

# The Oregon Legionnaire

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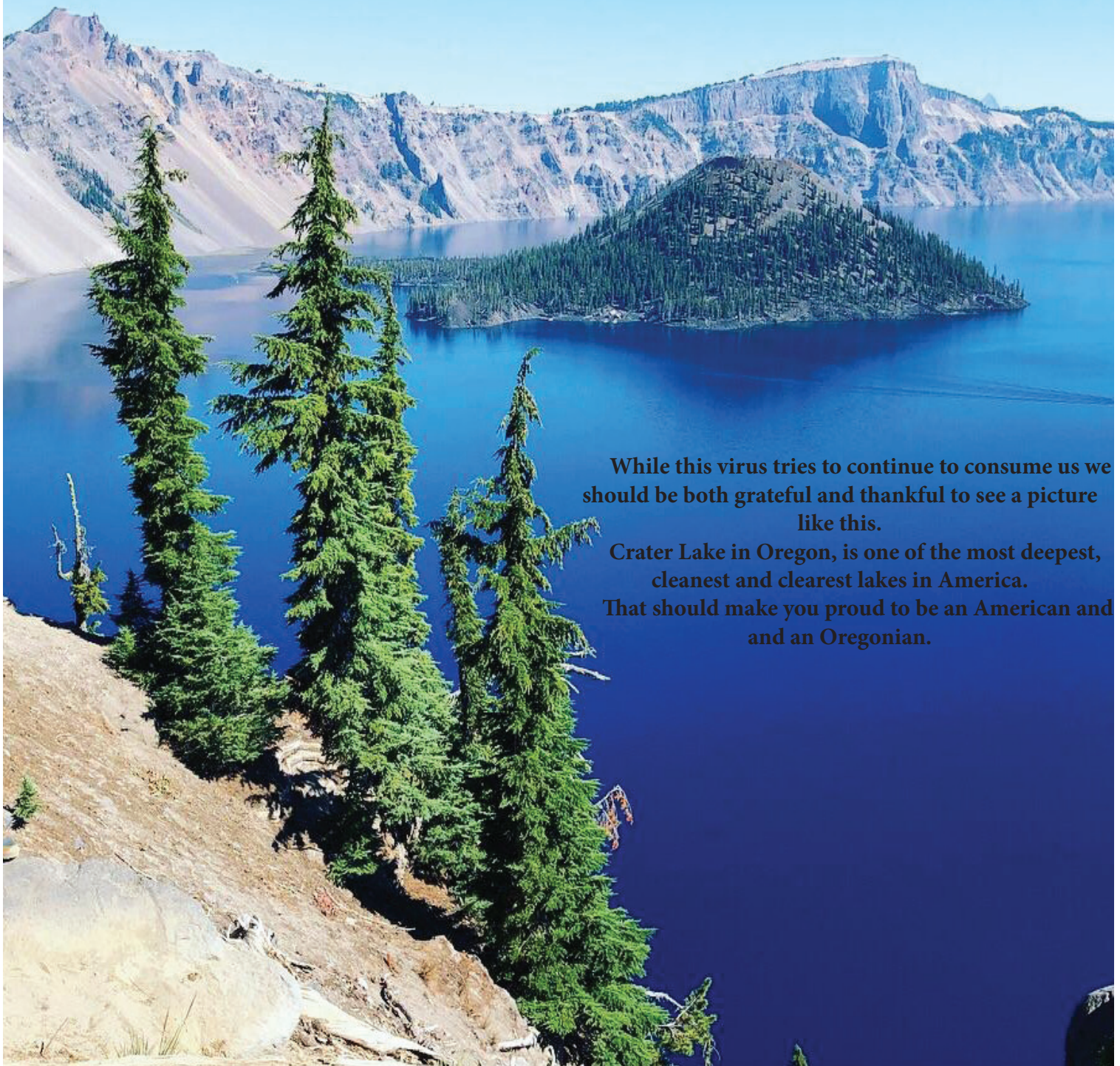
*August 2020*

THE  
AMERICAN  
LEGION **FAMILY**



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

**Inside This Issue  
Another Virus, Award Winners  
and Post Everlasting**



While this virus tries to continue to consume us we should be both grateful and thankful to see a picture like this.

