And sacrifice. Lives interrupted, and families disrupted.

Drafted or volunteer enlistment, airborne infantry or air traffic controller, submariner or boiler technician, veterans served when called. Taken to

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Are you moving?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Please Update My Address in mylegion.org

Name: _____

New Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Effective Date: _____

PhoneNumber: _____

Email Address: _____

Please Email to: Office@orlegion.org

Or Mail to: The Department of Oregon

Attn: Adjutant

P.O. Box 1730

Wilsonville, OR 97070-1730

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CORY BROCKMANN faraway places
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER like Vietnam, Korea, or Afghanistan, veterans deployed where needed, from combat zones to stateside. Defending freedoms and upholding our liberties, protecting young democracies, or seeking to advance human rights, veterans have experienced the extreme of disruptions. And for some, sadly, they continue to live with it each day.

In 2020 we find disruption in our lives for many it is, indeed, the first real trial within their lives. With the evolution and advancement of smartphones and social media, the world has become a much smaller place. Schools and universities are now closed, athletic activities canceled, and shelter-in-place directives impact us all. It is a struggle. For veterans, we carry on.

We all have responsibilities in our lives – some still must attend to their jobs, bills to pay, healthcare needs attention; and, prepare meals for the family. Each of us has a role to fill. For some, it's as simple as doing a 'Buddy Check' on your fellow veteran, ensuring each other is safe and doing well.

With all that is going on around us, we will get through this. Together. For there is much to be thankful.

Meetings and Convention – At this time, much remains unknown on scheduling and conducting elections for posts and districts. Oregon state law defines how nonprofit organizations, including ours, can hold elections, and that, too, is taking time to

work out.

Social distancing directives have impacted conducting general meetings for our memberships. Post executive committees have essential responsibilities in ensuring the business of the post, at least that which can be accomplished, is still taken care of. Continue to communicate with your membership as best you can to keep them informed.

Presently, the 2020 Annual Department Convention is on! It is scheduled for June 24-27 at Seven Feathers Casino Resort in Canyonville. Please keep it on your calendar, and as more information becomes known, we can expect to receive word from Department leadership.

Membership – The membership year is passing very quickly, and the final two target dates – 95% and 100% – have been adjusted one month for each, due to the impact of the pandemic. The 95% target date is now upon us in just a couple weeks, May 13th. We missed meeting goals on the previous two target dates, and I, like many of you, hoped we would already be a goal district at this time. A solid effort is given by many throughout the District, and we make no excuses for disruptions due to stay-at-home or shelter-in-place directives, we do our best. Caring for our veterans is a pillar dear to our hearts. Please, continue to make a difference in the lives of our veterans. Their lives may depend on it.

Memorial Day – At this time, our Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

National Cemeteries are open for visitors; however, previously planned ceremonies remain in question. Other public and private cemeteries may be operating under differing restrictions they have established.

Certain portions of a cemetery typically open to the public, such as public information centers or chapels, may be closed to the public. As such, you are encouraged to contact your local cemetery for updates regarding closures and planned events. Guests are strongly urged to obey local travel restrictions and avoid unnecessary travel. For a press release on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries, navigate to <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/includes/viewPDF.cfm?id=5402>

Post Visits – I visited Seven posts since the first of the year. Directives on social distancing have made an impact on conducting visits at this time. Thank you for your continued efforts in caring for your fellow veterans, be it Buddy Checks or your work on membership.

TALMA – The American Legion Media Alliance (TALMA) is now up and running! Several months ago, I shared the news with you of the dissolution of the National American Legion Media Association (NALMA), and its predecessor, National American Legion Press Association (NALMA). We have several members within District 1 that have held membership in either of the two former organizations, and I encourage you to learn more about TALMA. Currently, TALMA is offering a special discount on annual membership. For more details navigate to <https://www.legion.org/talma>

Veterans strengthen America! And, we do have much to be thankful for. I am grateful for each of you and your continued service to veterans and your community. Stay safe!

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Memorial Day

The American Legion Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies describes May as the month that marks the anniversary of the St. Louis Caucus, where the organization of The American Legion was completed in May 1919.



National Poppy Week, Armed

Forces Day, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day form the basis for good American Legion post programs and outreach in communities. The view of many is that Memorial Day begins the summer season rather than a solemn day of honor and remembrance.

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PR CHAIR

However, the first Monday in May was designated Memorial Day, a federal holiday, by Congress in 1971 to commemorate the men and women who died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. On May 25th, each Post has an opportunity to conduct ceremonies of remembrance or post flags in their community to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

It is also a significant occasion to reach out through media resources and invite your entire community to join you to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. *The American Legion Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies* offers suggestions for your Memorial Day observance ceremony. A suggested speech is available at www.legion.org/media/publications. The 2020 Consolidated Post Report (CPR) invites you to report your Post's participation. The Officers Guide is available at <https://www.legion.org/publications/246556/2019-officers-guide>

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National Poppy Day – May 22, 2020

