

# The Oregon Legionnaire

The Voice of Oregon's Veterans Since 1919 November 2020

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Auxiliary,  
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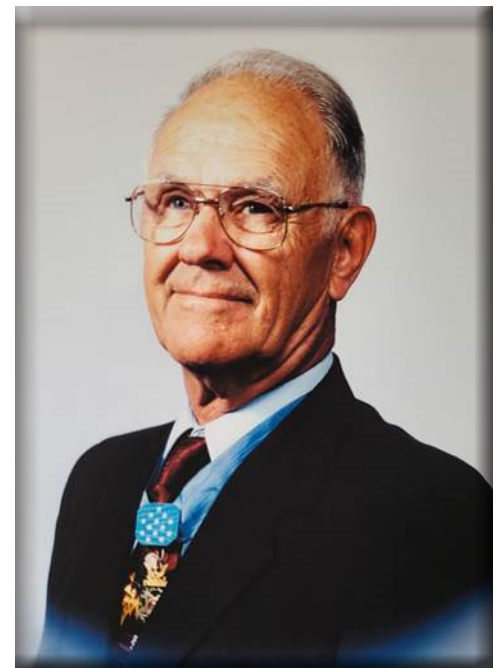
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RENAMING BEND DVA CLINIC AS ROBERT D. MAXWELL

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC

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My fellow Legionnaires, on November 11, 2020, we again have the honor to thank all of our Veterans who served. We have the opportunity to attend and take part in the many Veterans Day events held across our state. Do not make Veterans Day the only day we thank all of our Veterans. When you see a Veteran in your Community at any time, thank them for their service.

Veterans Day was started in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson as Armistice Day to honor all Veterans from WW1. There also were meetings held in Paris, France that same year that lead to the formation of the American Legion. We observe Memorial Day to honor all those who fell to defend freedom. Veterans Day is observed to honor all Veterans who served to keep us free. In 1954 President Eisenhower officially changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans and making it a national holiday.



STEVE ADAMS  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

We honor all Veterans from all wars, WW1, WW11, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War, Granada, Gulf War, and Iraq-Afghanistan. No matter what service you were in, we all took the same oath to defend freedom knowing we may have to go into combat to defend our country.

All of our men and woman Veterans are proud of their service as they believed they were defending our freedom and our way of life.

It is an honor to serve in the American Legion with all these brave and dedicated men and women. We are a family and will forever be comrades in supporting Veterans and their families.

I would encourage all members to attend an event in their area, and please share your experience.



DON WEBER  
DEPT 1ST VICE COMMANDER

It has been challenging to plan our routine events with the traumatic events in the world now. The Department is working extremely hard to maintain as many of our programs as possible. As we begin to open in-person meetings, I hope to reenergize the focus on membership and get us back on track.

Many of our Posts have found ways to conduct the programs and meet the social distance guidelines. I had the opportunity to donate blood at the Milwaukie blood drive. The American Red Cross has the procedures established to conduct a blood drive. Any Post can call the Red Cross and conduct one of these lifesaving events. Many of our Posts and the Legion Riders are performing memorial services in a modified way to show respect for our members passing to Post Everlasting. The ALR continues executing group drive byes to memorialize Veterans.

I want to encourage everyone to participate in the “100 Miles For Hope” program. It is a Legion National program that will get people out for a little activity, raise some money for the Veterans and Children Foundation, and provide some visibility to the community with a bright red shirt that will spread the message about The American Legion. You can participate by walking, biking, swimming, or even driving a hundred miles. Half of the registration fee goes to the Veterans and Children Foundation, one of the programs we can use to assist Veteran families during the fire crisis.

I hope everyone had an opportunity to see one of Oregon’s POW/MIA highway dedications. Dick Tobiason has been working for ten years to dedicate State Highways to Veterans. He expects that all states will soon dedicate Hwy 26 to POW/MIA’s from coast to coast. Idaho should dedicate its section of Hwy 26 next.





LARRY WITTMAYER  
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

***Please remember, every Legionnaire is a Recruiter.  
Carry a blank application in your wallet.***

The Department Membership Campaign is gaining momentum. We reached the 50% target goal, and at this writing, we are very close to the 55% target goal at 54.41% with 93 to go in the next week. This target of 55% is do-able.

The top districts closed out September at District 4 61.05%; District 5 at 57.47%; District 8 at 59.04%; District 9 at 62.21; and District 10 at 61.21%. At this moment, District 9 is on top.

Operation recall starts in November with mop-up of the renewals and the emphasis on DMS/114. New lists will be coming out by the end of September. The District Commanders will need to promptly send them to the Posts.

The 2019-2020 awards are being sent out or presented at the Fall DEC. The 2020-2021 awards will have already been presented at the Fall DEC.

My next District meeting visit will be with District 4 on Zoom.

The Department Hall of Fame for Posts over 55% on 9/30 is as follows:

# Membership

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Post 2 - 68.46%	Post 20 - 56.85%	Post 40 - 57.66%	Post 8 - 57.74%	Post 25 - 58.33%
Post 6 - 60.00%	Post 21 - 59.67%	Post 59 - 62.34%	Post 28 - 66.54%	Post 29 - 65.60%
Post 42 - 63.33%	Post 57 - 55.56%	Post 61 - 77.62%	Post 50 - 124.24%	Post 44 - 67.39%
Post 47 - 60.00%	Post 58 - 55.77%	Post 64 - 59.38%	Post 70 - 68.89%	Post 45 - 60.66%
Post 68 - 60.00%	Post 89 - 59.70%	Post 116 - 57.89%	Post 84 - 61.43%	Post 86 - 72.31%
Post 90 - 57.60%	Post 122 - 57.14%	Post 184 - 60.00%	Post 129 - 93.38%	Post 125 - 57.45%
Post 104 - 56.70%	Post 173 - 65.22%		Post 192 - 61.97%	
District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10
Post 87 - 75.56%	Post 137 - 115.00%	Post 150 - 57.72%	Post 16 - 56.00%	Post 63 - 58.65%
Post 95 - 59.52%		Post 180 - 58.72%	Post 26 - 72.92%	Post 67 - 73.77%
			Post 62 - 61.36%	Post 77 - 57.14%
			Post 76 - 58.70%	Post 79 - 61.11%
			Post 121 - 89.80%	Post 96 - 70.18%
			Post 123 - 69.33%	Post 106 - 60.00%

We have 50 Posts at this writing that are 55 % or greater. That is awesome work.

The top district is District 10 at 62.21%, and District 4 is a close second at 61.05%. This year's campaign is ahead of last year at this time. Keep up the excellent work team.

## Join or Renew Your Membership





We completed our two-month Supplemental Budget for August and September 2020. We will now do our taxes for our short reporting year, first of ten reporting years before we can change our tax reporting year again. Our tax reporting year was August 1st to July 31 which was not allowing our Department to report the outcomes from programs, American Legion Baseball, Boys State or Law Enforcement Career Camp in the same tax year as the programs with the billing cycles from the programs. We voted in our 100th Department Convention to change to a tax reporting year of October 1st to September 30. After approval from **PDC, BOB HUFF** **DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER** IRS we initiated the supplemental budget of August and September 2020 and the 2020-2021 budget of October 1 to September 30, 2021, our 2020 Tax Reporting Year. We are now in our new Budget Year. We are still working on our Financial Reporting Systems to support all our new changes, the wildfires in Oregon and South West Oregon have changed some priorities.