Crater Lake in Oregon, is one of the most deepest, cleanest and clearest lakes in America.

That should make you proud to be an American and and an Oregonian.





STEVE ADAMS  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

One of the significant achievements in recent times took place less than one year ago when Congress passed the Legion Act. The American Legion worked on this issue for many years, because they refused to give up what was achieved. Now it is up to us to bring these new comrades into the American Legion.

As a child growing up in the American Legion because my father was very active, and I had a chance to know a lot of distinguished veterans. At that time, people were not always the best of friends. When it came to the Legion, it was all about veterans and their families. They set aside their personalities, and they all worked together for the good of the Legion.

We as Legionnaire's today need to also fight for veterans and their family's, and as adversity comes up at times, we need to adapt and overcome and keep our focus on the mission for the good of the Legion.

We work as a team to increase membership and improve our programs. We need to be leaders in our communities to educate them about what the Legion does and is all about.

As we move into this year, there have been members step up and accept positions of leadership at the Department, District, and Post level. I am looking forward to working with them to make 2020-2021 a successful year.



My fellow Legionnaire's we are starting another year, our 102nd year. A lot has changed in 102 years, and the American Legion continues to fight for Veterans benefits to honor those who have served.



LARRY WITTMAYER  
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

writing but is in progress now.

With the cancellation of the Department Convention the Awards and Trophies are being presently compiled and will be distributed at a later date decided upon by the Department Commander.

At the close of the membership campaign, the following Posts reached or exceeded the 100% goal as of 6/17/2020 Weekly Membership Report which was the cutoff for the 100% goal.

Post 140	Mission	200.00%
Post 180	Milwaukie	124.40%
Post 50	Williams	120.59%
Post 89	Mt. Angel	117.86%
Post 55	Mosier	111.76%
Post 37	Hermiston	110.68%
Post 137	Dana King	110.53%
Post 58	Stayton	108.39%
Post 192	White City	106.94%
Post 10	Albany	106.75%
Post 106	Prairie City	106.00%
Post 100	Philomath	103.85%
Post 86	Sisters	103.33%
Post 33	Independence	103.03%
Post 25	Condon	103.03%
Post 20	Dallas	102.90%
Post 75	Sheridan	102.17%
Post 41	Baker City	101.82%
Post 5	Wil. Falls	100.89%
Post 40	Springfield	100.78%
Post 56	Sherwood	100.41%
Post 21	McMinnville	100.24%
Post 24	Milton Free-Water	100.00%
Post 157	Joseph	100.00%
Post 34	Bay Area	100.00%
Post 152	Oakland	100.00%
Post 83	Santa Clara	100.00%
Post 63	Burns	100.00%

This article includes the activities of your 2nd Vice Commander and his involvement as Department Membership Chair.

**NOTE:** In compiling the list of the Hall of Fame Posts, I discovered an error I made. My apology for not recognizing Post 152's efforts and achievement in making the goal of 100%. This was an oversight on my part for which I take responsibility. I also understand that the same thing happened last year. I was not responsible for last year's oversight but will pledge to correct it. It will show when the Awards and Trophies are prepared, which has not happened at this

To be commended are Post 28 at 101.15% as of 6/26/2020 and Post 72 at 185.71% as of 6/26/2020 for continuing to work after 6/17/2020.

Congratulations to you all for your arduous work. Certificates and ribbons to come. I am presently reviewing some recommended changes to the Annual Membership Plan. The changes may emphasize a shift in direction—just a heads up for possible redirection.

We ended up at #32 in National Standings, and in the National Comparison with last year, we are at #19 on National with 221 less than last year.

Keep up the good work to finish out this year and also to kick off the new campaign year. You all did very well and will do better next year.

Normally in this issue, I would be writing that Department Convention is over, and thank you for your trust in me for voting me into this office for another membership year if I ran. This is not normal times as we all know; it is a time of uncertainty with new developments depending on where you live daily.