After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the war-time poem "In Flanders Fields" written May 13, 1915 by Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front lines. On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion. Since then, Legion, Auxiliary and SAL volunteers distribute millions of bright red crepe paper poppies every May for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. As the oldest and most widely recognized American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary program, this campaign provides multiple benefits to veterans and their communities. Resolution No. 20, "The American Legion Poppy Program," passed by the National Executive Committee in May 2013, outlines the proper use, manufacture and distribution of the poppies and raised funds. Resolution No 4, "Establish National Poppy Week," passed by the National Executive Committee October 2016 encouraged The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary to advocate for a Congressional declaration establishing a National Poppy Week around Memorial Day to bring greater significance to the poppy as a symbol of the sacrifice our veterans make for our freedom. Congressional approval in 2017 established National Poppy Day the Friday before each Memorial Day. The Legion has outlined several ways that Legion Family members can engage their local communities, generate media attention, and raise money for programs that provide lifelong support to servicemembers, veterans and their families. Go to www.legion.org/poppyday for a full guide to how you can get involved in National Poppy Day. By wearing poppies on May 22, 2020, we honor every U.S. servicemember who has given his or her life in the name of liberty, freedom and democracy. At the same time, by wearing this simple red flower, we show our support for veterans of generations to come.





bers you are trying to recruit.

Those that complete the On-Line Basic Training Course @ <https://www.legion.org/alei> will receive the pin below if you send Department a copy of your completion certificate, Cell phone copy works as well.

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

Already taken the old course. The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined, and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

The Course is arranged into 5 major topic areas and 1 concluding section. Each section will present information about the topic via text, images, and video.

At the end of each topic area there is a quiz that will help gauge your understanding of the material. When you have completed each section quiz, you will be able to take the final exam. The exam will take roughly ~30 minutes to complete.



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March 20, 2020

VA national cemeteries to adjust operations in response to COVID-19

WASHINGTON—All U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries are open and will continue to provide interments for Veterans and eligible individuals. However, effective March 23 — as part of the agency's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) — committal services and the rendering of military funeral honors will discontinue until further notice.

Immediate family members (limited to no more than 10 individuals) of the deceased may witness the interment if requested.

"We are committed to the safety of our Veterans, their families and employees, and [have implemented an aggressive public health response](#) to COVID-19," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "At the same time, we continue to take steps to provide flexibility to Veterans and their loved ones, where possible."

Families choosing to continue with interment may schedule a committal service for a later date. Families wishing to postpone an already scheduled interment to a later date should contact the cemetery as soon as possible to convey their wishes.

Although VA national cemeteries remain open to visitors, guests are strongly urged to obey local travel restrictions and avoid unnecessary travel. Certain portions of a cemetery typically open to the public, such as public information centers or chapels, may be closed to the public. Contact your [local cemetery](#) for updates regarding closures.

For more information, contact NCA at 202-891-9987. Veterans can call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117 or [schedule a burial arrangement online](#).

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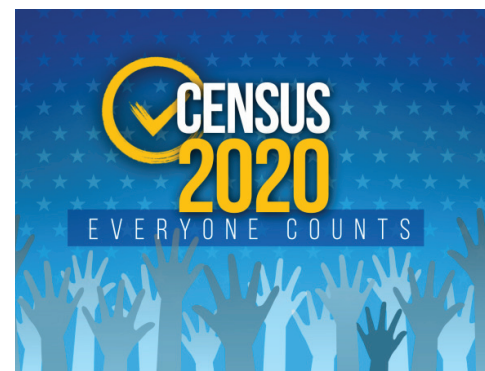
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My name is Joshua Carper and I am a response coordinator for the 2020 census. The census is currently being taken in the U.S.A. And we are trying to get the word out and encourage people to fill out their forms. I was hoping you would put a notice in your newsletter encouraging your members to do this and let them know that they can fill out their forms online or wait for the form to arrive in the mail. the form can be found at 2020census.gov

I can be reached either via email at Joshua.l.carper@2020census.gov or by phone at 541-905-4135, I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely,
Joshua Carper

P.S. We are still hiring census takers and veterans receive preference when it comes to selections. They can apply at 2020census.gov/jobs to apply, or if they simply want to fill out their forms then they can do that at 2020census.gov

George A. White Part 4

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CRADLE DAYS IN THE LEGION IV

The Veteran Organization Gets on Its Feet and Survives All the Rigors of a Post-Armistice Ocean Voyage.

WILLIAM (Wild Bill Donovan of the Forty-second Division and I were rejoicing vision and I were rejoicing in the fact that the Paris caucus had been a great success and that we, as members of the original group that had started the party, were clear of any further responsibility when Bennet C. Clark of Missouri, who had presided at the caucus, rushed up to us in the foyer of the Cirque de Paris with the information that Donovan and I were going to be “put up” for election as president and secretary, respectively.

“Not a chance,” we replied in one voice, explaining that we had done our share. In order to take no chances, we advised Mr. Clark that we were leaving the caucus immediately and would depart from Paris within a couple of hours for our home stations.

Just how the Executive Committee of one hundred which met at the close of the caucus came to name me secretary I have never learned, as I was not there. Milton J. Foreman of Illinois was named chairman and the next morning he and I got together and took an inventory of just what sort of a task we had fallen heir to.

GEORGE A. White, of Oregon will tell in this and succeeding articles the history of the Legion’s formation, was one of the group which launched the movement and called the Paris caucus. His associates in this task say the Paris caucus would have been considerable of a dud but for his efforts. Once when unjustified suspicion threatened the budding movement, he went AWOL in order to visit a number of divisions which were not going to join it because they were convinced it was formed to work the will of an Army or political clique – or both. All of these outfits came in when they learned from Mr. White the real purpose of the movement. Mr. White was elected first secretary of the Legion in France by the Executive Committee of One Hundred at the Paris caucus. Thereafter the infant Legion abroad literally grew up in his quarters. Mr. White is now a member of Portland Post No. 1, Department of Oregon.