Post Adjutants, if not reporting your Post membership, renewals and new on mylegion.org, please start. We have training available and would be glad to walk you through this process and assist you in any way we can. You can save money for your Post on Postage and you immediately receive credit from National and Department for your renewals, all positive. It is less work using the mylegion.org system then sending the cards to Department and postage and you receive immediate credit for your submittal. It is not hard; we are here to help. And remember, ask your Post if they have filed their Taxes. Every Post is a separate corporation and is required to file a 990, 990EZ or 990-n each year, there are no exceptions. If you need help or have questions, please ask, we are here to help.

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



In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts..

So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down'

It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'



**PDC, BOB HUFF**  
**DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER**

## Deadline

for the December issue  
of the  
Oregon Legionnaire  
is November 5th, 2020

## Calendar of Events

### November

11 Veterans Day (Closed)  
14 District 3 Meeting  
14 District 10 Meeting  
26-27 Thanksgiving (Closed)

### December

12 District 1 Meeting  
23-25 Christmas Day (Closed)  
31 New Years Eve (Closed)

### January

01 New Years Day (Closed)  
09 District 3 Meeting  
16-17 Mid Winter DEC  
18 MLK Day (Closed)  
23 District 4 Meeting  
23 District 7 Meeting



In the 1920s, Americans were fearful of a political philosophy that had led to revolution in Russia. What name did the fear of Communism take during this time?

- A. Red October
- B. Blue Thunder
- C. Red Scare
- D. Blue Hunt







LOU NEUBECKER

DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

Well, I pray that all are staying healthy.

I have not visited any post during the pandemic. Please let

me know if and when you are starting up your meetings again.

Our Vice Commander John has resigned due to health reasons. I have asked Susan Hughes of Post 104 to fill in until our District Meeting in St Helens in December to vote on her. Speaking of the District meeting in St. Helens, it is on December 12th. Lunch will start at 1130 until 1230 and clean-up, and then our meeting will begin at 1300 hrs. (1 PM). I promise to keep it at one (1) hour.

Our spring meeting scheduled for Cannon Beach on March 13th, and our caucus in Aloha on May 8th. All meeting starts at 1300 (1 PM). Hopefully, by then, we can meet in person, or should we say face to face. If you need me to come to your Post before the restrictions are lifted, contact me on my cell.

Please do not sit on membership. Get it in, so Department meets its goals, and our National Commander has the numbers he needs when he reports to Congress. By now, you should have talked to our Membership team Chair PDC Tom Harris. All Post Adjutants should be using [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) to report our new members and renewals by using mylegion to make the Post adjutants work so much easier.

**HAPPY VETERANS DAY from your District OFFICERS**

SEMPER FI



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 66th year, awarded \$740,889 to 19 nonprofit organizations for the calendar year 2021. These

grants were determined during the annual meeting of the CWF board of directors held virtually on September 15, 2020. Grants are awarded to support projects and activities sponsored by youth-serving nonprofit organizations that address children's physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual needs.

Grants were awarded to the following:

**American Printing House for the Blind**

**Angel Flights Soars**

**Autism Speaks**

**Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation**

**Children's Hospital & Medical Center Foundation**

**Father Flanagan's Boys Town**

**Gift of Adoption**

**Illinois Spina Bifida Association**

**Kansas Braille Transcription Institute**

**Mercy Flights Southeast**

**Mercy Medical Angels**

**Military Child Education Coalition**

**National Autism Association**

**Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome Foundation**

**The American Legion Auxiliary**

**The American Legion National Headquarters**

**United Through Reading**

The Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) is one of the ways The American Legion supports Youth, one of the Legion's Four Pillars. A summary of the 2021 American Legion Child Welfare grants is available at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

## Oratorical

The Oratorical Chairman packets and contestant packets were distributed at and following the Fall Department



Executive Meeting CORY BROCKMANN to the post and district oratorical contacts. These packets, respectively, contain official contest rules, details on the oration and assigned topics, scholarship information, and more.

Please continue to utilize these materials in your efforts in contacting parents, teachers and students in your local area and in establishing your post and district contests. These efforts are vital to promoting and increasing opportunities for youth in our program.

In participating in the virtual Combined Americanism Conference, which was conducted earlier this fall, the national Americanism Commission established that the national oratorical final in 2021 would be an in-person contest, which is the traditional format. As such, for departments to certify a department oratorical winner – for the winner to participate in the national finals – departments, too, must conduct an in-person department contest.

The department contest is Saturday, February 20, 2021. Details of the time and location for the department contest will be shared once it has been established. Our committee continues to navigate local restrictions currently in place as we seek a host facility.

While department contests must be conducted in accordance with the national contest rules, there is some

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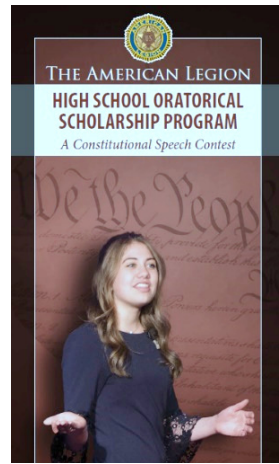
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on congregating are lifted.

Our objective, however, remains clear – we want to create positive opportunities for our youth!

It is possible that some Posts and districts may elect to conduct virtual contests to advance winners to the department contest, while others may be able to perform traditional in-person contests. Either way, we will do our best to support our youth in conducting a fair and safe oratorical contest.

Oratorical resources may be found online at the national oratorical dashboard, <https://www.legion.org/oratorical/>, or at the department website <https://orlegion.org/oratorical/>.

Your department oratorical committee members are Steve Bergadine, Richard Ramey, and PNC Charles Schmidt. A vacancy on the committee exists. If you are interested in serving in this capacity or volunteering to help with a contest, please reach out to any of the oratorical committee members or myself with any questions you may have.

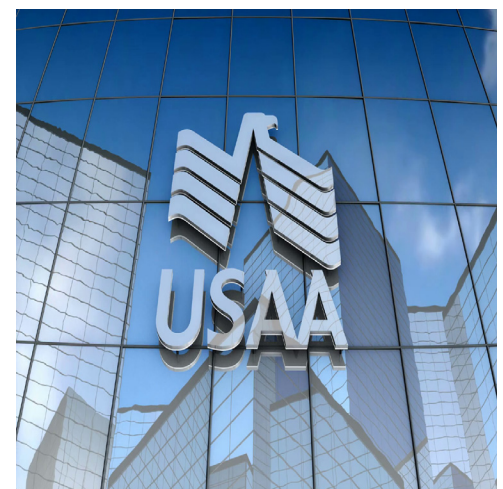
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## Oratorical

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Greetings, Legionnaires hope all is well, or at least, well enough in your area.

We have just had an excellent example of **PDC, MIKE JONES** why the OALF is so **OALF MEMBER** important to us, the Dept. of Oregon members. Wildfires have devastated much of Oregon and displaced many of our members. While you may be thinking, if you are not in the immediate impact area, the heat is off (no pun intended). But...No....

This disaster is not over by a long shot. We need to continue building our foundation funds, particularly in the Disaster Relief Fund line item. As I understand it, approximately \$4,000 was raised for the foundation during the course of the DEC, counting \$1,600 from District 10. With another \$750 coming from Post 63 alone.

Congratulations and a big thank you to all who donated their time, effort, and money. But, can we continue to build our fund? Can we reach another \$35,000 by the 2021 Convention to shore up our programs and be able to take care of our fellow Legion members in crises? Sure we can!

Let's start now by donating what we can on a regular basis. I plan on sending my monthly contribution beginning this month.

Thanks again for all you do every day for your fellow veterans.



Hello Comrades,

My name is Rick Dominguez, a Public Relations Committee member.

Have you ever thought of starting an American Legion Amateur Radio Club at your Post? It's easy to get the ball rolling. If a post member who already holds an FCC license as a radio amateur, ask him or her to check out the website at [www.legion.org/hamradio](http://www.legion.org/hamradio) with complete details.