For the safety of our Legion Family, we had to cancel this year's Department Convention, and everyone is remaining in office for Membership Year 2020-2021. We continue to work from home, attend virtual meetings, in my case I wear other hats and am also an essential volunteer as the American Legion VAVS Representative at the VA SORCC and have a regular work schedule.



PDC, BOB HUFF  
DEPARTMENT FINANCE

Our American Legion commitment and mission continue. As I write this, Posts are still responding to the vote for acceptance of our Proposed 2020-2021 Department of Oregon Budget and Supplemental Budget for August and September 2020. By now, all Posts with a Tax reporting year of January 1 to December 31, 2019, have filed their Tax return with the IRS.

Remember, there are no exceptions. If your Post has a Tax reporting year of January 1 to December 31, 2019, and your Post did not file a tax return, please call me at (541) 601-9283 and let us talk (confidential). This article is just a reminder, please check with your Post and make sure that they have filed their Tax, if questions, please call me. Remember, these are unusual times.

Again, as a reminder; If your Post receives an IRS Letter revoking your Post EIN because of failure to file Tax's 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 restoring your EIN if your Post waited, and it is longer than 15 months. Remember, there are no exceptions, all Posts must file.

## Calendar of Events

### August

- 10 District 4 Meeting
- 15 District 10 Meeting
- 28 National Conv. Canceled

### September

- 07 Labor Day Dept & National Closed
- 12 District 1 Meeting
- 26 District 3 Meeting
- 26 District 9 Meeting
- 29 District 2 Meeting

### October

- 03-04 Fall DEC
- 10 District 7 Meeting
- 31 Happy Halloween







LOU NEUBECKER  
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

I hope this finds everyone in good health and virus free.

I stated that I would announce my visitation schedule in this article, I will start visits

in September, as long as the governor lets us hold meetings.

September will be the following Post, Hillsboro, Aloha, Beaverton, Tigard.

October will be Sherwood, Forest Grove, Cannon Beach, Astoria.

November will be Vernonia, Seaside, Banks, St Helens. Clatskanie.

Our District meeting on September 12th might be moved to a **GO TO MEETING** slot, instead of coming to Seaside for a visit to the beach.

Also, on September 18th there will be a dedication ceremony in Seaside for one of the signs that ODOT will be installing on the POW/MIA Highway 26 about 10 miles outside of Seaside. More to follow. On that day ceremonies will be held all over the State starting at 10AM, we are hoping for a noon ceremony in Seaside.

Stay Safe

*Semper Fi*



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## TRIVIA

7) For years women such as Susan B. Anthony and Carrie Chapman Catt labored to gain women the right to vote. What was the first state to grant women the right to vote?

- A. Washington D.C.
- B. Wisconsin
- C. Wyoming
- D. Washington

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



If a statue in the Park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air,

The person died in battle.

If the horse has one front leg in the air,

The person died because of wounds received in battle.

If the horse has all four legs on the ground,

The person died of natural causes.



PDC, ROB LIEBENOW  
TOALF COMMITTEE

The Oregon American Legion Foundation was established to aid our programs. The Foundation committee raises funds by holding raffles and auctions, but this is not enough. We need your help in keeping the Foundation functioning.

We are asking each post and District to support the Foundation during the coming year. If each post will donate \$100 and each District will donate \$500, it will go a long way in keeping the Foundation as a support for our programs. The committee has several things planned this year, and we need every one of you to support the Foundation and your Legion Programs.

We need to be ready when we come out of this pandemic, to resume Boys State, Legion Baseball, High School Oratorical Contest, Law Enforcement Career Camp, and the rest of your programs. With the support of all Oregon Legionnaires, our programs will become stronger and benefit more of our youth, and they are the future leaders of our Nation.