As near as we could calculate tangible assets, we possessed a pile of resolutions and the tentative name “American Legion” also a responsibility to do something along lines which we must determine upon and promulgate!

If you want to get a clear mental picture of our situation, just imagine yourself with The American Legion on your hands, its course not charted, its organization not begun, not a centime in the treasury and no method of raising a franc. The cost of the Paris caucus had been paid through an assessment of twenty francs on each delegate present who happened to be a temporary officer in the Army.

But we had our precious pile of resolutions and committee directions. Frankly I have never read them in detail to this day, and have them at this moment in a locker trunk. They really belong to the National Headquarters, and I intend to send them in along with the other original records of the Legion in France when the Legion gets that wonderful permanent home which it is destined to have for National Headquarters one day.

FOR one thing, we were supposed to start actual organization work. With an Army that was moving home as rapidly as shipping shortcomings would permit, it was easy to be seen that membership enrollment was impossible. Our mission then was to get

the word of The American Legion, and its mission, into the mind and heart of every eligible man and woman in France. The whole A. E. F. was declared part of the membership of The American Legion and the details of enrollment left to later organization work to be undertaken in the United States.

The European press was liberal in proclaiming the new born association of veterans. But we decided that a booklet or leaflet should be published for distribution in every command in the Army. G. H. Q. gave some encouragement to the plan of having an edition of a hundred thousand leaflets run off by the government press that printed those order barrages everyone remembers so well. A splendid four-page leaflet had just been put out on how to treat mange. Libraries had been published on the proper use of dubbin, while kindred subjects had been treated in editions running into the hundreds of thousands. The literary efforts of G. H. Q. were never treated in a niggardly way so far as the number of copies issued was concerned; and of course, the Army read every word with feverish interest.

Here was our great opportunity. Having had some encouragement, as suggested before, we decided to prepare copy at once telling everyone all about The American Legion.

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Mr. Foreman had a truly remarkable vision of the future course of The American Legion. Predictions he made at his P. C. in Luxembourg have all come true since then. He saw into the future of the organization as clearly as many men now observe into its past. We sat up all of one-night reducing The American Legion to paper. At reveille the manuscript was ready to take its place in A. E. F. literature along with those dubbin orders and other G. H. Q. epics.

IN course of time we got our message to the higher command at Chaumont. For, in addition to the American Legion, we had our regular military jobs to look after, which meant that American Legion work had to come out of sleeping time. It was handed back to me informally with a request for specifications as to the maximum and minimum number of copies desired, the size of the pamphlet and the width of margin. I got a soldier who was a printer in civil life to help with these technical details, and then sent the manuscript back for action, addressed to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G5, G. H. Q., A. E. F.

In strange contrast with our compilation of facts, names, statements and elucidations was the response of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G5, G. H. Q., A. E. F. It is worth reproducing in full:

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, May 12th, 1919
MEMORANDUM

1. It is not believed expedient for the Government to publish this unofficial matter.

(Signed) H.B. Fiske,

Brigadier-General, G. S.,
A.C. of S., G5.

An edition of five thousand copies was later published by a Paris printer and scattered throughout the remaining divisions and S. O. S. sections by Richard Patterson of New York, who had been elected assistant secretary of the Legion in France, and who performed a great deal of valuable service in those toddling days of the infant Legion. But we had to depend upon mimeographed letters and individual workers to spread the word for the most part.

Considerable work was also done by an organization in the Army known as the Comrades in Service, which had been launched by Bishop Charles Brent, senior chaplain of the A. E. F., who gave to Mr. Foreman at the outset a written agreement that the Comrades in Service would go out of existence when the Army left France. The contract was kept to the letter, and a great deal of valuable Legion work in the United States has since been performed by Bishop Brent – a splendid chaplain and a splendid gentleman.

As showing the idea of the juvenile Legion which met such an abrupt fate at the hands of the A. C. of S., G5, let me quote briefly from the unborn leaflet:

THE AMERICAN LEGION – This is the name of a tentative organization of those who served in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps during the Great War.

The purpose now is merely to get into the minds of all who saw such service that they shall form their own organization, subject to their own direction and shaped according to their own wishes. All organization work so far is tentative. It has had in purpose the creation of the necessary foundation.

When all, or a majority, of those in service are back in their homes in America a great meeting is to be held at some designated point at which a

constitution will be shaped and a name chosen, officers elected, and the Americans who served in the World War united in one great Organization of their own creation. Every member of the A. E. F. is automatically a member of The American Legion, and no action is necessary at this time in order to attain membership. No membership campaign is being undertaken or is authorized in the A. E. F.

Later in the United States, the organization state, county and city units will be initiated among all those eligible to belong and along lines to be determined in the United States. These then will be eligible to representation at a great charter meeting or convention in the United States where the united ideas of all will be incorporated in the national constitution.

The second Legion meeting in France since The American Legion had become a definite organization was called for April 7 at 4, Rue Gabriel, Paris. It was to include all members of the executive committee of one hundred – two men from each combat and replacement division and from each S. O. S. section in France, England, Germany and Belgium. There was nothing left in Italy by this time except a small allotment of the Quartermaster Department not numerous enough to gain representation.