**RICK DOMINGUEZ**  
**PR MEMBER**

Membership is open to all members in good standing of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and Legion Riders holding a valid FCC amateur radio license. There is no fee for joining. Your licensed member can evaluate the best way for your Post to get involved, based on various factors, and provide your post commander and executive committee with recommendations.

While this activity might not be suitable for every Post, those who have become involved have enjoyed increased membership, good media coverage, and participation by young people that translates into the full range of Legion youth programs.

Working with post members who are not ham operators to establish a post-disaster preparedness and response team, the Post can significantly enhance its commitment to the community as a significant resource for the town, city, and county emergency management officials. Some post members might want to obtain their ham license to enjoy all the benefits of a great hobby.

Ramping up your Post's participation in disaster preparedness and engaging amateur radio as an emergency communications resource can gain recognition from the media, local government, the community, and, potentially, new members for The American Legion.

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club website at [www.legion.org/hamradio](http://www.legion.org/hamradio) is a great place to start. It contains a wealth of information about the club. It features an online "forum" where Legionnaires from across the country share their comments about their Post's involvement with amateur radio. The booklet, "Disaster Preparedness and Response for American Legion Posts," is available free on request at [k9tal@legion.org](mailto:k9tal@legion.org). Information about obtaining an amateur radio license at [www.arrl.org/licensing-education-training](http://www.arrl.org/licensing-education-training) from the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for amateur radio.

Who better to become involved than veterans and their families who proudly follow the motto "Still Serving America."





**BETTY FISH-FERGUSON**  
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

Hello Legionnaires,

## REPORT FROM THE RECENT DEC

I was ratified as Chairman of the Training and Development Committee at the recent FALL DEC. The training that occurred in Lebanon, at Santiam Post 51, and was a condensed version of a Legion College.

I specifically targeted the new District Commanders who were to be starting at the recent Department Executive Meeting (DEC). I tailored the topics as directed by the answers I received when I asked several past District Commanders: What were the five things they wished they knew before becoming District Commander? Topics included: Your role as a District Commander, goals and scheduling, Mylegion.org., the District Commander Handbook, and District Commander forms.

The day ended with a panel discussion of Legion leadership for a Q&A session with robust participation. It was an excellent start for the Training instructional year.

There is a wealth of Legion training information if anyone would like a presentation at their District meeting. I would be happy to speak about that.

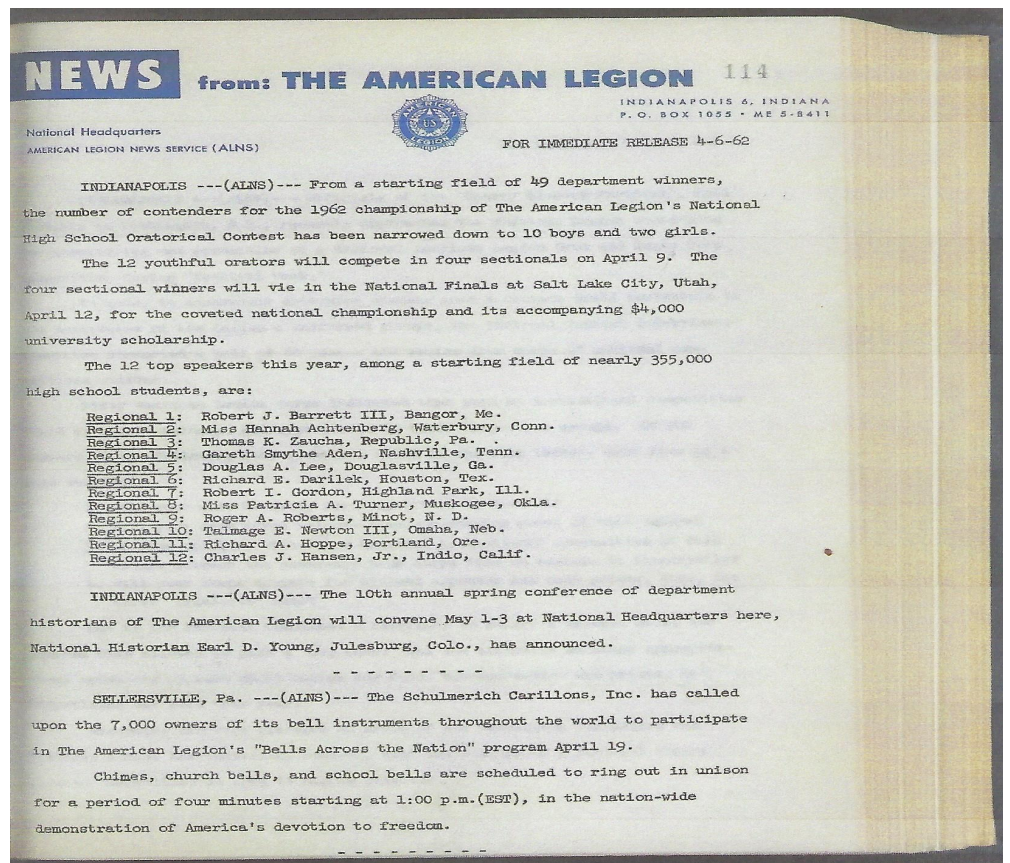


Our Commissions mission and goals remain the same but are in a holding pattern with current social distancing and no large group rules for our members, family and participants safety. We have been focusing on alternative methods to assist our Veterans community. We have had to cancel all our upcoming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

We are continuing to meet with our partners on ZOOM virtual meetings. We are meeting on supporting our National Guard Soldiers return from mobilization through zoom meetings although most were activated for wildfire support upon their return and how we will support de-mobs, a lot of challenges. This has not been business as usual. We are having a lot of discussion in-person and ZOOM meetings on Veterans Stand-Downs and Employment events and how to support our veterans in the current

environment, we have so much more to do. Learning and implementing new ways to support our programs and mission has

been a challenge, **PDC, BOB HUFF** and of course, we **VE&E CHAIRPERSON** have always liked new challenges. We are still discussing with our partners and have an active dialog with our DVOPS from Oregon Employment and other community groups on what-if's for Virtual Employment Events. We cannot lock in dates or locations with the uncertainty and changes that are taking place daily. The recent wildfires and the damage that has taken place and destruction of homes and buildings has added more challenges. We have been faced with many different challenges in the past and have overcome them or re-adjusted our plan, this is another new challenge.





## Legionnaire Benefits

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## "The John Kalmbach Memorial Membership Award"

I am writing this in the hope that it will find you all happy, well, and safe.

The reason for this message today is to remind you, the individual Legionnaires of the Dept. of Oregon, of a membership rewards program that seems to have been skimmed over, or at least not promoted at any level.



PDC, MIKE JONES

Here is how this works. The program runs until June 1, 2021. Your Post Adjutant or Membership Chair must verify all the names you wish to have submitted. Those names can be sent to the Dept. Adjutant. In turn, he will forward them to me, or they can be directly sent to me, Michael Jones, 110 NW 4th St. Ontario, Or. 97914...or email to [grayelk110@msn.com](mailto:grayelk110@msn.com). The winner of the award and possibly a second-place winner, if we have a good enough showing, will receive a nice personal plaque denoting their achievement and cold cash.

Now for your part of the deal. You must recruit or collect the dues of 25 members or more to qualify. There are four different ways to do this, 1) Traditional recruiting, 2) go out and collect the dues of your fellow post members who haven't renewed yet 3) resign members off of the expired list, 4) transfer members from the DMS 99 or 114 lists (if they haven't already paid their dues and would count against this year's membership). Or a combination of all the above. Remember, when transferring those DMS/114 members, they don't all have to be into your post. You could work the entire DMS 99 list if you like.

I ask one more thing of those in leadership positions: a Post, District, or Dept. Officers to please help promote this opportunity and give the post members a chance to shine.

Sponsored by Sharon & Michael Jones

**May God bless The American Legion**

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](http://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](http://2020census.gov/jobs) to apply, or if they simply want to fill out their forms then they can do that at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)

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*True Compass Designs* is a digital development company that has been in business for more than 17 years. Certified in 11 different Adobe programs, Mick Bird of Camas, Wash., builds websites for clients while working from the comfort of his home. **Mick is The American Legion Department's Web Designer.**

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PDC, KEVIN OWENS  
DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is here, and Christmas is around the corner. District 9 continues to plow through the membership 114 & 99 lists. I have contacted all Posts and send weekly e-mails to all. The COVID-19 still seems to be an issue and with our membership in the older category. We want to make everyone feels safe at all meetings held. It looks like we will have a few contests for the Oratorical, which I hear from Posts. As everyone knows, school is a challenge with school being virtual and no way to get in touch with them easily. We will do our best as usual and try to have a good showing. With the uncertainty of getting back to normal, I know Posts have been doing Buddy Checks long before this article, and this is not a monthly item. It is a way of life in District 9. Membership will always be a challenge whether we are in a pandemic or not, and we are up to fulfilling our goal to achieve 100%. I wish all members in our department on behalf of District 9 a Happy Veterans and a Happy Thanksgiving, be safe and enjoy the family time no matter how big or small it is.



November 26th, 2020



Answer:

C. Red Scare

Many people in the 1920s feared that the communists wanted to take over the United States government. One expression of this fear came with labor strikes. When thousands of coal miners and steelworkers went out on strike, rumors led many Americans to believe the strikes were the result of Communist infiltration. This fear of Communists would intensify after World War II.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes.



When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on.

Hence the phrase.....

'Goodnight, sleep tight'



## Need to Know Dates

Portland VA  
Gift Shop Opening  
Canceled for 2020

Oregon Veterans Home  
Gift Shop Opening  
Canceled for 2020

Lebanon Veterans Home  
Gift Shop Opening  
Canceled for 2020

Roseburg VA  
Gift Shop Opening  
Sun. Nov. 29th

October 2020 issue on page 18 we belatedly discovered that Madras Post Commander Roland Swearingen's first name had been misspelled as Raleigh in the information about the POW/MIA highway dedication provided by the Dick Tobiason. While it's been corrected on the Legion website, we had forgot you were using the initial version of the story. Please accept our apologies I'm so sorry Roland.

Thanks,  
Ken

## Are you moving?

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Please Update My Address in [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
New Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# AUXILIARY NEWS



**KATHI KARNOWSKI**  
**DEPT PRESIDENT**

Let us start off by Thanking the members who have already paid their 2021 dues and see its importance. The Legion has always made their members aware that dues can and should be paid starting in July, even though your date on the card says, “good until December 31st”. We had our Fall DEC at Lebanon on October 4th with training on Saturday the 3rd. Units did not have a representative there and missed out on help with finances, constitution & bylaws, membership, and other unit business. We give you the tools to assist with your Unit and be compliant with the State and IRS. The Winter DEC will be January 16 & 17 and announced the next newsletter as to where. Every two weeks, our Membership Chairman, Debra Godwin, sends out a report on our numbers and helpful information. We highly suggest you get on the email list, and when these and others are sent out, you look at the message, and below are reports or forms to click on as well.

Governance within the Unit is a necessity and should be asked for by its members. At Department, we are here to assist and oversee what units do plus protect ALL members. When we say Protect ALL Members, we mean - when you pay your dues to a Unit, you should be processed through Department and National to be a current member and receive your card from your Unit. There has been and still is a problem with some members getting processed, thinking they are a member, when in fact, they are not. The Treasurer is in charge of the Unit's money, and the Membership Chairman is in charge of seeing to members' needs such as processing their dues, deceased member reports, changing members' address, phone #, checking on them, and getting their card out in a timely manner. The President and E-Board of a Unit must ask for accountability from all officers, and if they cannot fulfill their obligation, they must be mentored or replaced by someone who will. We all try and get along and don't want to hurt feelings but when it comes to ALA business, the ALA is first, and personalities come second. Families do not always see eye to eye, and that is exactly what a unit is, a Family. For any trouble a unit has, you need to talk it out and come to a solution that is best for your Unit's health. It is recommended that each officer and chairman have a written report to give at each meeting and then give the secretary a copy to make their job easier in doing the minutes. As we all volunteer and do our jobs, we must always remember, the reputation, welfare, and funds of the Department and Units are not ours but the organizations. We must do as good or better than we would for ourselves to maintain our ALA reputation and integrity.

The SAL Commander, Carl Pawlik, invited me to their 1st annual Department Picnic on August 21st, and it was a joy to go to Post #83 and see some of the Family. The Post #83 Family is a huge supporter of Veterans Legacy Camp Alma, and I had the pleasure of touring it with Dan Buckwald. Each President of the Department has a President's Project, and my home, Unit #43 La Grande, has been a supporter of Divide Camp out of Joseph, Oregon, for the past five years, so it made sense to add Camp Alma to the project. All money raised through the year will be divided between Divide Camp and Camp Alma. I am trying to get Julie Wheeler of DC together with Dan Buckwald of CA. to see if they can help even more Veterans in the future between the two programs. DC is a week-long experience for Post 9-11 combat Veterans who bond with other Veterans and unplug and reboot with nature. Camp Alma allows Veterans to live on the grounds, learn skills, and share a work ethic with others. In the future, they hope to have counselors who can help Veterans be self-supportive and live a more fulfilled life. Please support these two worthy causes for our Veterans during the year when we have fundraisers.



**VETERANS LEGACY CAMP**  
**ALMA TOUR**



**KATHI KARNOWSKI & DAN**  
**BUCKWALD AT THE ENTRANCE TO**  
**VETERANS LEGACY – CAMP ALMA**



# AUXILIARY NEWS

I want to emphasize the changes being implemented at our VA facilities, in place of the Gift Shops for this year. We must improvise, adjust, and adapt due to the COVID virus restrictions to serve our veterans effectively.

As most of you know, the VA facilities in Oregon are closed to visitors, so this prevents us from holding our Annual Gift Shops (except for Roseburg). They will hold their Gift shop and work to include the infectious disease area located there.

- We are planning to provide gift cards for 100-125 veterans connected with the Portland VA Hospital.
- The Veteran's Home in The Dalles will allow soda pop donations, Little Debbie snacks, snack-size potato chips, and candy bars. Chairman Geanne Horne will purchase these items and deliver them for us, with the Gift Shop funds for this year.
- The Veteran's Home in Lebanon in lieu of their Gift Shop closing will allow the Auxiliary to make gift bags for each veteran

Because of these changes, we are asking for monetary donations instead of in-kind gifts this year. Anyone willing can send their donations marked for a specific facility in their area, or to Gift Shops in general, to the Auxiliary office in Wilsonville. We are so thankful for the opportunity to serve our veterans in a new way, and I want to thank all of you who will send in these donations to make it possible. I hope that by this time next year, we will be able to hold our Gift Shops once again.

## Auxiliary Unit 21 American Legion McMinnville

**Who is ready to make some no-sew lap blankets?  
If you can cut and tie, let me know!**



Our ladies and gentlemen of Post 21 are something special! This year they are making lap blankets to give to Vets in care homes in the area for Christmas.

Contact the Debra Godwin Unit 21 President PH: 971-2375379, Post 21 PH:503-4352218

## THE FINAL INSPECTION

SUBMITTED BY LOU NEUBECKER  
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

The soldier stood and faced God,  
Which must always come to pass.  
He hoped his shoes were shining,  
Just as brightly as his brass.

'Step forward now, you soldier,  
How shall I deal with you ?  
Have you always turned the other  
cheek ?  
To My Church have you been true?'

The soldier squared his shoulders  
and said,  
'No, Lord, I guess I ain't.  
Because those of us who carry guns,  
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays,  
And at times my talk was tough.  
And sometimes I've been violent,  
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny,  
That wasn't mine to keep...  
Though I worked a lot of overtime,  
When the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,  
Though at times I shook with fear.  
And sometimes, God, forgive me,  
I've wept unmanly tears.

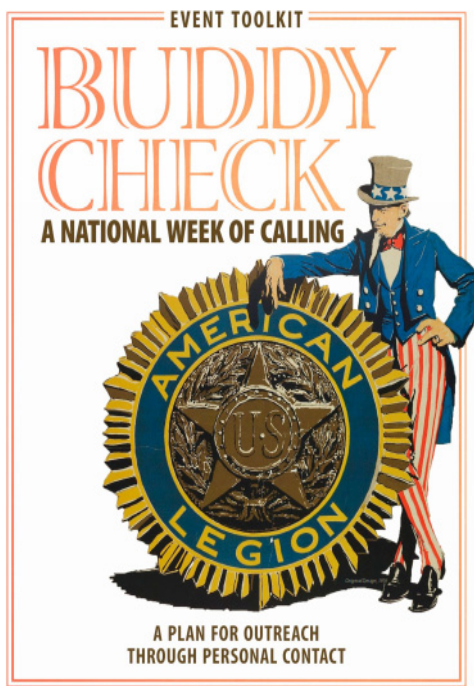
I know I don't deserve a place,  
Among the people here.  
They never wanted me around,  
Except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,  
It needn't be so grand.  
I never expected or had too much,  
But if you don't, I'll understand.

There was a silence all around the  
throne,  
Where the saints had often trod.  
As the soldier waited quietly,

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For the judgment of his God.

‘Step forward now, you soldier,  
You’ve borne your burdens well.  
Walk peacefully on Heaven’s streets,  
You’ve done your time in Hell.’

Author Unknown~

It’s the Military, not the reporter who has given us the freedom of the press. It’s the Military, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It’s the Military, not the politicians that ensures our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It’s the Military who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.



## The American Legion activates National Buddy Checks to save veteran lives amid rising suicide rates, urges Congress to pass bill to help

Posts across the country step up veteran-to-veteran outreach to support those at high risk around Veterans Day

INDIANAPOLIS (October 29, 2020)

— As COVID-19 cases rise and the holidays approach, [The American Legion](#) is activating its Buddy Check program to save veteran lives through peer support check-in calls. The nation’s largest veterans organization is also urging Congress to pass the **Buddy Check Bill** which will make wellness checks a national priority for the Department of Veterans Affairs. With military suicides up 20% over this time last year, Legionnaires will make thousands of check-in calls to at-risk veterans across the nation, to offer support and access to health and wellness programs in the week surrounding Veterans Day and into the weeks ahead.

The American Legion warns that veterans can be at particular risk for depression and suicide around the holidays and into the winter months. Many veterans are disproportionately hard-hit by the pandemic due to age, chronic health issues, post-traumatic stress disorder and isolation. [The Buddy Check program is designed to give Legionnaires the tools to make contact, engage in conversation, assess risks and direct veterans in need to the appropriate services.](#)

“The American Legion knows from 100 years of experience that it’s veteran-to-veteran contact that can make the difference for someone in a crisis situation,” says James W. “Bill” Oxford, national commander of The American Legion. “So, we’re putting some muscle behind this effort and giving our members the tools they

need to reach out to fellow veterans in their hometowns who may be hard hit by the triple whammy of the pandemic, isolation and the holidays.”

The American Legion is also urging Congress to unanimously pass the **Buddy Check Bill** introduced with bi-partisan support from Sens. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa; Doug Jones, D-Ala.; and Maggie Hassan, D-N.H. The legislation will require VA to establish a “Buddy Check Week,” as well as provide educational opportunities, materials and references for veterans to learn how to conduct personal wellness checks. The bill also compels VA to expand resources for the Veterans Crisis Line to handle any potential increased volume during the designated week.

“Veterans are in crisis, and we need Congress’ help to take this program to the next level and stem the tide of suicide among our nation’s veterans,” Oxford said. “We need all hands on deck and all boots on the ground to fight for our nation’s veterans, just like they fought for us.”

The Buddy Check program encourages Legionnaires to make contact, lend a listening ear, and direct their peers to critical services. For Buddy Check information, visit [legion.org/buddycheck](#). For urgent help, contact the Veterans Crisis Line at **1-800-273-8255**.

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# Eagle Scout Project *UPDATE* for the Department Headquarters



Left; William Alexy, Gavin DeVincenzi pictured center, and Winston Tang is almost all complete except for installing the clock.



**S. FLYNN PHILLIPS**  
**DEPARTEMENT ADJUTANT**

and Wildfire smoke that delayed the project. The department wishes to thank the those who donated time, materials, energy and love to make his Eagle Scout project a reality. Gavin displayed real leadership throughout. Gavin will now take the completed project to his Scoutmaster and Council for final exceptance. The Department will have a green lawn come next spring.

Gavin DeVincenzi of Boy Scout Troop 396 and many others spent several week-ends getting this project completed

despite the CO-VID-19 issue

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Left to right:

Department Commander, Steve Adams, Angel Mendoza, Greg Marvin, John Lee, Lt Steve Duvall, Ron Copeland, Betty Fish- Ferguson, PDC, Jim Willis, and OSP Officer Lt Scott Rector.



**BETTY FISH-FERGUSON**  
**PAST LECC CHAIR**

***Lt Steve Duvall recently retired from the Oregon State Police Department.***


A brief award ceremony was held at Department Headquarters to show Legion appreciation to Oregon State Police officer Lt Steve Duvall. For the past six years, he has overseen the onsite operations of the Law Enforcement Career Camp. The plaque and gift were just a token to show our appreciation for all his work. His countless hours of meetings and coordination was a contributing factor to the tremendous success of the camp. His connections in the Law Enforcement field allowed our students to receive a well-rounded exposure to the many areas of Law Enforcement. The presentation was spearheaded by past LECC chairman Betty Fish-Ferguson and was attended by many past members of the committee and founder of camp Jim Willis, who told us the story of how the camp came into existence.

Also present was Lt Scott Rector, who will become the current onsite coordinator. This presentation was to have taken place at the recent DEC banquet, but plans changed. We then offered to go to the OSP headquarters to make a presentation at his going away party. However, during the Corvid precautions, no parties are being held. We settled for the Legion Headquarters as Lt Duvall had already retired from a 25 career with the Oregon State Police at the end of September. In the Navy, we would say, "Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Thank you for all your support.

Which day are There more collect calls than any other day of the Year?

**Father's Day**



And that makes you happy you're the Mother.

We are thankful for our community...

Have a safe holiday!

**Happy Thanksgiving**




Lt Steve Duvall and Betty Fish-Ferguson



Lt Steve Duvall and PDC, Jim Willis



Lt Steve Duvall and Department Commander, Steve Adams

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# Bend Heroes Foundation

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Dear Senator Wyden, Senator Merkley, Representative Walden, Representative Blumenauer, Representative DeFazio and Representative Schrader;

Bend Heroes Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 entity. We have had the pleasure of meeting you during many of our Honor Flight trips to Washington, DC honoring over 550 WWII Veterans from your Districts.

Twenty seven (27) Medal of Honor recipients are connected with Oregon with all but one having been Killed in Action (KIA) or having passed away since their award of the Congressional Medal of Honor. They earned our nation's highest military award for acting with "**conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty**" during war against an enemy of our nation over 108 years from the Civil War to the Vietnam War. Eight of the recipients lost their lives during their acts of valor.

We respectfully request the United States Congress take action to name the following Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities located in your Districts to perpetuate the legacy of the following Medal of Honor Recipients:

**Portland VA Medical Center:** PFC Stuart S. Stryker and PVT Elmer E. Fryar. Both were WWII Veterans, Killed in Action (KIA) and entered service from Portland. PVT Fryar remains Missing in Action.

**Bend VA Clinic:** TECH 5 Robert D. Maxwell/WWII, resides in Bend and is our nation's oldest living Medal of Honor recipient.

**Salem VA Clinic:** PFC Henry Schauer, WWII. Laid to rest in Salem.

**La Grande VA Clinic:** SGT John Noble Holcomb/Vietnam, Killed in Action. Laid to rest in Richland.

**Eugene VA Health Care Center:** MSGT Maximo Yabes/Vietnam, Killed in Action. Laid to rest in Denver, Colorado.

Medal of Honor citations and photographs of the 6 Medal of Honor recipients named above are attached. Their citations describe their outstanding valor and commitment to serving our nation.

Other Oregon Medal of Honor recipients have already been honored with military facilities in Oregon named for them:

Oregon Veterans Home in Lebanon named for CAPT Edward C. Allworth/WWI  
Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls named for 2d LT David R. Kingsley/WWII  
VA Clinic in The Dalles named for SFC Loren R. Kaufman/Korean War

Our objective is to name VA medical facilities for Medal of Honor recipients of each war since WWII so these "Bravest of the Brave" veterans will never be forgotten. We understand there are no VA medical facilities in our nation named to honor Vietnam Medal of Honor recipients.

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Precedents for naming VA medical facilities for Medal of Honor recipients from WWI to WWII have been established at 6 or more VA medical facilities across our nation:

<u>VA Medical Facility</u>	<u>Medal of Honor Recipient/War</u>
VA Medical Center, Murfreesboro, TN	Alvin C. York/WWI
VA Clinic, Traverse City, MI	Demas T. Craw/WWII
VA Medical Center, San Antonio, TX	Audie L. Murphy/WWII
VA Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT	George E. Wahlen/WWII
VA Medical Center Huntington, WV	Hershel W. Williams/WWII
VA Clinic, The Dalles, OR	Loren R. Kaufman/Korea

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let us know how we can help.

Respectfully,

Dick Tobiason  
Chairman  
[dtobiason@bendcable.com](mailto:dtobiason@bendcable.com)  
541-388-5591

Cc: Congressional staff: Portland, Salem, Bend, La Grande, BHF

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Dick Tobiason  
Chairman, Bend Heroes Foundation  
LTC US Army, Retired  
Legionnaire Article

Hello all:

On Oct. 26, the 100th anniversary of Robert D. "Bob" Maxwell's birth in Boise, ID, a ceremony was held at the Bend VA Clinic dedicating the renamed Bend VA Clinic as the Robert D. Maxwell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic.

COVID-19 limited the attendance to members of the Maxwell family and friends, VA officials, Congressional delegation and veterans including Medal of Honor recipients James Taylor/Vietnam and Leroy Petry/Afghanistan.

Bend Heroes Foundation requested the renaming in its Oct. 1, 2018 letter to the Oregon delegation in Washington, DC.

Attached are:  
Bend Heroes Foundation's photos of the ceremony and law signed by President Trump

Media reports of the ceremony can be read here:

# Post 58



Past Commander of Post 58 Vern Hart presents a Certificate of Appreciation to the Stayton Dollar Tree Manager and Assistant.

This community partnership effort raised \$410 and over a 1,000 pounds of food for the Stayton Food bank service area.

Which includes Turner, Aumsville, Sublimity, Scio, Stayton, Lyons, Mill City, Gates and surrounding areas.

Many Thanks to the Dollar Tree Staff for their work on this project.

Post 58 also wants to thank employee Katie Hart and Past Commander Vern Hart for putting this project together.

## Veterans Day November 11th, 2020

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KTVZ TV: <https://ktvz.com/news/2020/10/26/bend-va-clinic-renamed-in-honor-of-medal-of-honor-recipient-bob-maxwell/>

Central Oregon Daily TV: <https://centraloregondaily.com/bend-va-clinic-renamed-after-local-hero-rob-ert-maxwell/>

I was honored to act as Bob's "Veterans Agent" for the last 16 years of his extraordinary and inspirational life.

A big thanks to VA's Daniel Herrigstad, Congressman Walden's Bend staffer Margie Anderson, Senator Merkley's Bend staffer BJ Westlund and Bend Robert D. Maxwell DVA Clinic staff for organizing the ceremony.

*Respectfully*



JEFF MERKLEY  
OREGON

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 26, 2020

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Greetings,

Thank you all for being here to share in this moment honoring a true American hero, Robert Maxwell.

Mr. Maxwell's life is a testimony to the power of selflessness and dedication to serving a cause bigger than oneself—lessons that couldn't be more important today. His list of accolades and accomplishments is impressive: In World War II he served with distinction and was awarded a Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, and a Silver Star with an Oakleaf Cluster. He was also recipient of the nation's highest military award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, after he put his own life on the line to shield his fellow soldiers from an enemy grenade, saving their lives.

After the war, he moved to Oregon and continued to serve his community by teaching auto mechanics at Bend High School, Central Oregon Community College, and Lane County Community College. His service even continued into his retirement, when he established the Character Development Program at Bend High School, and also served as the Director of Bend Heroes Foundation, where he helped his fellow veterans and established the Bend Heroes Memorial, the World War II Veterans Historic Highway, the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway, and the Bend Parade of Flags.

I met Mr. Maxwell when I served as Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, and was honored to have led the legislation in the U.S. Senate that has renamed this facility in his honor. I would like to thank the City of Bend, the Bend Heroes Foundation, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans for providing letters of support that encouraged the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee to approve the legislation to make this renaming possible.

While we will never be able to fully thank Mr. Maxwell for his service to our nation both on and off the battlefield, my hope is that this renaming will help ensure that his legacy will be remembered, and that his courageous and generous spirit will continue to inspire Oregonians for generations to come. Thank you, again, for attending today's ceremony, and for all that each of you are doing to keep Mr. Maxwell's memory alive.

All my best,

Jeffrey A. Merkley  
United States Senator

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### Bend VA Clinic Renaming Ceremony Script

Robert D. Maxwell VA Clinic  
October 26, 2020, 12:30 p.m.

12:25 p.m. – PAO/Dan Herrigstad – "Ladies and Gentlemen, the ceremony will start in 5 minutes."

12:30 p.m. – Director, Darwin Goodspeed – welcoming remarks

- People to recognize (in order of precedence);
  - **Guests of honor – the family of Robert D. Maxwell** (est ~ 10 members)
  - **The Honorable Greg Walden**, the U.S. representative from Oregon's 2<sup>nd</sup> District.
  - **Leroy Arthur Petry**, U.S. Army Retired and Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient for his actions in Afghanistan in 2008.
  - **James Allen Taylor**, U.S. Army Retired and Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient for his actions in the Vietnam War in 1968.
  - **J.W. Terry**, US. Navy Retired, President, Band of Brothers; Executive Director, Central Oregon Veterans Outreach.
  - **Jacob Egler**, from the Office of Senator Ron Wyden
  - **B.J. Westlund**, Office of Senator Jeff Merkley
  - **Dick Tobiason**, a Bend Veteran with The Bend Heroes Foundation who played a key role in getting our clinic named after Mr. Maxwell.

**Before Mr. Goodspeed makes the final closing remarks, The Maxwell family asked that I share these words on their behalf.**

**"The Maxwell Family would like to take a minute to say, 'Thank You.'**

**For us, today is a time of remembrance and celebration. Many of you who are here may have know him. For those of you who did not, we would like to say just a few words about Dad.**

**Dad was a very Godley man with a cheerful attitude. Dad had kind words for all.**

**As a Medal of Honor Recipient, Dad felt he had a responsibility to represent All Veterans thru teaching programs and participating in all sorts of community events.**

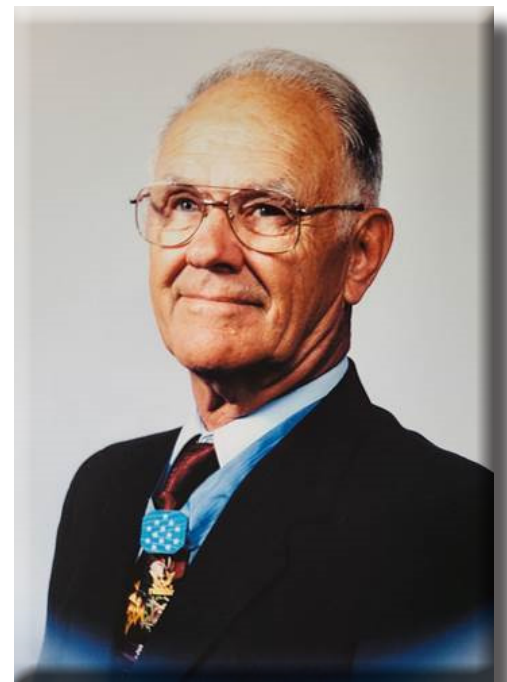
**We, his family, believe that on this day, which would have been his 100th birthday, that he is watching over us at the dedication in humble appreciation.**

**Thank You."**





BOB MAXWELL MILITARY MEMORABILIA



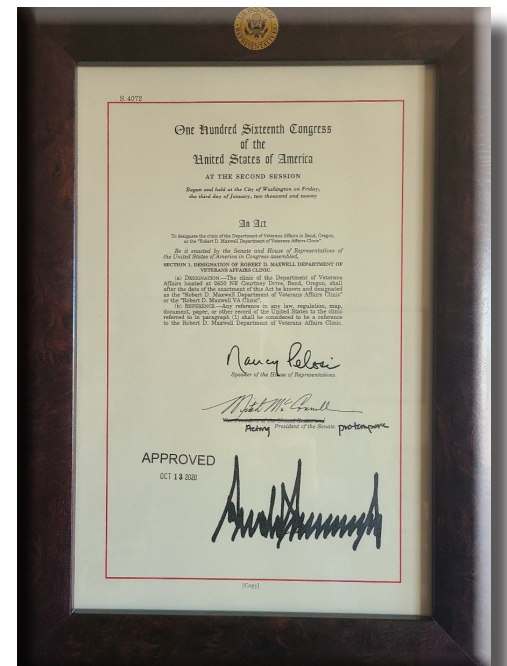
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WWII MEDAL OF HONOR  
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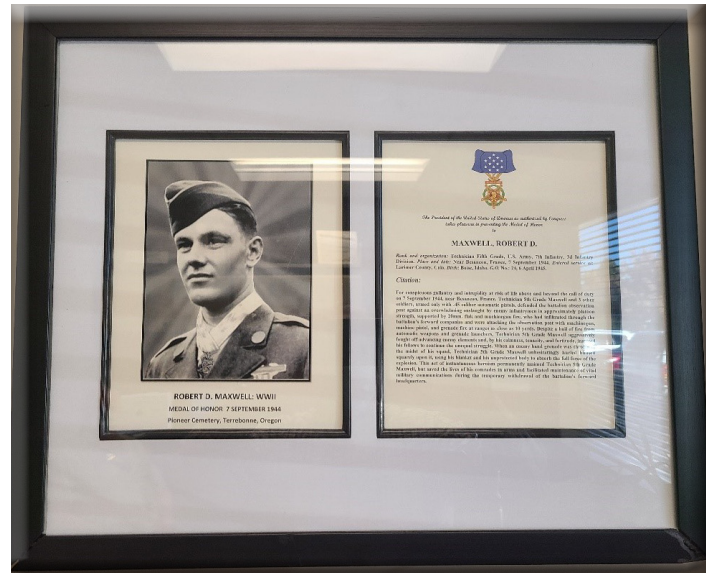
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OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC**



**ROBERT D. MAXWELL WWII PHOTO AND MEDAL  
OF HONOR CITATION**



**DARWIN GOODSPEED, DIRECTOR PORTLAND VA  
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ENT, AFGHANISTAN  
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ENT, VIETNAM  
CONGRESSMAN GREG WALDEN**



# Bend VA clinic gets a new namesake

## ROBERT D. MAXWELL



Brian Rathbone/The Bulletin

U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, shares stories about Robert "Bob" Maxwell at the Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic, which was officially named Robert D. Maxwell Clinic, on Monday.

BY BRIAN RATHBONE  
The Bulletin

Several dozen family members, friends and acquaintances gathered Monday to watch as the Department of Veterans Affairs Bend VA Outpatient Clinic was renamed in honor of Robert D. Maxwell on what would have been the Medal of Honor recipient's 100th birthday.

"Today marks a point where we are recognizing a veteran in the community of other veterans at a clinic designed to care for them," said Darwin Goodspeed, the director of the VA Portland Health Care System. "It is named after someone in the community, a name they all recognize, and that many of them knew and respected."

Speakers shared touching stories of a "Bob" Maxwell who as a 23-year-old Army technician jumped on a German grenade in 1944 during World War II



Bob Maxwell, at the Medal of Honor ceremony in 1945.

Submitted photo/  
Dick Tobiason

and whose impact as was felt as an educator and veterans advocate in Central Oregon. The resounding message was that it was an honor to be associated with him and he was a man fit to have a veterans' clinic named in his honor.

The roughly 30-minute ceremony

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— Darwin Goodspeed, VA Portland Health Care System director

featured multiple speakers, including J.W. Terry, a retired U.S. Navy veteran and executive director of the Central Oregon Veterans Outreach, U.S. Rep. Greg Walden and fellow Medal of Honor recipient Leroy Petry.

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## Maxwell

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Congress unanimously approved the redesignation of the Bend's Veterans Affairs Clinic in Maxwell's name earlier this month, and a copy of the bill that was signed into law on Oct. 13 was framed and presented to Maxwell's family at the event.

"If he was here he would say 'don't make a big deal out of it,'" said Linda Maxwell, Maxwell's daughter. "He

would be humbled and appreciative of it all," added Maxwell's daughter Bonnie Spies.

Before Maxwell died on May 11, 2019, at the age of 98, he was the oldest living recipient of the Medal of Honor. The medal is the nation's highest personal military decoration, awarded to service members for acts of valor.

Maxwell was active and an instrumental part in veterans programs, including the Bend Heroes Foundation, the Bend Parade of Flags, Bend Heroes

Memorial, WWII Veterans Historic Highway, Oregon Medal of Honor Highway, Wreaths Across America, and the Character Development Program at Bend High.

"The Medal of Honor carries the weight of true heroes," said Walden during his speech at the ceremony.

Maxwell taught auto repair at Bend High, and at Central Oregon and Lane community colleges. As a veteran, he was an invaluable resource for incoming teachers who were starting teaching

careers after the military, especially with teaching high school kids rather than soldiers.

"There is a big difference," said Terry who leaned on Maxwell's insight as he was making a similar transition from active duty in the Navy to becoming an educator at Mountain View High. "One of the things is listening. Sometimes it is not always best to impart your smartness but having to listen to what they said. That was a great lesson."

■ Reporter: 541-383-0307, brathbone@bendbulletin.com



# HEARING NOTICE

## LAND USE REQUEST AFFECTING THIS AREA

*There is a development proposal for the property listed in this notice and shown on the attached map. The City is seeking input from neighbors on the proposal. If you have questions or comments about the proposal, contact the case manager.*

*Esta carta es un aviso sobre una propuesta de desarrollo para la propiedad enumerada y que se muestra en el mapa adjunto. La ciudad está buscando la opinión de los vecinos sobre la propuesta. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre la propuesta, póngase en contacto con nosotros al 503-588-6213*

<b>CASE NUMBER:</b>	Historic Design Review Case No. HIS20-27
<b>PROPERTY LOCATION:</b>	900 Court St NE, Salem OR 97301
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	A proposal to construct a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol grounds.
<b>HEARING INFORMATION:</b>	<p><b>DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES IN PLACE TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY.</b></p> <p><u>Historic Landmarks Commission, Thursday November 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.</u></p> <p>To view the meeting LIVE on YouTube please visit this link with any computer, tablet, or smart phone: <a href="http://bit.ly/planningpublicmeetings">http://bit.ly/planningpublicmeetings</a></p>
<b>HOW TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY:</b>	<p>Both written and oral testimony will be accepted on this case. Only those participating by submitting written testimony, or by testifying virtually at the hearing, have the right to appeal the decision.</p> <p><b>To provide written testimony:</b> Direct written comment to the case manager listed below. Staff recommends emailing your comments to ensure receipt before the public hearing.</p> <p><b>To provide testimony digitally at the public hearing:</b> Sign up by contacting Zachery Cardoso at <a href="mailto:zcardoso@cityofsalem.net">zcardoso@cityofsalem.net</a> or 503-540-2304 by <u>Thursday November 19, 2020 at 3:00 P.M.</u> to receive instructions.</p>
<b>CASE MANAGER:</b>	<b>Kimberli Fitzgerald, Historic Preservation Officer</b> , City of Salem Planning Division, 555 Liberty Street SE, Room 305, Salem, OR 97301. Telephone: 503-540-2397; E-mail: <a href="mailto:kfitzgerald@cityofsalem.net">kfitzgerald@cityofsalem.net</a> .
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:</b>	<p><i>Neighborhood associations are volunteer organizations of neighbors coming together to make neighborhoods the best they can be. They receive notice of land use applications within their boundaries, and they often submit comments on the applications to the City. Neighborhood association meetings are open to everyone. Contact your neighborhood association to get involved:</i></p> <p>Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CAN-DO), Neal Kern, Chair; Phone: 503-856-2207; Email: <a href="mailto:neal.t.kern@gmail.com">neal.t.kern@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<b>STAFF REPORT:</b>	The Staff Report will be available seven (7) days prior to the hearing and will thereafter be posted on the Community Development website: <a href="https://www.cityofsalem.net/notice">https://www.cityofsalem.net/notice</a> .
<b>ACCESS:</b>	The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations will be provided on request.
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<p>Salem Revised Code (SRC) Chapter(s) 230.057 – Oregon State Capitol; 230.065 – General Guidelines for Historic Contributing Resources</p> <p>Salem Revised Code (SRC) is available to view at this link: <a href="http://bit.ly/salemorcode">http://bit.ly/salemorcode</a>. Type in the chapter number(s) listed above to view the applicable criteria.</p>
<b>OWNER(S):</b>	State of Oregon
<b>APPLICANT / AGENT(S):</b>	Mike Abbate on behalf of Stephen Bates, Vietnam War Memorial Fund, and Chris Havel, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
<b>PROPOSAL / REQUEST:</b>	Major Historic Design Review of a proposal to construct a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol grounds, individually listed on the National Register, located at 900 Court Street NE (Marion County tax lot 073W27AA00200).
<b>HEARING PROCEDURE:</b>	<p>The hearing will be conducted with the staff presentation first, followed by the applicant's case, neighborhood organization comments, testimony of persons in favor or opposition, and rebuttal by the applicant, if necessary. The applicant has the burden of proof to show that the approval criteria can be satisfied by the facts. Opponents may rebut the applicant's testimony by showing alternative facts or by showing that the evidence submitted does not satisfy the approval criteria. A hearing is not a venue to ask questions of staff, the applicant, or the decision maker(s) on this case but rather an opportunity to provide testimony to the decision maker(s) on the merits of the land use case; questions about the application, the recommended conditions of approval, or the Planning Administrator's recommendation, should be directed to the Case Manager prior to the hearing.</p> <p>Any participant may request an opportunity to present additional evidence or testimony regarding the application. A ruling will then be made to either continue the Public Hearing to another date or leave the record open to receive additional written testimony. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter prior to the close of the Public Hearing with sufficient specificity to provide the opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) on this issue. A similar failure to raise constitutional issues relating to proposed conditions of approval precludes an action for damages in circuit court.</p> <p>Following the close of the Public Hearing a decision will be issued and mailed to the applicant, property owner, affected neighborhood association, anyone who participated in the hearing, either virtually or in writing, and anyone who requested to receive notice of the decision.</p>
<b>MORE INFORMATION:</b>	Documents and evidence submitted by the applicant are available for review and paper copies can be obtained at a reasonable cost. You can also find out more information about the status of the proposed application on the City's online Permit Application Center at <a href="https://permits.cityofsalem.net">https://permits.cityofsalem.net</a> . Just enter the permit number listed here: 20 115809
<b>NOTICE MAILING DATE:</b>	October 30, 2020

**PLEASE PROMPTLY FORWARD A COPY OF THIS NOTICE TO ANY OTHER OWNER, TENANT OR LESSEE.**  
**For more information about Planning in Salem:**  
<http://www.cityofsalem.net/planning>

*It is the City of Salem's policy to assure that no person shall be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and source of income, as provided by Salem Revised Code Chapter 97. The City of Salem also fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and related statutes and regulations, in all programs and activities. Disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in this meeting or event, are available upon request. Sign language and interpreters for languages other than English are also available upon request. To request such an accommodation or interpretation, contact the Community Development Department at 503-588-6173 at least three business days before this meeting or event.*

TDD/TTY telephone 503-588-6439 is also available 24/7



# Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds Project Update - November Update

## Design Images: View at Memorial Entry @ Cottage & State Streets



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## Holiday Donor Blood Drive

Nov 26, 2020

Nov. 26-Dec. 31.



You can make  
a difference.

**GIVE  
BLOOD  
SAVE  
LIVES**

## Milwaukie Post 180 Blood Drive



**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO DONATE BLOOD**



Milwaukie American Legion  
2146 SE Monroe St.

**Saturday, 14 Nov. 2020**

**9:00 AM — 2:30 PM**

**Reservations Required: 1-800-733-2767**



*You are invited  
To donate blood*



Milwaukie American Legion  
2146 SE Monroe St.

**Saturday, 26 DEC 2020**

**8:00 AM — 1:30 PM**

**Reservations Required: 1-800-733-2767**





# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Received From

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Phone #



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, 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

## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Received From

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

\_\_\_\_\_  
Squadron No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department of



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## APPLICANT 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.**

## ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

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Date

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Received From

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

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Recruiter's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Signature

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Recruiter's Phone #