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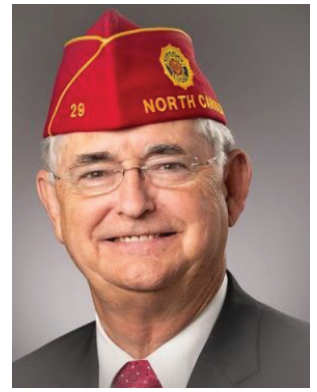




# That Other Virus

By James W. "Bill" Oxford

There is a virus in America that could cause more long-term destruction than COVID-19. Just as the novel coronavirus can quickly devastate a healthy body this other virus threatens lives, neighborhoods, and infrastructures. No person or place is truly safe. It can embed itself inside a peaceful protest and turn it into a nightmare of violent rioting and retribution. It turns Americans against Americans. ***This virus is called anarchy.***



JAMES W. "BILL" OXFORD  
NATIONAL COMMANDER

Perhaps no one should be more concerned about this virus than those who justly fight for civil rights and equality. Their cause has been hijacked. George Floyd and Breonna Taylor receive only occasional mentions on the evening news while footage of statue-toppling, tear gas and batons dominates. One network's description of a live event will usually have the opposite perspective of another network. Division is a symptom of this virus and its cancer has reached a stage unseen since the Civil War. The patient is quickly approaching stage 4.

At our 1962 National Convention, American Legion delegates defined "Americanism" in such an eloquent manner that we still adhere to it. It stated that the essence of Americanism is class, religious and racial tolerance. Written as if it were a vaccine against our current anarchy virus, it further states "law and order are essential to the preservation of Americanism while lawlessness and violence are distinctly un-American."

That's worth repeating. "Lawlessness and violence are distinctly un-American." Peaceful protests against racism are just, admirable and constitutionally protected. It's ok if protests make people feel uncomfortable. A good protest is supposed to do that. But many people feel unsafe. This is what distinguishes protestors from anarchists and rioters.

Whether generated from the extreme left or the extreme right, the cracked skulls and burning buildings don't care. They are damaged, sometimes permanently.

Instead of fighting this virus like good scientists, public officials are failing us. People are being killed while local, state and federal agencies fight over jurisdiction. Add partisan politics to the growing list of symptoms.

Most police officers are brave and honorable. Some are not and those who abuse their positions should be held accountable. In the fog of a riot, it is sometimes difficult for officers to distinguish between a peaceful protestor and a violent anarchist. Again, police officers who commit crimes should be prosecuted. Same with a brick-throwing anarchist.

Federal agents are charged with enforcing federal law and protecting federal property. State and local law enforcement officers have parallel responsibilities in their respective areas. Mayors, governors and the federal government must work as one when it comes to public safety. Agencies at every level must collaborate. People are dying. The enemy is not each other. ***It's the violent anarchist. Unity is the cure.***





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The Admin and Advisory Committee met face to face with Social distancing at the Prineville Best Western Hotel to meet with the Department Adjutant and discuss his yearly required in-person performance review.

Mike had these beautiful new blue hats made for the Members.

Photo by Flynn Phillips

## Department Officers

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# United States Flag



VANDEE MAUSER  
PR COMMISSIONER



The United States of America's Flag has gone through 27 different designs since inception and plays a massive part in the lives of American people and the American culture. The American Flag's original design was passed on June 14, 1777, by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia, the Flag Act of 1777. The official version of the Flag (1777) displayed 13 stars and 13 stripes for the original 13 colonies.

The United States added stars and stripes to the Flag for a while, as we welcomed new states. When Vermont and Kentucky joined the union, the American Flag took on two more stars from the original, so from 1795 to 1818, there were 15 stripes and 15 stars displayed upon the Flag. The lawmakers anticipating a large, crowded flag decided to honor the new states with a star and leave the stripes like the original 13 after 1818.

In 1958 our current Flag, which was designed by a 17-year old high school student, Robert G Heft, of Lancaster, Ohio, was chosen out of 1,500 design entries that President Dwight D Eisenhower was able to select. The colors, red, white, and blue in the American Flag have very special meanings. Blue represents vigilance and perseverance and justice, white symbolizes innocence and purity, and red symbolizes hardiness and valor.