Getting those hundred men to Paris was quite an undertaking, for it was not a matter altogether of their own volition, since they were still in the Army. But the Army gave a lot of cooperation in getting the executive committee together from the four corners of four countries.

The Legion had come to the attention of the whole Army by this time. Major-generals were wiring in to know what representation they were entitled to in their divisions. Here is a typical telegram announcing the selection of a Divisional representative

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on the executive committee. It came from one of the most famous fighting generals in the Army:

HEADQUARTERS, SECOND DIVISION.

March 28. 1919.

Secretary, American Legion,

Care G. H. Q.:

Sergeant Harry Martin, Twenty-third Infantry, is designated to represent Second Division at next meeting of American Legion.

(Signed) LEJEUNE.

The other representative of the Second, it might be added, was a full colonel, Harold C. Snyder of Fredericksburg, Va. The Army was beginning to show its first touches of democracy; and it ought to be said right here that The American Legion has been the miracle worker that has swept aside rank since the war and brought home to all, regardless of recent grade, that they are all of equal station once more in civil life. Such a service never followed a previous war.

Leaves of absence finally were authorized by G. H. Q. for the April meeting. Request that delegates be given transportation was denied, but free and unrestricted use of the Army telegraph lines was permitted, in sending notices and other urgent Legion messages. Or possibly I should say it was not refused. Brigadier-General Robert C. Davis of the Regular Army, who was Adjutant General of the A. E. F., made it possible to use Army mails and Army wires in spreading the word of the Legion. It is fair to say that without his liberal views on the subject of the Legion, the organization would have been seriously hand-

icapped in France.

JUST before the delegates were assembled for the April meeting I got a frantic telegram from Lemuel Bolles, now National Adjutant. Bolles was a committeeman from the First Army Corps. He wired that unless I could have him ordered to the meeting he could not get away. The order was issued as a special dispensation and sent to him at Langres. A copy was sent to First Corps headquarters also. But Bolles never put in an appearance.

He wrote me some time later that the order reached him several weeks after the meeting and wanted to know why it had been sent to Langres. I explained that he had asked to have the orders sent to Londres and that I had searched the maps in vain for Londres. The only town that appeared likely was Langres.

"Why, Londres is French for London," he exclaimed. "I was in London at the time, which was the reason I couldn't get away without orders."

The committee of one hundred adopted a plan of putting on an intensive "word-of-mouth" campaign for advertising the Legion in every part of the A. E. F., and the individual members did much effective work after returning to their stations.

By this time the A. E. F. was breaking up rapidly and the time was at hand for the transfer of activities to America. The St. Louis caucus was to be the counterpart in America of the Paris caucus in France. The St. Louis caucus, however, did not restrain itself quite so well as did the Paris caucus. It took the bits in its teeth and adopted policies.

The Legion abroad was represented at St. Louis by liaison committee of fifteen, of which Bennett Clark was the chairman, as well as by Theodore

Roosevelt, Jr., who had returned to the United States for discharge from the Army immediately before the Paris caucus.

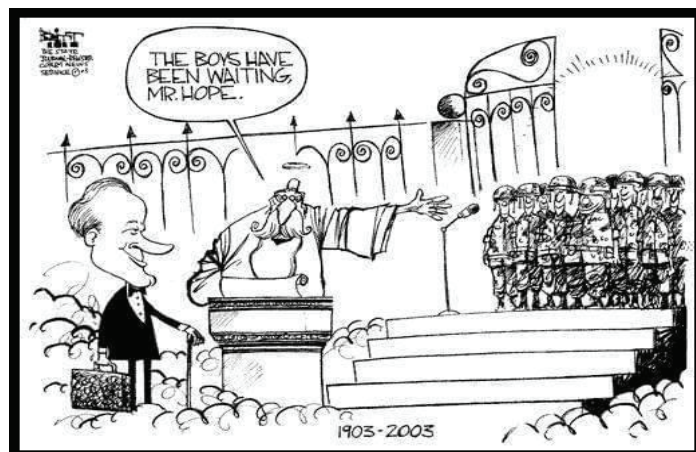
This committee was instructed to see that the St. Louis caucus name a chairman, secretary and executive committee of one hundred. Then when the A. E. F. was home the two executive committees would meet, amalgamate and elect one set of temporary officers pending the charter convention at Minneapolis.

The understanding was never put into effect, for the expeditionary forces were so long in getting home that a joint session was never called. Mr. Foreman, on his return, agreed willingly, I might say with enthusiasm, that the chairman named at St. Louis, Henry D. Lindsley of Texas, continue to function as chairman of the whole organization, and I gratefully gave to Eric Fisher Wood a quitclaim deed to the secretaryship {sic} of the Legion.

A tremendous job was now at hand. The unprecedented work of whirlwind organization on a nationwide scale – a task that has given Americans a new tradition – continues fresh in the minds of all.

March, 1919, saw The American Legion as nothing more than an idea. November 1919, saw the American Legion a concrete organization of more than a million enrolled men. The his tory of the human family offers no parallel performance.

THE END





To the families, co-workers, and friends of Oregon's fallen law enforcement officers,

Each year at the beginning of May, Oregon pauses to honor and remember 187 fallen law enforcement officers, and the families and co-workers they left behind. The Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Ceremony is a significant event that the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is proud to host each year in partnership with the Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, Oregon Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation, and Oregon's various statewide law enforcement associations. The memorial honors 187 fallen Oregon law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty since the 1880s. This includes officers from city, county, state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies who have served as law enforcement officers, corrections officers, and parole and probation officers.

The current COVID-19 crisis that our state, nation and the world is facing has resulted in the cancelation of public gatherings. The Oregon law enforcement community wants you to know that this crisis will not deter us from honoring Oregon's fallen. On Tuesday, May 5, 2020, we plan to honor our fallen as planned, but through a modified ceremony that will be closed to the public. During the closed ceremony we will have a live reading of names of the 187 fallen Oregon officers and honor guard members will place flowers at the memorial.

While this year's ceremony may be closed to the public, you have our commitment that Oregon's fallen will not be forgotten. Oregon's Law Enforcement Memorial Wall will be available for visitation as soon as the Oregon Public Safety Academy Campus is re-opened to the public.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your understanding and to each of our active law enforcement officers who continue to risk their own health and wellbeing for the safety and wellness of others.

With respect,

Oregon Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)
Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund
Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation
Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police
Oregon State Sheriff's Association
Oregon Peace Officers Association
Oregon State Police
Oregon Department of Corrections
Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training



American Legion Membership Expectations

As a dues paying member of an American Legion Post, I expect certain things:

1. An atmosphere of congeniality not one of confrontation.
2. An environment that does not condone or permit obnoxious behavior.
3. Adults that conduct themselves responsibly and drink accordingly.
4. An environment in which you can bring a family member, friend, or guest and not be embarrassed by the actions of fellow members.
5. A well managed organization that is fiscally responsible to our membership.
6. An asset to the community and our neighborhood.



What are your expectations at your Post?

Are they being met?

If your expectations are not being met, what are you doing to address it?

Michael Wilson ~ Milwaukie Post 180

All,

I have been asked multiple times if the scheduled SAL per capita is still going to increase since The American Legion is not raising their dues. The answer is **YES, the SAL per capita increase scheduled to go into effect starting July 1, 2020, for the 2021 membership** year is still going into effect. Just to be clear, this is the national SAL per capita, which is increasing from \$2 per member to \$5 per member (a \$3 increase). This does not include any increases by your respective detachments or squadrons that may or may not go into effect. If you have any questions feel free to contact me thank you.

Regards,

Ken A. George

Member Engagement Coordinator

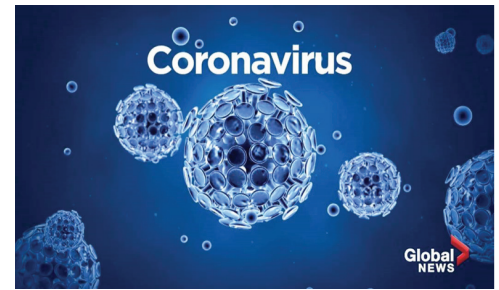
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DETACHMENT COMMANDER

Oregon SAL Detachment Commander Carl Pawlick created a great work-around from the Governors closing of fraternal organizations amid the COVID-19 Virus.

Thinking outside the box held two Fish fry's outdoors with just the help of three people. Creativity in keeping everyone safe and helping the post is outstanding. Bravo Zulu Commander.

Our last Fish Fry. Good Friday drive through Fish Fry was a blowout. Three hundred nine dinners sold in 3 hours using over 200 lbs. of fish, 155 lbs. of fries, and 18 gallons of chowder. \$2215 donated to our local food pantry, which equals 6645 meals. Traffic was backed up for a few blocks with cars waiting in line to get in. All of our groups took part, starting from our Jr. Auxiliary to Post members. In two Fish Frys, six hours of sales, we generated \$4,815.00 for local groups feeding the needy. Like I have said before, we may be closed, but we are not dead.

These fish fry's were posted on facebook, sent to local media and posted on their facebook pages.

Hats off to Post #83 American Legion family, for your valient service.



Once the coronavirus infects a human body, what happens? Here's everything you need to know:

What exactly is the coronavirus?

A virus is a parasitic microbe, so tiny that hundreds of millions could fit on the head of a pin. It's a coiled strand of genetic material embedded in a protective coat of protein that invades healthy human cells and essentially hijacks them, using the cell's genetic machinery to duplicate itself. The one currently wreaking global havoc, technically called SARS-CoV-2, is a type of coronavirus, a family of viruses covered with knobby spikes that are used to latch onto cell membranes (their appearance suggests a crown, or "corona," thus the name). Many coronaviruses are fairly harmless, like the ones that cause common colds, while others are deadly: The one that causes Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, or MERS, kills about a third of the people it infects. SARS-CoV-2 is a novel virus in that it has never before infected humans; it is thought to have jumped from bats to humans via an intermediate animal, perhaps a pangolin, in Wuhan, China. That's why no one had immunity when it began spreading across the globe.

How does the virus infect people?

Those infected with the coronavirus soon carry trillions of microbes; their saliva teems with them. When they cough, sneeze, talk, or even just breathe heavily they emit droplets laden with germs — a sneeze can launch 40,000 droplets. If the drops land on someone, the virus can infiltrate the eyes, mouth, or most often nose, launching a potential infection.