Federal flag regulations state that the Flag may be displayed 24 hours a day as long as it's "properly illuminated" while it's dark outside. Other than that, the Flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset except during rainy and cold weather. There are several places that Presidential proclamation has authorized the Flag displayed 24 hours a day.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Our Commissions mission and goals are in a holding pattern with current social distancing and no large group rules for our members, family, and participants' safety. The Veterans Employment and Education Commission task with Veterans Employment, Education, and Homelessness is focusing on alternative methods to assist our Veterans community. We have had to cancel all our upcoming events until a new direction is given on meeting in large groups, the safety of our members, veterans, and participants remain our focus.

We are having small strategy meetings, phone, zoom, and some in person for when our National Guard Troops come home and Veterans unemployment and homelessness. We are entering and testing new water as we plan what if, what if, what if, no gatherings, social distancing, larger areas to hold events with a distance between employers, vendors. It is challenging and what venues will allow an event with social distancing and insurance requirements and Federal, State, and County requirements.



PDC, BOB HUFF  
VE&E CHAIRPERSON

We cannot lock in dates or locations with the uncertainty and changes that are taking place daily. We have faced many different challenges in the past and have overcome them; this is another new challenge. We are looking at and entertaining new ways of holding events to support Veterans Employment, Education, and Homeless activity in our areas of our Department. As we can start up again, we will broadcast by email to all Posts, Legionnaire, and Webpage and Department email.

And remember, the 2020 Oregon Women Veterans Conference, held every two years, has been rescheduled for May 22 and 23, 2021, at the Riverside Convention Center in Bend. We sponsor and support this event, and we will be there.



## Scouting



LARRY WITTMAYER  
SCOUTING CHAIR

This committee continues to encourage our posts to charter (sponsor) scouting units. In the past few years that sponsorship has gone from 19 to 37.

The plans for a scouting table at this year's department convention will happen next year.

The pandemic has curtailed in-person scouting very hard.

No formal summer camps will be held, and some councils have gone to family camping with scouting in mind.

Several events and troop meetings are being held virtually on-line. Our councils are becoming very creative in finding new ways to do scouting Virtually.

The department awards and trophies have been decided and the top Post working with troop 60 is Post 3, and the top Post working with pack 7100 is AlbanyPost 10.



KATHI KARNOWSKI  
DEPT PRESIDENT

Welcome to a new year where we will have challenges due to COVID-19, which will cause other challenges, but together we can overcome them. As dates and places are announced for DEC's or other meetings and events, remember these are all "tentative". We will have to work around restrictions put upon us.

July 6 & 7th we had a few Auxiliary officers meet to work on planning what needs to be done for the year. We thank Commander Steve Adams for making us feel welcome at HQ and especially Adjutant Flynn Phillips for his continued support of the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary would again like to thank The American Legion for sharing their building with us and always making us feel a part of The American Legion Family. There are similarities in our family and we work toward the same goals, but we are all unique and work a few different programs. We look forward to working with The American Legion Commander Steve Adams, Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Carl Pawlik and American Legion Rider State Director Chris McCarthy.

Each year we work on communication and how it could be better, that will be ongoing this year and we hope to do better. The Auxiliary supports programs and charities but we will be striving to invest in our units and members in the future. We will be talking and asking members who might like to run for an office or be chairman of a program. A member needs the desire to learn and work with others, having skills is a plus but not required. Be a part of the solution to keep the ALA viable into the future by speaking up and helping. We can all sit back and find fault but let us take a deeper look and be kind with the person trying to make a difference. We remind members and future members that by being a member you give the ALA a voice and numbers when it comes to supporting our Veterans. Your membership can be a donation or so much more!

We would like to thank President Gea Clausier for leading our Department this past year and now she joins other Past Presidents, who work to lead our department into the future. Thank you to all the officers and chairmen who served this past year at Department and the Units.

*"Service Not Self"*

*Respectfully*







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# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS SERVICE

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**STAND TALL, SOLDIER!**  
By Army 2nd Lt. Lloyd E. Lewis

(The following editorial, illustrated with an art piece featuring the Liberty Bell and the U.S. Flag as a backdrop and the legend, "Freedom Is Not Free," appeared in the Army News Features. We think it has deep significance for American Legionnaires at this particular moment in our nation's history.)

On this Fourth of July, we celebrate the 193rd birthday of the Declaration of Independence. A document that states, ever so boldly, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness... That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it..." It is, as it says, a Declaration of Independence, granting freedom to all citizens.

We are defenders of this freedom. I think it is well to remember on this day the words of philosopher John Stuart Mill. He said in 1800, "War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks nothing worth a war is worse...a man who has nothing which he cares about more than his personal safety is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the existence of better men than himself." In the light of these words, we, the defenders, stand tall.

The American flag is being flown by more Americans than ever before. Replicas of flags appear on lapels, on car bumpers and in car windows. This is a tribute to the heritage of freedom, which though imperfect, must not be lost or forgotten...or conquered. Our mission is to defend this freedom wherever and whenever challenged, whether it be a popular or unpopular situation. As a U.S. serviceman once wrote to the Freedoms Foundation, "I know that when my country calls I must go. For each time the aggressor stalks the weak, and goes unchallenged, the hobnailed boot of oppression treads one step closer to me and mine." On this Fourth of July, let every serviceman stand tall because every parade, every speech, and every fireworks display is partially in his honor.

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INDIANAPOLIS--(ALNS)--American Legion National Commander William C. Doyle of Vineland, N.J., has received another honor from his home state with his selection as the recipient of the 1969 Career Merit Award presented by the New Jersey Association of Chosen Freeholders.

Presentation of the award was made to Commander Doyle during the association's 19th Annual Conference at Atlantic City, N.J., on June 21. Anthony T. Greski of Burlington County, N.J., association president, presented the award.

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## 2020 RAFFLE

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The Winner is Chuck Voelker of Post 45 La Pine.  
Chuck was gracious and traveled to Headquarters to pick up  
his prize so we could get a picture.

**Congratulations!**



Would find the letter 'A'?

If you were to  
Spell out num-  
bers, how far  
would you have  
to go until you

**Submitted by:**  
**Mick Wilson Post 180**

*I don't see any color here,  
The headstones look the same,  
No black, no brown, no white skin tone,  
There's no one here to blame.  
These soldier's fought and died for you,  
Their color you can't see,  
Your rights are still protected,  
Here's the proper place to take a knee.*



**Congratulations the winners are:**

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Answer:

C. Wyoming

On August 26, 1920, the  
19th Amendment was ratified  
giving women the right to vote  
in every state of the union.

# Portland Sea Scout Base Closes



We say goodbye to a historic Portland landmark. The Sea Scout Base located at 7005 NE Marine Drive will revert to the Port of Portland. Starting May 1s, all Sea Scouts, along with boats and boathouses not owned by the Boy Scouts is to be gone.

By the end of the year, all remaining docks, boathouses, pilings, and structures on land (except for the house) will be removed, and the site returned to its original natural state. The Sea Scout base was established in 1966 from a lease arrangement between the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Port of Portland. Before that arrangement, the site was the main operation of Fred Devine marine salvage.

The arrangement between the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts and the Port of Portland for the property started with only a \$1.00 annual payment, but as years went on, the lease agreement changed to add costs. For the current lease which expired on April 1 of this year, lease payments were made by service hours on Government Island. A minimum of 500 hours of labor exchanged for the lease. The other costs for operating the Sea Scout Base and Program were all made with proceeds of the gift boat program and sweat equity of individual units. Half the proceeds of the boat sale program went to support the Sea Scouts with the remaining income going to the local Scout Council. An average of \$65,000 per year was generated and split between the council and the Sea Scouts.

Over the 53 Years at the location, the scouts made many significant improvements to the base, including new docks, officers' quarters' buildings, ramps, and gangways. During those years, many Sea Scouts have passed through the Sea Scout base on their way to becoming adults. Some of these youth have great careers. Everything from being a Ship's Captain to flying for the US Air Force in their F-16 fighter jets.

At times the Sea Scouts would enlist the help of Governor Victor Atiyeh and Senator Mark Hatfield in helping to keep the Program alive and viable. Both Atiyeh and Hatfield's support kept the Sea Scouts and their base moving forward.

What brought about the dismantling of the Sea Scout Base was the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America decided that the leasing the Sea Scout base along with owning the boats and associated equipment was too much of a liability for the Boy Scouts.

But there is still hope for the Sea Scout program. A group of Sea Scout volunteers started a non-profit organization, Portland Sea Base Inc., specifically designed to offer training for youth in the maritime arena. But it will not only be for Sea Scouts but other youth direct groups which can be anything from rowing clubs to youth sailing.

In addition to Portland Sea Base Inc., there were a few marina's that made a very generous offer of allowing some of the ex-Sea Scout vessels to moor at their facility. One marina took in 2 boathouses in addition to six boats. *When the word got out*, the local yachting community helped as much as they could. The Sea Scouts and Portland Sea Base Inc. are incredibly grateful for all their help.

Portland Sea Base Inc., with the input of the local Sea Scouts, is now looking at acquiring a permanent moorage or marina. They are also looking for donations from private donors along with boat donations to help fund their operations. Portland Sea Base Inc. will be using the proceeds to invest back into their Program. There are no salaries or overhead, at the moment, so it all can go into building a program for both youth and adults.

To support the Portland Sea Base Inc. and local Sea Scout units, please contact Roy Englund at 503-662-8862, [ship643.beaver@gmail.com](mailto:ship643.beaver@gmail.com), or Jim Larsen at 360-921-8894, [dolphintoo@comcast.net](mailto:dolphintoo@comcast.net)



## Resolution No. 21 National Executive Committee May 4-5, 2016



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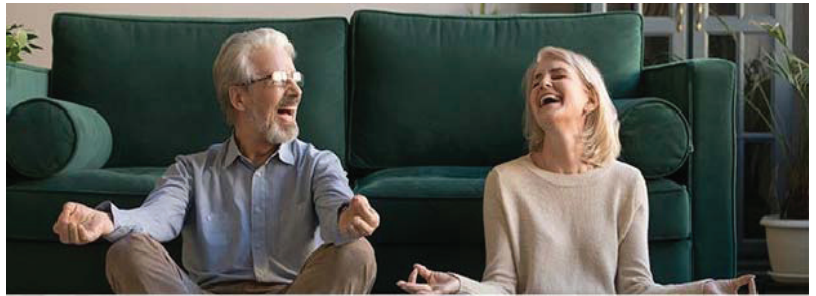
Under that first **RESOLVED** clause of this Resolution, it states in part, “that every reasonable effort is made to reject resolutions which are far afield of the main objectives for which the American Legion was organized. They are today known as “**The Four Pillars**” and should be addressed at the department level.”

At the Department level, the best place to determine if a resolution to be submitted to National meets this criteria is at the Department Convention. If that is not possible, this review should occur at the DEC.

This review is not to restrict the use of resolutions at the Post, District, or Department level dealing with simple housekeeping issues such as the Constitution and Bylaws.

Should you have any questions concerning a resolution that you want to submit to National, please contact the Department Judge Advocate or the Department Resolutions Assignment Committee.

As members of the American Legion, you know that most of our business is conducted through the use of resolutions. Resolution No. 21 emphasizes that Resolutions submitted to the National Organization must relate to the main objectives for which the American Legion was organized, namely Rehabilitation, Child Welfare, National Security, and



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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.

## Are you moving?

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Please Update My Address in [mylegion.org](https://www.legion.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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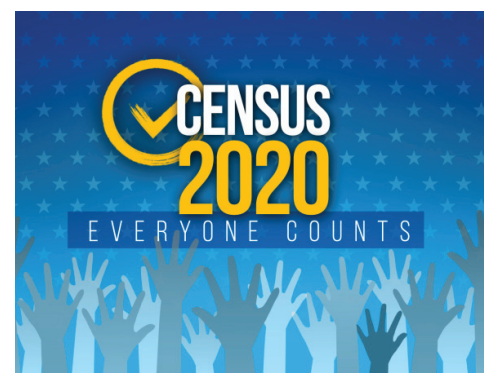
Please Email to: [Office@orlegion.org](mailto:Office@orlegion.org)

Or Mail to: The Department of Oregon

Attn: Adjutant

P.O. Box 1730

Wilsonville, OR 97070-1730



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](https://2020census.gov)

I can be reached either via email at [Joshua.l.carper@2020census.gov](mailto: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](https://2020census.gov/jobs) to apply, or if they simply want to fill out their forms then they can do that at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov)





American Legion Post

Hello Comrades.

I usually do not bug members about their membership dues because I know in good time, they do like supporting the Post and their fellow Veterans. This COVID-19 has affected all us in some way, and I know we will survive. Right now, I need all the Membership dues paid. You see, the Post used to rent out the hall to cover the utilities and insurance. This pandemic has not allowed us to do that, so we must rely on our savings to cover the overhead cost, which is disappearing rapidly. The little bit we make off dues can cover some of the costs. I am asking you for your support for our American Legion families,  
Thank you, Post Adjutant

PDC, ANDY MILLAR  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEEMAN

**“Business as usual?”**

The above article was the May “Push” membership letter for a post in my district!

It could have been a very successful campaign had there been a “buddy check” instituted with phone calls to our members that had not renewed dues for 19- 20 membership year, both last fall and during the “COVID crisis.” Instead, it had disastrous effects on our public relations, and it indeed shows, **“we don’t give a damn about our members!”**

**This is the rest of the story!**

Four of the members receiving this plea for dues had passed away! The most recent passing was in October 2019. Two of the members passed away over a year ago. How embarrassing is that to a grieving family member whose brother, husband, or father gave years of service to this organization?

It gets even worse! One of the members was an honorary life member of two in the Post.

Imagine the sadness when family members get dues invoices from the national organization starting in July of every year for the past two years!

If you have not done a “Buddy Check,” there is no better time than the present to **Get ‘er done!**

**We can do better than that!**

Wait for it.....  
YEP!!!!  
You Guessed it....  
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Only two people Signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4.

John Hancock and Charles Thomson.

Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn’t added until 5 years later.

Also came about the phrase, “Put you John Hancock on it.”

### **Need to Know Dates**

Portland VA  
Gift Shop Opening  
Sat. Nov. 28th @ 10 am

Oregon Veterans Home  
Gift Shop Opening  
Sat. Dec. 5th @ 10 am

Lebanon Veterans Home  
Gift Shop

Roseburg VA  
Gift Shop Opening  
Sun. Nov. 29th

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## IN MEMORIAM

### Regional Command East Religious Support Teams

July 7

#### KFOR RC-E Soldier Died at Camp Novo Selo from a Non-Combat-Related Incident



CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo, July 7– A U.S. Army Soldier, Pfc. Alexander Klass, 20, serving as part of NATO's Kosovo Forces Regional Command-East. Assigned to 2nd Battalion 162nd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oregon National Guard died at Camp Novo Selo on July 4. The incident is currently under investigation; the Army notified the soldier's next of kin.

**Klass, a resident of Willamina, Oregon** entered the Army on January 17, 2019, and completed basic training and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training 11B Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga. August 16, 2019. He then received an assignment to D Company, 2nd Battalion 162nd Infantry Regiment, November 12, 2019. He served as a Rifleman as part of the KFOR 27 deployment to Kosovo since March 2020.

"This is a tragic loss felt throughout our organization. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pfc. Klass' family and friends," said Regional Command- East Commander Col. Eric Riley.

Klass' awards include the Army Service Ribbon and NATO Medal and recently recognized by his Battalion Commander for his outstanding performance during a training exercise. More information will be released as it becomes available.

There was a funeral procession with the Oregon Legion Riders McMinnville Post 21 leading and many others from the Airport to his funeral home that passed by the Department Headquarters and Renee Ohler gave us the heads up so we could be out on the road as they passed in procession. We were ready with the Colors. Rest in Peace Young Man.



Article submitted by  
Flynn Phillips  
Department Adjutant

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# 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:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <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](http://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](http://www.legion.org).**

ALA 12/2013

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Received From  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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):

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts |
| <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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Received From  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Phone #