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An infected person can also leave a trail of virus on doorknobs, touch screens, and other surfaces; if others touch them and then touch their faces they can become infected — that's why we're told to frequently wash our hands. Scientists believe the virus can linger on plastic or metal for up to three days and on cardboard for 24 hours, though their vigor wanes over time. Once the viral particles gain access, they travel to the back of the throat and nasal passages and latch onto cells. This is the beginning of the disease called COVID-19.

What happens then?

Once the virus attaches itself to a healthy cell, it sets about its work, fusing its membrane with the cell membrane, releasing its core RNA strand and cranking out copies. In effect, said William Schaffner, an infectious disease expert at Vanderbilt University, the intruders order the inflamed cell, "Don't do your usual job. Your job is now to help me multiply." Cells do this and eventually die. The initial effects, which take on average five or six days to appear (though they can take two days or up to two weeks), are typically fever, a dry cough, and fatigue. About 80 percent of cases are relatively mild, and the infection stays largely in the upper respiratory tract; as the immune system makes antibodies and activates T-cells that neutralize and clear the virus, the victim recovers in a couple of weeks. In other cases, the invader pushes on to the lower respiratory tract, where serious problems can set in. "The lungs are the major target," said Martin Hirsch, part of the infectious disease unit at Massachusetts General Hospital.

What happens in the lungs?

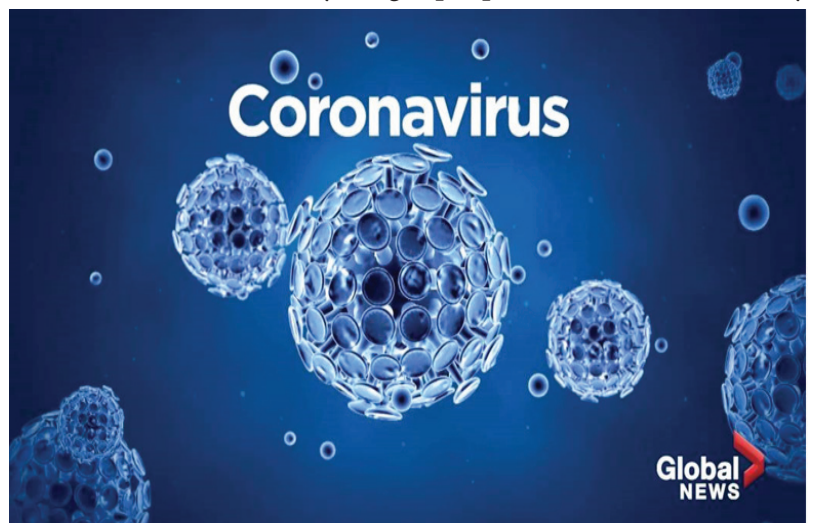
At this point, the virus begins to attack cells lining the lungs, inflaming the tiny sacs that send oxygen to the blood and remove carbon dioxide. Breaths become shorter and more difficult. As cells die, the lungs become clogged with fluid and debris and can develop secondary infections; this is pneumonia. In the most severe cases, the patient needs the help of a mechanical ventilator to continue to breathe. Some nonetheless die. How the immune system reacts apparently is the key factor determining how bad a patient's condition gets. In the most critical cases, for reasons doctors don't entirely understand, the immune response goes haywire, setting off what's called a cytokine storm.

What is a cytokine storm?

Cytokines are chemicals released as an alarm signal when the body detects dead cell fragments indicating that an attack is underway. These chemicals rally the immune system and set off a battle to expel the invader. In a cytokine storm, the immune response spins out of control and starts attacking healthy cells as well as damaged ones. "Instead of shooting at a target with a gun, you're using a missile launcher," said Angela Rasmussen, a virologist at Columbia University. Inflammation spikes, and fluid and dying cells fill the lung sacs, essentially drowning the patient; meanwhile, the condition can extend into the circulatory system and spiral into multiple-organ failure. This is what happens in many fatal cases, estimated to be 1 to 3 percent of infections. Understanding better why this happens to certain patients and how it can be treated or prevented is a key focus for scientists battling the pandemic. "I think it's going to take a really, really long time to understand the mechanistic, biological basis of why some people get sicker than others," says Rasmussen.

The role of age and gender

Why does the coronavirus cause only mild symptoms in some while overwhelming others? Some factors are clear — others, scientists are working to understand. The most obvious factor is age, with elderly patients accounting for the majority of fatalities and the roughly 5 percent of cases that become critical. The reason is that the immune system becomes considerably less effective as people grow older. But that doesn't mean younger people are safe: Data on early U.S. cases show that 38 percent of patients needing hospitalization were under 55. Underlying conditions play a clear role, with fatality rates higher for patients of any age with hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, and other ailments. Smoking is thought to be a factor because it weakens the lungs, and gender may play a role as well. In a Chinese study of 45,000 confirmed cases, men had a fatality rate of 2.8 percent, compared with 1.7 percent for women, though external factors like higher smoking rates among men may account for this. Other possible factors may be related to the environment, such as air quality, or to genetics, such as subtle immune deficiencies.



April 8, 2020

TO: All AGIA Clients

AGIA's Covid-19 Response - Update

As the Coronavirus pandemic curve hopefully begins to flatten in the United States, I want to provide you with another update from our Business Continuity Team.

Nearly every state has implemented a "safer-at-home" mandate, including California and Arizona, which are where AGIA's two primary offices are located.

As you know, while not an absolute lockdown, the intent of these orders is to restrict travel and business to all but necessary services. Financial Services has consistently been deemed a critical infrastructure sector, and insurance is a component of it.

Though AGIA as an insurance administrator is excluded from the California and Arizona orders, for the safety of our associates, we executed a work-from-home maneuver that positioned essentially all of our 250 associates to successfully perform their jobs remotely.

The pivot of our workforce to working from home went exceedingly well. Since the completion of our work-from-home transition several weeks ago, leadership from all functional areas at AGIA report their teams are performing well and meeting expectations. Most importantly, for our customers, and your members who have coverage administered by AGIA, the service levels in our call center and administrative operations areas have continued to achieve their performance standard goals without a stumble.

Our supply chain remains in good order and is prepared to meet AGIA's service requirements. Of course, we stay in constant communication with them.

We remain cautious and are not resting on laurels. Hopefully, my next update will be about our re-onboarding of AGIA's associates back to their respective offices.

Stay healthy and hopeful,

J. Christopher Burke
President & CEO





Mildred "Millie" Healy, wife of 2006-2007 Department Commander Bernard "Bernie" Healy, transferred

to the Auxiliary unit in the sky on March 29, 2020, after a long battle with COPD and cancer.

Millie was Unit 158 President for two terms (2000-2002), and District 1 President for two terms (2005-2007). A 35-year member, she was very involved in Post 158 activities until her health prevented her from participating.

Per Millie's wishes there will be no funeral service, although rumor has it there is a Celebration of Life in the works, to be scheduled after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Cards or notes can be sent to:

PDC, Bernie Healy

10275 SW

Walnut Street

Tigard, OR 97223



American Legion Baseball and the Covid-19 issues.



MIKE SOWLES
BASEBALL CHAIR

not be able to use our fields until July 1st. Then we have to worry about social distancing for the players, fans and umpires, batter and catchers.

We will probably have restrictions on water, dugout crowds and sanitary hand washing. Maybe all fans and players will have to wear masks. All conditions are governed by the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon governor and the public school Superintendent.

If we use county and city parks for play and practice their rules will apply.

Other issue are the player's parents going to let them play, liability for players and fans are concerns for the Legion.

We can adjust our game schedules and season to July 1, through August 15th. Both Single A and Triple AAA tournaments can be played, AAA at Roseburg and A at Aurora's North Marion Brack Stadium.

Travel for teams

may be another issue, due to the social distancing and taking players to games and overnight stays.

One huge issue has been the ability to obtain sponsors for the teams to cover cost for equipment, uniforms, umpires field usage. We have some teams around the state that will sit this year out because of the ability to find sponsors that can afford to donate and keep their teams program funded.

The committee has their eyes on the reports from the governor's office and the Oregon health Authority.

We are still able to buy insurance for our teams and register them with our National American Legion system, even though the National American Legion Tournament is cancelled and all regional tournaments are cancelled.

Your Committee is trying to find a way to have an Oregon American Legion Baseball season, we wish to make it a safe season.





THE AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS & CHILDREN FOUNDATION



Dear Legionnaires,

#GivingTuesdayNow, which will take place on May 5, 2020, is a global day of giving and unity — an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. The day is designed to drive an influx of generosity and hope for communities and nonprofits across the globe.

At a time when we are all experiencing uncertainty, generosity can bring us together. #GivingTuesdayNow will be a day for people around the world to stand together and give back in any way we can, no matter who or where we are. Whether it's helping a neighbor, advocating for an issue, or giving to causes, every act of generosity counts.

America's veterans and their families are among the hardest hit by the deadly coronavirus and COVID-19. I am proud to share the ways American Legion Family members throughout the United States are embracing the spirit of generosity to support their fellow veterans and communities during this crisis.

In Chesterfield, Virginia, Major Charles A. Ransom Post 186 has given space to the nonprofit Feed our First Responders (FOFR) and its half dozen volunteers to prepare 350-plus meals a day provided at no cost to first responders at area hospitals.

In Northborough, Massachusetts, Legionnaires at Vincent F. Picard American Legion Post 234 are constructing face shields for healthcare workers after Post Commander Rick Currier learned how to make them through an online tutorial forwarded to him by his daughter, a New York City dentist.

In Linglestown, Pennsylvania, Robert H. Hoke Post 272 member Leroy Lippi Jr. has completed nearly 500 Buddy Check calls around his community since the pandemic began with the goal of ensuring his fellow veterans know The American Legion is there for them.

The American Legion is also providing critical support for military and veteran families in need.

Temporary Financial Assistance grants provide immediate debt-free cash to current active duty or American Legion members to help meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses. The need for these grants is expected to grow at an unprecedented rate as veterans continue to be impacted by the coronavirus crisis. Support of The American Legion Veteran & Children Foundation helps build reserves for Temporary Financial Assistance grants that will help families in the months ahead.

We will get through this, but we need to work together. Join the movement and make your #GivingTuesdayNow gift on May 5. With your help, we can continue to carry out our most sacred responsibility: to care for our nation's heroes.

For God and country,

James W. 'Bill' Oxford

James W. "Bill" Oxford
National Commander
The American Legion

Anyone else's car
getting 3 weeks to the
gallon at the moment ?

P.S. You don't have to wait until May 5. Make a gift now to support our nation's veterans during this difficult time.

Interesting things to make
you say
Hmmm.....



In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb.

Hence, we have 'the rule of thumb'



Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden' and thus, the word GOLF entered Into the English language.

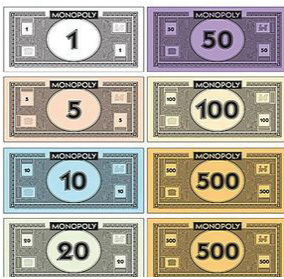


Humor on Covid



Every day
more money
Is printed for

Monopoly
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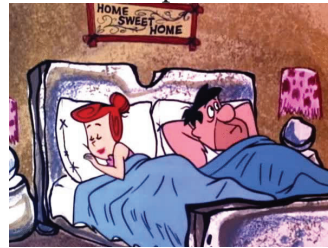


The cost of raising A medium-size
dog to the age of eleven: \$ 16,400.



*That is real
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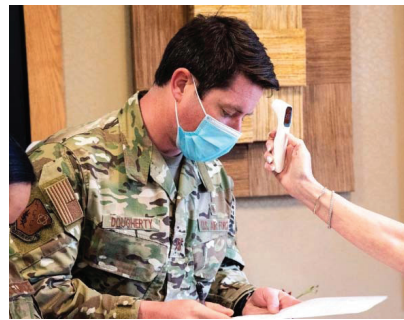
The first couple to be shown in bed to-
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Humor on Covid



Most National Guard troops deployed in the fight against the coronavirus now on federal orders



By ROSE L. THAYER | STARS AND STRIPES Published:
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For weeks, National Guard members have stood on [the front lines of the coronavirus fight](#) — and now the majority of the 36,750 troops deployed in every state and U.S. territory are working under a federal status that offers more benefits and military health coverage.

As of Monday, about 28,700 Guard members deployed within 38 states, three territories and Washington, D.C., are approved for federal funds known as Title 32, according to information from the National Guard Bureau. It provides governors federal funding for troops while maintaining state control of missions. It allows troops to gain further benefits and protections such as worker's compensation, a death gratuity, GI Bill accrual, retirement points, Tricare health coverage, and a housing allowance.

Guard missions in the fight against the pandemic include going into nursing homes to test patients and staff, collecting the dead alongside local mortuary services, and working drive-thru testing sites where thousands of Americans are swabbed to check for the virus while sitting in their vehicles, according to the bureau. Others work in warehouses vital to getting food and supplies out to where they are needed most, answer phones that provide medical information, and work alongside civilian industry partners to manufacture personal protective equipment. West Virginia even has enlisted the Guard's help in processing unemployment claims.

In Broomall, Pa., 18 of about 1,000 members activated with the Pennsylvania National Guard began filling personnel shortages Saturday at the Broomall Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. The military nurses and medics are working alongside civilians in 12-hour shifts to provide routine care to nonacute patients.

"It's something that we train for all the time, we're ready, we have the equipment and the experience, and I'm pretty sure that is why we were tasked to do this mission," said Maj. Thomas Wagner, a nurse with the 193rd Special Operations Wing.

A team of 30 Wisconsin National Guard members entered the Milwaukee County House of Corrections to test collected specimens from about 950 staff and inmates. Another dozen of the 450 troops in the state are serving as medical and administrative staff at state-run, self-isolation facilities.

Illinois troops also are going into prisons, but to augment medical staff and to help separate prisoners who could have contracted coronavirus. Others of the more than 650 National Guard members activated are providing mortuary support to Cook County, home to Chicago.

The National Guard Association, an advocacy group for the service, continually has called for better medical support and protections for troops activated in response to the pandemic. First, it was to get troops onto federal orders. Later, they worked to ensure those orders were for more than 30 days, which is the required time for National Guard members to get Tricare for themselves and their families, as well as an allowance for housing.

Last week, retired Brig. Gen. J. Roy Robinson, the association's president, [wrote to Matthew Donovan](#), the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, to ask the Pentagon for a "preemptive determination" to make transitional Tricare available to Guard members once they leave Title 32 active duty. Similarly, when Guard members return from overseas deployments, it would ensure troops can keep the health insurance for six months to help with any possible post-deployment concerns.

"Given the fact that these service members are being deployed to a health emergency, with the risk of contracting [coronavirus], providing transitional health care as they demobilize is prudent," Robinson wrote. "Soldiers and airmen exposed to this virus deserve health care coverage for themselves and their families to ensure continuous protection in the event that they contract the illness."

The Pentagon reported Monday that 672 National Guard members have tested positive for coronavirus, though it does not delineate between troops who are activated and ones who are not. Across all military branches, 3,438 service members have tested positive. thayer.rose@stripes.com \SFP\



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (Date of Birth) _____

Mailing Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (ZIP) _____

(Phone) _____ (Email) _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
(Gender) _____ (Post #) _____ (Dues) _____

☐ I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts | |

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____ Name of Recruiter _____

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department/state address, go to www.legion.org.

ALA 08/2019

Date

Received From
\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (ZIP) _____ (Phone) _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

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

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

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

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

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

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Date

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Squadron No.

Department of



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Unit # and Location (if known) _____

Date of Birth (Required) ☐ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and over

Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State: _____ ALA ID#: _____

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

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. Membership pending approval of application.

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) _____

If Living: American Legion Member ID # _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

☐ Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

Veteran Served:

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

☐ Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | |

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> Self |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter | |

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

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

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____

Date

ALA 09/2019

Date

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\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #