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WORLD, ONE
THING STAYS
THE SAME:

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Experience.*

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*between veterans who
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the fields of Europe to the
jungles of Asia to the
deserts of the Middle East
and everywhere in between.*

"WE WILL NOT FAIL

*those with whom we've
served," was the promise
by generations of veterans.
Help us continue the legacy.*

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



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LEGION

I hope everyone had a good holiday and had a chance to enjoy your family. Now is the time to concentrate on membership to continue work on renewals and keep the members we already have. We also need to work on DMS and 114 lists to get these members into the Post of their choice. With our current Covid restrictions, this is an excellent time to contact these members for a buddy check.

We are also in the winter months with the worst weather ahead of us. So we need to be more vigilant doing our buddy checks and make sure our older veterans and their families are doing OK. We also need to make we are taking care of our homeless veterans and their families.

As the years go, we are having fewer and fewer WWII and Korean war veterans. We are also rapidly losing Vietnam veterans, so we need to be more vigilant in our buddy checks. We need to make every effort to talk to these older veterans and get their stories written down not to lose and fall through the cracks. When you get those veterans' history's down, please send them to Department to be in the Legionnaire, so our members know what these men and women did for our freedom.



STEVE ADAMS
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

MAY 2021 BE A BETTER YEAR



LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Congratulations on hitting the 65% goal. We will need to work very hard to make the 80% goal on 11/20. Our progress on DMS/114 transfers has been slow but steady. Keep up the hard work. New lists will be out by the end of January.

The department hall of fame shows the following:

29 Posts are at 70-79%

Posts 79, 87, 89, 96, 98 are at 80-89%

Posts 28, 55, 61, 86 and 129 are at 90-99%

Posts 5, 50, 76, 101, 106 and 137 are at 100% +

the top Districts are:

District 10 at 81.46%

District 4 at 76.35%

District 9 at 74.49%

the top Posts:

Post 50 at 127.27%

Post 137 at 115.0%

Post 75 at 113.04%

Post 101 at 106%

You, the department, can make the 80% goal. We have 46 days to bring in 1680. Hit the DMS /114 lists. We are presently at #35 with 11,200 members for 70.110%. Keep up the excellent work. Remember to please submit on MyLegion, and do not forget to hit the 'submit' button.

These past two months I have attended the following: veteran's day ceremony in Albany District 10 zoom district meeting, Department officers meeting, Western region membership zoom meeting, and attended the funeral for Jack Labox.

I plan to attend the department officer meetings on 12/15 and 1/12 and the District 3 meeting in Brownsville on 1/9.

Remember today is Pearl Harbor Day



PDC, BOB HUFF
DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER

now for preparing our 990 and 990EZ for our new 2019 Tax Reporting Year for our Department of Oregon and Oregon American Legion Foundation, which will be done outside for our new Tax Year, October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2020.

We are still working on our Financial Reporting Systems to support all our new changes. COVID 19 issues and the wildfires in Oregon and South West Oregon have changed some priorities, and we are continuing to work on them, slow recovery with many changes.

I know that I am repeating this, as I will continue too as we see some of the adverse outcomes in Membership reporting and filing of Post Taxes, a lot brought on by COVID 19, not being able to hold meetings face to face, not visiting our Posts, Post visitations. Post Adjutants, if not reporting your Post membership, renewals, and new members 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. It is important that as you receive new or renewed Membership that it is reported in "NOW" time. The easiest way and fastest is by using mylegion.org.

You can save money for your Post

First, I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years' and welcome 2021. We are still in the process of putting our financials together

on Postage, and you immediately receive credit from National and Department for your renewals, all positive. Remember, ask your Post if they have filed their taxes. District Commanders ask you Posts, meetings, or phone if they have filed their Taxes; start with your own Post; this is part of the job.

Every Post is a separate corporation and must file a 990, 990EZ, or 990-n each year, and there are no exceptions. If you need help or have questions, please ask; we are here to help if we can before it gets too late. Remember, we are all on the same team.



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



Johnny Appleseed's fruits weren't for eating

Yes, there was a real John Chapman who planted thousands of apple trees on U.S. soil. But the apples on those trees were much more bitter than the ones you'd find in the supermarket today. "Johnny Appleseed" didn't expect his fruits to be eaten whole, but rather made into **hard apple cider**.



**2020
Year of the
COVID**

S. FLYNN PHILLIPS figured out ways to continue to support Veterans and raise funds even though some posts are entirely shut down. Even a few burned to the ground during the wildfires that swept southern Oregon and Clackamas County.

We have had several meetings via Go-to- Meetings Virtual meetings and will probably have this DEC virtual as we expect the Governor to extend the lockdowns into next year.

The Commander and I attended the Sea Side Post 99 dedication of Highway 26 POW/MIA Memorial Highway and Goerge Carroll, the State VFW Commander, as a joint ceremony. Larry 2nd Vice Commander Wittmayer attended the dedication at Borning Oregon dedication. In contrast,

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S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

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1st Vice Don Weber participated in the ceremonies at Redmond and Prineville while PNC Charlie Schmidt and District 10 Commander attended the ceremony in the outback of Oregon, Harney County. Dick Tobiason has continued to put his heart and soul into these Memorial Highway projects.

He is in the process of getting a joint Legion and VFW Memorial Highway dedication for Route 30, the last highway without any designation.

We all attended the Fall DEC meeting at Post 51 in Lebanon, which was special despite being all masked up.

Commander and I attended the dedication and groundbreaking ceremony for a new Veteran-centric apartment complex in Lebanon, which Dale Jenkins and Jim Willis were very influential in getting accomplished. Dale is working on getting on started at Sweet Home. We also attended the Albany Veterans Day Memorial service held at Timber Park with drive-by for the Veterans Home in Lebanon and the Riders out front on point.

We attended the drive-by parade on Veterans Day at the Lebanon Veterans Home with ALR Riders in the lead. A Farewell drive-by parade to Jack LaBox's home in Salem, our long time Legislative chairman, the drive-by coordinated by the Salem Chapter of the 40 & 8. Jack has since gone to Post Everlasting.

I attended two Funerals at Willamette, Joe Bustos Post 158, and Auxiliary Unit 74 Sharron Jamieson and wife of Past Commander Douglas Jamieson.

Post Documents on file at Department



PDC, GENE HELLICKSON
DEPT JUDGE ADVOCATE

National "Resolution 36: Mission Blue Post Assistance Program" enabled Posts to apply for a grant for up to \$1,000 for assistance during this pandemic time. One of the requirements to get this grant was that the Posts have all necessary documentation required by the Department on file at Department.

"RESOLVED, That an American Legion Post will be eligible for a Mission Blue Post Assistance Program grant after verification by the American Legion Department Adjutant that the Post meets the criteria and requirements, which are listed here:

1. A Post must have a consolidated post report on file.
2. A Post must have filed an IRS 990 within the prescribed due date.
3. A Post must have filed all other required forms and reports as prescribed by the Department.
4. A Post must have actively participated in one or more American Legion program(s) within the last 18 months.
5. A Post must have a financial need.
6. A Post must provide a certificate of insurance naming The American Legion dba American Legion National Headquarters as an additional insured.
7. A Post must provide documentation indicating that the Post is properly incorporated, and be it further..."

These conditions to receive assistance from National show the need for Posts to have required documentation on file.

Yearly, the Department's Internal Affairs Committee has checked the records on file at Department and provided a list of the Posts who either have a) not submitted records, or b) do not have all the required documents on file.

As time has gone by, some Posts have gotten pretty slack about sending required documents into Department. All Posts need to ensure that the required documents are on file at Department. An example of National's requirement to have documentation at Department is shown in

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The American Legion Resolution 35, which states:

"The American Legion's national adjutant, or designee, has been given authority to independently investigate, confirm and determine that the organizations using the Tradenames are also naming The American Legion, and respected Department of The American Legion as needed, as additional insured on their respective liability insurance policies."

The documentation requirements will continue to be a priority, so every Post should ensure their documents are on file. This will prevent Posts from finding themselves in a position where they cannot get some assistance because they have not filed documents

Calendar of Events

| | |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| January | 01 New Years Day (Closed) |
| | 09 District 3 Meeting |
| | 16-17 Mid Winter DEC |
| | 18 MLK Day (Closed) |
| | 23 District 4 Meeting |
| February | 23 District 7 Meeting |
| | Americanism Month |
| | 15 Presidents Day (Closed) |
| | 20 District 10 Meeting |
| March | 28-3 Washington Conference |
| | Community Service Month |
| | 28-3 Washington Conference |
| | 3-5 Dept SO School |
| | 12 District 1 Meeting |
| | 13 District 3 Meeting |
| | 20 District 9 Meeting |
| | 20-26 National Legion College |

Your District Officers hope you all had a **GREAT** Hanukkah and Christmas season. We hope to meet with you in 2021. Our next District Meeting in Cannon Beach on March 13th starting at 11:30 am with the luncheon, and the meetings begin at 1 pm. If we are still in **COVID** restrictions, we will begin at 10 am on **GO TO MEETING**.

As most of you know, we held our District meeting via **GO TO MEETING** on December 12th. We had a great turnout, with 10 of the 15 Posts in the District attending. We need to get our Post information into the Adjutant to be recorded in our meeting minutes.

We know we have a great Vice-Commander in Susan Hughes from Post 104. She has hit the ground running working with PDC Harris on membership. Work with her and PDC Harris when they call.

PLEASE STAY SAFE and most of all **BE CAREFUL** out there.



LOU NEUBECKER
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER



PDC, KEVIN OWENS
DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER

The restrictions are back. What does that mean for the District? More meetings at the Post level are canceled, but it allows the Post to do those vital Buddy Checks on the bright side. The District is hoping to hold their meeting on the 19th of December at 1:00 pm at Roseburg Post 16. We will hold training on a few subjects like myLegion, tax filing, and duties of Officers. The District has always tried to take care of all the needs that come up within the District. Who knows better of the needs than the members within it? We always take care of our own. We are working membership to achieve the target goals on time. We continue to work on the Youth Programs, even with all the challenges of contacting the schools. District 9 will always do our best to make the Department of Oregon shine.



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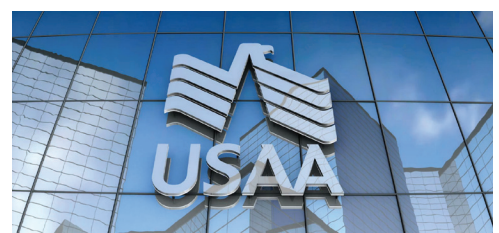
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Scholarships and Education

Application for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship will be

available online at

www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy
beginning January

1, 2021, and will end on April 15, 2021. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have first been applied. Priority consideration is given to children of U.S. service-members who died while serving on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating by the Department of Veterans Affairs of 50 percent or greater may also qualify.

Deadline

for the February issue
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is January 5th, 2021

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Monday January 18th, 2021

Need to Know Dates

DEC January 16th-17th

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Oregon American Legion Foundation



**PNC,PDC,
CHARLIE SCHMIDT
OALF MEMBER**

Welcome to 2021! Did you make any resolutions for the New Year? Many folks make a New Year's resolution or two at the beginning of each year and then often forget about them or put them on the back burner, hoping they will not be reminded of what they committed to. Since its beginning, The American Legion has made resolutions to establish programs to benefit veterans and youth. Our Department formed the Oregon American Legion Foundation by resolution to augment Legion programs in our Department.

Today those resolutions are still kept even though COVID-19 has altered the implementation of American Legion/Auxiliary programs like Boys & Girls State/Nation, Baseball, Law Enforcement Career Camp, Scouting, Oratorical, Gift Shops and many other American Legion Family programs this year. Our nation remains optimistic about conquering COVID-19 in the coming months, which will enable us to return to offering Legion programs that support the founding principles of The American Legion.

As Legionnaires, we have the responsibility to keep carrying the legacy forward of ensuring opportunities (Legion programs) are available to those who wish to participate. The success and benefits of each program take resources, such as volunteers and

financial assistance. A financial contribution is where each individual member, Post, Unit, Squadron, or District can be involved with Legion programs by making a resolution to support the Oregon American Legion Foundation through an annual, tax-exempt donation under IRS Code 501(c)3. A gift can be made on-line at www.orlegion.org/foundation or mailed to the Department of Oregon, P.O. Box 1730, Wilsonville, OR 97070.

Your donation will ensure the opportunities (Legion programs) will continue to be available in Oregon. Carry the legacy forward! To quote Mahatma Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Like many of you, one of my New Year resolutions is that 2021 will be a much better year than 2020. Happy New Year!!



**CORY BROCKMANN
ORATORICAL CHAIR**

ing coronavirus impacts on communities, schools, neighborhoods, and families are significant and quite varied. And, while our engagement with schools has been significantly challenged, I commend our post and district oratorical chairs and volunteers for not giving up and working to promote and conduct our program.

It hasn't been easy, but Legionnaires care, and we do not turn away from a

challenge.

It's about finding acceptable solutions and continuing to provide opportunities for our youth, over apathy and convenience of doing nothing. You are making a difference in the lives of our youth – well done! Each of our youth programs provides essential lessons in leadership and character development, sportsmanship, teamwork and team building, and mentorship, among other values. The Oratorical Program happens to be the first program occurring following the events of the pandemic. Legionnaires are role models in conducting our program and interacting with community leaders, teachers, parents, and students. Don't count yourself out on the values you impart upon our youth.

The Department Oratorical contest is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2021, at Linn County Expo Center in Albany. Your department oratorical committee continues to monitor the impacts of coronavirus and community restrictions and how best to conduct a safe department final. More details will be provided as prudently as possible.

Lastly, we welcome Debra Jacobson to the Department Oratorical Committee and look forward to working with her! Your Department Oratorical Committee members are Steve Bergadine, Richard Ramey, PNC Charles Schmidt, and Debra Jacobson.

DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTESTS (currently scheduled)

District 1 – January 30, 2021, at Aloha #104

District 5 – January 23, 2021, at Redmond #44

District 7 – January 23, 2021 location pending

Public Relations Committee

Need some pointers navigating media resources to promote your Post in 2021? The American Legion Public Relations Toolkit offers the following thoughts. “The list of job titles in today’s media varies from place to place and often changes to reflect the latest trends and technology. How do you know who is the right person is to contact when you have a story to tell about your Post? Talk to the receptionist who answers the phone.

Remember the old axiom from our military days: You get the best information from the people who answer the phones and do the work. It is still the same today, and it works with any company, anywhere. Just pick up the phone and call the newspaper, radio, television station, or cable system main number. Ask the person who answers to whom you should send a news release from your Post or who you should speak with to suggest a topic for a talk show or public service announcement. Get the correct contact person’s name, phone, fax, and e-mail information.

Armed with that information, you can begin the communication process. Every media operation is different. That is why you want to work with the people closest to doing the story, not necessarily upper management. Understanding where some of the division lies in a media operation can be helpful. Consider the following: Daily and Weekly Newspapers - The City Editor is probably as high in the working chain as you want to go. This is generally the individual who makes reporter assignments for local stories. He/she also is the person who edits the stories.

Contacting a Reporter is a great place to start. Besides being told what stories to write, reporters have a res-

p-sonability to suggest stories. If you can convince a reporter your story is important, you are ahead of the game. The individual who works separately from the news writing side of the business is the Editorial Page Editor. This individual helps develop editorial positions of the newspaper, etc.

When you want to place a guest editorial written by your Post Commander in a newspaper, this is where you will most likely be directed. An Op-Ed Editor selects the commentary and opinion pieces that appear on the page opposite the editorial page in most papers, thus the name “op-ed.” Sometimes a column written by your commander or member of your Post can be used as an op-ed piece.

Letters to the Editor are generally handled by one individual in the editorial department. Most newspapers also have information on how to submit letters to the editor via mail, fax, and e-mail. Never overlook the potential of a short, to-the-point letter reinforcing the positive community perception of our organization. Weekly newspapers have just a few staff members to handle all the jobs, so do not be surprised if the person you need to speak with is also the person who answers the phone. In the weekly newspaper business, the editor is a Jack or Jill of all trades. Assignment Editor of a television station assigns a reporter/videographer to cover a story. The Report does the work. Once you have a relationship with the reporter, you can usually make future calls directly to that person with future stories. A Community Affairs Director coordinates all the station’s activities in the community. If you were looking to establish a partnership with a News station for a special event, this is probably the person you will be told to contact. The individual who produces and often hosts station programs that tackle interest issues to

the public is the Public Affairs Director. If you have an event you want to promote, this is the person you will most likely work with for your special event.



**PNC,PDC,
CHARLIE SCHMIDT
PR CHAIR**

Radio Stations also have staff who may assist you. Unless you live in a major city, the individual hired as the news director is generally the news director also doing the Public Service Director’s job, hosting or producing a taped weekend radio talk program of community interest and more. The Promotion Director is the individual who coordinates appearances by on-air personalities at events and develops other related projects to increase listeners. The individual who schedules the time of all commercials is the Continuity Director. At smaller radio stations, this person may also schedule public service announcements. So remember, talking to the top person in charge is seldom where you want to start. Don’t try to figure out whom to call; let the workers help you navigate the maze of job titles.”

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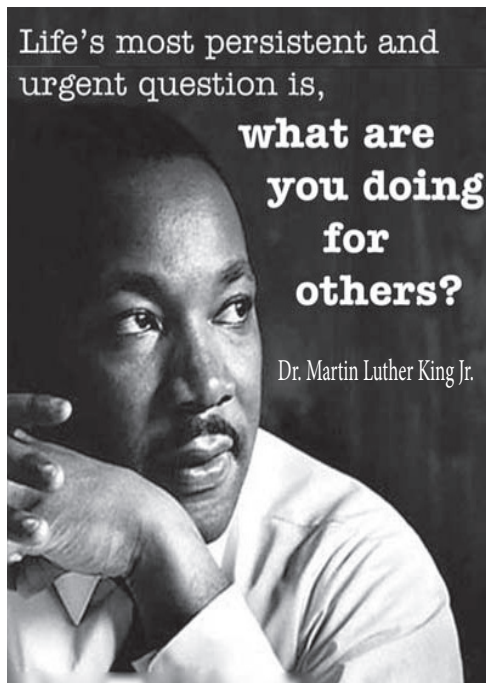
From Your
American Legion
Department



TERRY BROWN
DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER

District 7 is in the middle of the State's pandemic explosion and continues to struggle with membership. There are currently only 3 of the seven District Posts that continue to hold meetings (virtual or in-person). 114 and DMS 99 lists have been forwarded to the Posts when available, and all weekly membership reports from Department Membership Chair have been forwarded as well.

There has been some interest from individuals concerning the Oratorical contest, and information packets have been sent. There have been no returned applications to date. The District meeting and District Oratorical contest (if there are contestants) is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2:00 pm. Given the current COVID restrictions, the meeting and Oratorical contest will be virtual.



LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTING CHAIR

The Pandemic has brought a new wrinkle to accomplish how Scouting. Many Councils have devised ways to keep the program moving forward and complete the Rechartering event.

Below is an example of the innovative methods and events are used:

Cascade Pacific Council:

- Rebuild Butte Creek Ranch from fire damage
- Plug and Play Scouting Programs
- Digital Advancement Helps
- Webinars on various subjects
- NW Arrowmen RTS and Ceremonies Seminar
- OA Elections and Chapter Meetings
- Unit Charter Expire 12/31 if not renewed

Blue Mountain Council

- 1/23 Council Annual Meeting
- OA Elections

Scouting

As always, this committee encourages Posts to sponsor Scouting units.

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New Advancement Updates online
Online Den Meeting Videos

Crater Lake Council

The Cubs and Scouts have been active in helping with the Wildfire families

2021 Camp Staff Applications due

Mountain West Council

Conducting Summer camp Promotions

Participating in the Victory Over Hunger

Victory Garden Program

Planning for Summer Cub Day

Camp

OA Elections

Leader Specific Training 1/9

Oregon Trail Council

2020 Klondike Derby is cancelled

Lists of Den Meeting Videos

That is all for now, remember there is a youth out there whose unit needs a sponsor. Your Post can step up.



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BETTY FISH-FERGUSON
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Training and Development

Hello Legionnaires,

In the upcoming DEC, I plan to continue with District Commander Training's current theme in the absence of a Department Legion College this year. Topics to include the Constitution, Bylaws, and Parliamentary Procedures. In the afternoon, we will preempt these topics, and there will be a presentation by the Auxiliary, SAL, and American Legion leadership on roles and expectations of the Legion Family. All are invited to attend. Time permitting, we will be viewing a preliminary video on recent updates to MyLegion. Feedback is always appreciated. If there are other topics of interest, please let me know.

See you in Carlton.

You're Dead – Now What? **A Resolution for 2021**

A morbid headline, to be sure but designed to get your attention and for you to take action if necessary.

In the four decades, I have worked as a veteran advocate, one of the saddest things I have dealt with concerns the sudden and unexpected death of a veteran and their family's impact.

At a time of deep sorrow and grief, it is often made worse by the fact that the deceased veteran took care of all the family matters and did not discuss them with those closest to them

As a result, the family did not know where the veteran's DD Form 214 was, did not know where to find their vehicle titles or the deed to their home. They did not know the status of the benefits paid to the veteran by the VA or about their Social Security payments. They also had no information about the veterans' retirement payments or any life insurance coverage. The list goes on and on.

And now for the most important New Year's Resolution, you will make for 2021.

As you can see, when the family is

dealing with funeral or memorial service plans, they are also trying to determine the veteran's wishes concerning their property and belongings.

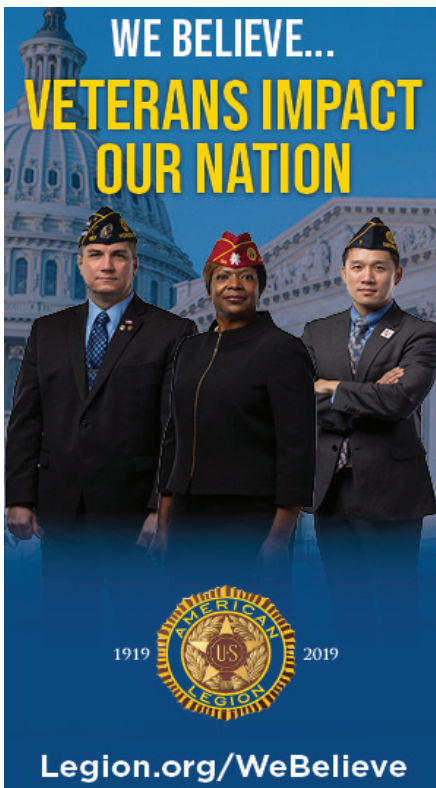


PDC, ALT NEC JIM WILLIS
VA&R CHAIR

The solution to these challenges is to sit down with your loved ones and set up a plan for your passing. Setting up a plan should involve visiting an attorney to draw up a Last Will and Testament along with a Power of Attorney. These documents should be kept in a place known to your beneficiary.

Someone should safeguard other essential documents such as the DD Form 214, vehicle titles, property deeds or payment records, life insurance certificates, VA and Social Security benefits status, and retirement payments. This is not an all-inclusive list, but your attorney can help you put these together when you draw up your will.

In 2021, make a Resolution that you
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will make a plan for your passing so that your family will know your wishes. I hope you will all live for many more years, and because you made plans for the end of your life, you will be able to live worry-free knowing that your loved ones will be taken care for.

I am not an attorney, and this is not legal advice. It is merely a common-sense approach to preparing for that time that all of us and our families will face in the future.



CARL PAWLK
SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER

Once again, many of us are faced with a Post that is closed, Holiday events canceled, a Christmas season like no other. What can we do to help our Post, our membership, our communities? Every Post and Squadron is different, as are their events, the groups they help, the causes they support. I cannot speak to what other Squadrons are doing, but I can tell about one that has used the current crisis to their benefit. There is always a silver lining; you need to search.

Since March, a Squadron has run ten significant events, drive-thru dinners, yard sales, and two chicken feeds. Every event was a blowout. Why? Our communities want to help, and we are the perfect conduit. The Squadron advertises who the event is for and then announces the donated amount by the community that attended the event. The feedback from the community has been more than positive, and the event numbers tell

the story.

We all have our reasons for belonging to our Squadrons. I belong to honor my Father, assist Veterans and the Community. I belong to make a difference, help my Post, and promote the American Legion as a member of our community. I also belong because of the rewards, and here is one example:

My Post has a tree sale every year. Three years ago, we started free delivery of the trees we sold for a variety of reasons. The rewards have been great, and I am not talking only about money—a transcript from a text message I received. “Last night, I delivered a tree. The lady had three boys, a 3-year-old girl and a 5-month baby boy. They were all excited to get the tree. I had the boys unscrew the holders in the tree stand and guide the tree into the stand. I held the tree in position while they tightened the screws. The kids were ecstatic about receiving their tree. But I think the 3-year-old girl was the giddiest. She gave me a one-dollar tip out of her piggy bank and to continue the good feeling. It seemed like the right thing to do was to take the tip. So I did”. That member now has a different view of our purpose. No longer deliver a tree or work a fish fry, but to see the smiles on the faces of children and know you helped make their Christmas happen.

We are living through a time like no other. Seek out the silver lining. It is there. Use it.



AUXILIARY NEWS



KATHI KARNOWSKI
DEPT PRESIDENT

We all got through Thanksgiving, and we will not let COVID ruin our Christmas. Whether you stay home and have a quiet Christmas or can be with family members, feel blessed in whatever your situation is. As we are blessed, we need to think of others who may not be. Reach out to family, friends, and fellow members who need to hear from someone who cares. Even the smallest gesture can mean so much to some.



At our Mid-Winter DEC in Carlton Post #173, you will get the training you have asked for. If all Units would try to send at least one person from their Unit to participate on Saturday, January 16th, they can take back information they learn to their Unit. Our Chairman Coordinator, Karole Satterfield, will be showing us how to do a report or narrative for bulletins requiring them. She will have examples as well as explain how to do them. Our Parliamentarian, Pam Seelye, will help with running a meeting. How to make a motion and amend one, plus more examples Administration Chairman Jody Marsh and Finance Chairman Helen Hisaw will discuss the business end of units and what needs to be done. We encourage you to attend if you want to learn firsthand and not just look in a book. When we have a DEC, it enables the people with experience to be in one place, and all it needs is YOU to soak it all up and ask questions.

Many people are using Zoom, teleconferences, and other video apps to keep in touch or have meetings. I had never used Zoom before this past year, and I admit, I like being able to see the other people while conducting business or just for a family meeting. We highly encourage any of you who have not used any of these apps to conduct a unit meeting or get together until we can get in person. We are still working on communication, and the circumstances make it even harder but work with us to keep the channels open between all of us.

We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Happy New Year

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I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year's Holidays and stayed safe and healthy. 2020 being passed, thank



you, hope, and **PDC, BOB HUFF** pray for a great **VE&E CHAIRPERSON** 2021. Our Commission's mission and goals remain the same; we have a plan; everything is in place but is in a holding pattern with social distancing and the new rules like many businesses and our other programs. This article is written in the first part of December while most of our Counties are in extreme and added precautions had been put into effect. When we can hold Veterans Stand Downs, Benefit, and Educations Events, we are ready. We are working with some of our Schools virtually currently and working with their new rules for the safety of all. As always, veterans' and participants' safety at our effects remains our focus.

Yes, we continue to meet with our partners on ZOOM virtual meetings. We have continued our ZOOM meeting, supporting our National Guard in our Vet-Net meetings. Currently, Yellow Ribbons are virtual, with more restrictions, a lot of challenges. A whole new world out there and the way we support our Veterans population and our communities.

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By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals
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IN MEMORIAM

Charles “Shadow Walks” Tailfeathers, a fixture at numerous Veterans Summits and Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwows held in Grand Ronde, walked on on Saturday, Aug. 15, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend.

Tailfeathers (Cree/Blackfeet) was a Vietnam War-era Naval Construction Battalion “Seabees” veteran who worked for the Native Wellness Institute in Gresham and served on its board of directors.

He was credited with being the “visionary” behind the Veterans Summit that started being held annually in July 2013 at uxyat Powwow Grounds in Grand Ronde.

“For more than 15 years, Charlie served the Native Wellness Institute, traveling to Tribal communities, shar-



Charles Tailfeathers Warm Springs
2019 Welcome Home Vietnam
Veterans Parade

ing his Elder wisdom and teachings, and helping others to find healing,” says a statement posted on the Wellness Institute’s Facebook page. “He was an anchor and a rock to the staff and board; often helping each of us through life’s challenges and celebrating our victories.”

“Charlie was not only just a good guy, but an imposing figure within the Tribal community,” said Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., who is a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran. “He was committed to his people and to the care and well-being of veterans. He was looked up to by many and one of those Elder leaders that when he spoke, you listened. His presence at our powwows was always a joy and his passing will leave a hole for years to come.”

Tailfeathers earned a bachelor’s of applied science from Lane Community College in Eugene in Traditional Values and Customs and worked for 20 years for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, where he assisted in creating a family wellness court system. In addition, he served as vice president of the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Park Committee

He also served as a Victim of Crime advocate, Elders advocate and Juvenile advocate. He provided training and technical assistance to Tribal court systems and offered Native wellness and healing training in Indian Country for more than 35 years.

“Charlie touched the lives of thousands of people,” the Wellness Institute’s Facebook statement says. “He always incorporated cultural values into everything he did as he knew our culture held all of the answers that we

needed.”



Charles Tailfeathers speaks at the
Veterans Summit held at uxyat
Powwow Grounds in Grand Ronde
in July 2019. (Photo by Timothy J.
Gonzalez/Smoke Signals)

Tailfeathers appeared in a YouTube video called “Trail of Life” that was posted on May 21. It can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUBaFnS-SLE.

He was born on Feb. 1, 1945, and was buried on the Warm Springs Reservation, the homeland of his wife, Nancy, on Sunday, Aug. 16. He was an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation located in Browning, Mont. He is survived by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Council held a moment of silence in Tailfeathers’ memory during its Tuesday, Aug. 18, Legislative Action Committee hearing.

“He loved Grand Ronde, the people, the way the Tribes care for their people and all of the gatherings,” said Native Wellness Institute Executive Director Jillene Joseph.



Harney County Post 63 Vice Commander David Allen mentors students on posting the US flag.
Submitted by:
Charles E. Schmidt, Adjutant,
Harney County Post #63

November 24, 2020 – American Legion Harney County Post 63 conducted a hands-on flag education session with students at Henry L. Slater Elementary School in Burns, Oregon. Legionnaires discuss the customs and courtesies extended to the US flag. Each student learned how to post, recover, and fold the flag and will assist school staff with the daily flag ceremonies.

Legionnaires are (L-R) David Allen, Ron Copeland, Robert Hornbeck and Charles Schmidt.



Harney County Post 63 Vice Commander David Allen (L) and Commander Robert Hornbeck (R) watch as Slater Elementary students' recover the US flag.



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PDC, TOM HARRIS
IMMEDIATE PAST
COMMANDER

Hello
Legionnaires,
Auxiliary,
Sons of the
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gion Riders,

I hope this report will find everyone doing well and in good health as we transition into a new 2021 year. I am sure we are all ready to put the 2020 year behind us as we get ready for a much more exciting year to open our Posts and get back on track with the business at hand.

Supporting our American Legion programs and Post activities in 2021 should be at the top of our list! Many of us have managed to keep the faith and move forward even with all of the adversities this past year has thrown at us.

Moving forward, we will again need to work together to improve on membership and support our many programs in the Department of Oregon.

When we work together, we always seem to get things done. And remember..."United We Stand" are words to live by.

I want to say thank you to all of our Post officers and volunteer members that had continued to work membership through phone calling and letter writing during a time when traditional interaction wasn't allowed. With membership "TEAM's" like that, Oregon will undoubtedly grow and succeed in membership.

We have many Posts with membership teams that work very hard together every week to support membership in the Department of Oregon. And just as important is the Department of Oregon Adjutant and Office Staff that is second to none supporting all of our efforts.

Our Department Membership Team has been and will continue to work on membership through retention, transfers and new member applications to support our Oregon Membership goal. If you have not yet heard from your District Commanders on membership, you should be calling them for assistance. They are your direct

connection for membership, American Legion programs, and assistance.

There are many Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders in our Department and across our great nation that volunteer each year to make sure we can support our American Legion Programs. And we owe them a debt of gratitude for their selfless volunteer efforts to support programs like American Legion Baseball, Oratorical, Junior Shooting Sports, Boys State, Scouting, and our own Law Enforcement Career Camp. If you are interested in helping, please contact your Post or District Officers for more information. You will be glad you did.

As a reminder! Please update your calendars to ensure we are ready for the upcoming year's events that should include Post activities and any American Legion event that we can support as the weeks and months go by.

Thank you all for all that you do to support the American Legion and local Veteran families that really do need our help. "God bless you, **Believe and Achieve**".

For God and Country



Answer:

B. Michael King

The **civil rights leader** was **born** Michael King Jr. on January 15, 1929. In 1934, however, his father, a pastor at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, traveled to Germany and became inspired by the Protestant Reformation leader **Martin Luther**. As a result, King Sr. changed his own name as well as that of his 5-year-old son.





PDC, GENE HELLICKSON commander DEPT JUDGE ADVOCATE at the annual election held last month. It was "Hank" Boyd who told the post that it was in danger of dying of dry rot not nearly a year ago and whose efforts to postpone the untimely demise have thrown considerable pep into the organization since.

His opponent at the election was James J. Crosley, who moved to make the election unanimous when the returns showed that Boyd was the victor.

Prineville

The Crook County post with headquarters at Prineville has taken over the Commercial Hall building and will have entire control of the building, the only condition being that the post meet all expenses, upkeep, and improvements. All profits made will go into a fund for the memorial building, to be built later on.

North Bend

Sunset Post of North Bend met at its regular session at the Legion club-rooms in the First National Bank building and nominated officers for the ensuing year. The Post arranged a three-act comedy, "A Turkish Maiden," with six vaudeville acts during the Christmas holidays.

Albany

At a meeting of the Alfred E. Babcock Post of Albany, Frank Prince, who served since July, 1919 as Finance Officer of the Post, was nominated for

Portland

Thomas Henry Boyd, known to his friends as "Hank," was the enthusiastic choice of Portland post for the

commander

at the annu-

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This Time in History

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commander for the ensuing year. At this meeting, the post decided to put on a series of dances extending into the summer.

Hillsboro

Hillsboro post opened its new club-rooms during the Christmas holidays with a smoker, dance, and banquet. Officials from Portland were present and spoke

Rainier

The Rainier Post held an enjoyable and very successful dance at the City Hall recently with a record-breaking crowd in attendance.

Banks

Edward J. Eivers, Department Adjutant, Harry N. Nelson, assistant Department Adjutant, and Frank J. Eivers, service officer for the Legion in Oregon, organized a post at Banks, December 1st. Party proceeded to Banks in company with Zenas A. Olson, adjutant of Hillsboro post, who also addressed the Banks veterans. This makes the eighty-ninth post in Oregon Department.

Springfield

At a recent meeting of the Springfield Post a committee was appointed to care for the poor and sick of the community, and the purchase of eleven instruments for the band was authorized. The band expects to have a membership of twenty under the leadership of Albert Perfect.

The Post moved into its new meeting place, the Stevens Hall, recently, and the Legion band furnished the

music. The Women's Auxiliary had charge of the banquet.

Hood River

With the object of adding to the building fund of the Hood River Post, the women's auxiliary staged a bazaar in the Library hall on Saturday, December 4th. Lunch of coffee and doughnuts was served throughout the afternoon. The bazaar was a great financial success and had the following divisions: Dry goods, cooking, doll show, grab bag, white elephant, candy, country store.

Oregon City

Willamette Falls post at Oregon City was host to several representatives from Portland Post recently. Lane Goodell, the state vice-commander, spoke of the "Buddie Spirit of the Legion;" Harry Nelson talked on organization work of the state; Mrs. W.A. Eivers, president of the women's auxiliary to Portland Post, spoke on auxiliary activities, and Mrs. P. Bartholmy told of the work of the visiting committee among disabled soldier in Portland hospitals.

Clatskanie

A New American Legion Post, named the John Gulbertson, was formally established at Clatskanie, Ore., by E.J. Eivers, state adjutant of the Legion.

Condon

Freezing weather was no deterrent to an enthusiastic celebration of Armistice Day, and all the events of the day as planned by Frank Burns post, were carried out with a high degree of success:

Fifty or sixty marched in uniform headed by a color guard composed of Harry P. Anderson, Jim Perkins, and Oliver Rinehart. This was the best turnout that has been obtained yet and indicates a growing interest in the Legion and its activities.

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Ontario

The first military funeral at Ontario, Ore., was held by the Ontario Post recently when it took charge of the burial of Gustave Peter Prenzlau, who died in France. The Legion Post attended in a body, six members officiating as pallbearers. Post Bugler J.H. Gordan sounded taps, and a farewell salute was fired over the grave by the Legion firing squad. The flag with which the casket was draped will be presented by the mother of the deceased comrade to the Post as a mark of appreciation for the respect and kindness shown to her and her beloved son.

Marshfield

"Uncle Sam's Nieces," staged by the Coos Bay Post of Marshfield, was very enjoyable and conceded to be one of the best entertainments ever afforded the city, with over 300 people being present. The program consisted of musical numbers, clever impersonators, and readings followed by a comedy skit, featuring an Irish cook and innocent newlyweds, which proved highly entertaining.

Roseburg

A musical concert and dance were held recently in the armory at Roseburg by Umpqua Post No. 16, and the armory was crowded to the doors.

Sheridan

Edward J. Eivers, Oregon department adjutant, and Harry N. Nelson, assistant adjutant, were the guest at a meeting and banquet of the Sheridan Post on December 13th. The banquet was in charge of the Women's Relief Corps, and entertainment was furnished by the Legion Post.

Baker

Under the auspices of the Baker, post residents were treated to various games and attractions in "Slippery Gulch" recently. Mayor W.W. Gard-

ner acted as mayor of "Slippery Gulch" on the opening night, the attraction running four nights. Wild excitement prevailed, and days of half a century ago were brought back.

Astoria

State Commander William S. Gilbert of this city has unearthed an instance of alleged gross injustice to a world war veteran in the case of Frank O. Jacobson, marine. Jacobson was sent to jail from McMinnville recently for breaking into a grocery store and considered himself fortunate in being assured a warm bed and good food during the winter.

Jacobson's papers show that he participated in four major engagements in France and was wounded, being discharged with "total disability." He was awarded \$80 a month compensation up to last August when the allowance was cut to \$24, on which he could not live. His case is being taken up with national officers of the Legion.

Medford

The secret meeting of the Goofs, the inside order of the Medford Post, resulted in the following being chosen to the office: Dr. B. R. Elliott, C. of H.' Warren Butler, Pro.' Everett Carkin, C.P.; and Merle Kindle, F.W. Over a hundred applications for membership have been received.

McMinnville

Howard Gildea was chosen commander of McMinnville Post at the annual election recently. Other officers chosen were: Harper N. Jamison, vice commander; Glen Macy, adjutant; Norwood Apperson, finance officer; L.S. Hopfield, chaplain; George Jameson historian; and Henry Kirk, D.L. Ringle, and James C. Shirley, trustees.

Salem

Dr. B.F. Pound was chosen Com-

mander of Capital Post at a recent election. Louis H. Compton, warden of the penitentiary, was chosen vice commander and Edmond Aldrich, adjutant. The Post passed a resolution endorsing the Boy Scout movement.



The American Legion calls for Senate to pass, White House to sign NDAA

(WASHINGTON—December 9, 2020) – The head of the nation's largest veteran's organization called for the White House and Senate to reach an agreement on the proposed National Defense Authorization Act, which contains many provisions that The American Legion strongly supports. The House of Representatives passed the NDAA last night with a veto-proof majority.

"There are many items in the proposed legislation which would improve the quality of life not just for our military members, but for our Vietnam veterans as well," James W. "Bill" Oxford, national commander of The American Legion said. "Moreover, we hope that President Trump agrees that an issue as important as liability for social media companies is important enough to debate on its own merits and should not be part of the NDAA."

Oxford singled out the Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act as "a life-changing provision that is included in the NDAA which will benefit more

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than 34,000 Vietnam veterans and their families.” The amendment, secured by Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., would add bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism to the list of service-connected presumptions associated with Agent Orange exposure.

“Additionally, the defense bill increases troop strength and includes a 3 percent pay raise which our military members certainly deserve,” Oxford added. “The American Legion has always advocated for a strong national defense and quality care for our country’s veterans. We believe that the NDAA goes a long way toward strengthening America.”

About The American Legion

The American Legion is dedicated to the motto of “Veterans Strengthening America.” Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans. Nearly 2 million members in more than 12,000 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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mail call and the sadness of missing
important events.

We didn't know when, or even if we
were ever going to see home again.

We grew up fast, and yet somehow,
we never grew up at all.

We fought for our freedom, as well
as the freedom of others.

Some of us saw actual combat, and
some of us didn't.

Some of us saw the world, and some
of us didn't.

Some of us dealt with physical war-
fare. Most of us dealt with psychologi-
cal warfare.

We have seen and experienced and
dealt with things that we can't fully
describe or explain, as not all of our
sacrifices were physical.

We participated in time-honored

We loved our country enough to
defend it and protect it with our own
lives.

We said goodbye to friends and fam-
ily and everything we knew.

We learned the basics, and then we
scattered in the wind to the far cor-
ners of the Earth.

We found new friends and new fam-
ily.

We became brothers and sisters re-
gardless of color, race, or creed.

We had plenty of good times and
plenty of bad times.

We didn't get enough sleep.

We smoked and drank too much.

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ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.

We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.

We have dealt with victory and tragedy.

We have celebrated and mourned.

We lost a few along the way.

When our adventure was over, some of us went back home, some of us started somewhere new, and some of us never came home at all.

We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.

We share an unspoken bond that most people don't experience, and few will understand.

We speak highly of our own branch of service and poke fun at the other branches.

However, we know that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one, in a heartbeat.

Being a Veteran is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.

It has no monetary value, but at the same time, it is a priceless gift.

People see a Veteran, and they thank them for their service.

When we see each other, we give that little upwards head nod, or a slight smile, knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not.

From myself to the rest of the veterans out there, I commend and thank you for all that you have done and sacrificed for our country.

Try to remember the good times and make peace with the bad times.

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S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPARTEMENT ADJUTANT

Forty-Four years ago, this month, I was a member of the USS Guam's Medical Department. I had decided to go home on leave and surprise my wife. I was at the airport waiting for my flight that early morning when one of the Ship's officers gave us the bad news as it was unfolding. We were all pretty much in shock as to how such a tragedy could occur. I ask the officer should I return to the Ship and assist as I was one of the Corpsman.

He said no, they have it covered, and I should go ahead and board the plane. So after arriving at the airport in Norfolk, I took a cab home to Virginia Beach. Arriving at my apartment complex, I knock on my door to surprise my wife. Not realizing the incident had made national news, she opens the door with tears and shock that I stood in the doorway. It was all over the television news, and she thought it might be the CACO Officer bringing the worst news a wife could hear because they were not giving names of the men. After all, the next of kins' haven't been notified. Needless to say, I will never do that again. Below is the article by JOC Roger Busby. At the base Chapel at Little Creek is another Plaque to memorialize our fallen shipmates. Rest in Peace.

Barcelona (17 January 1977)

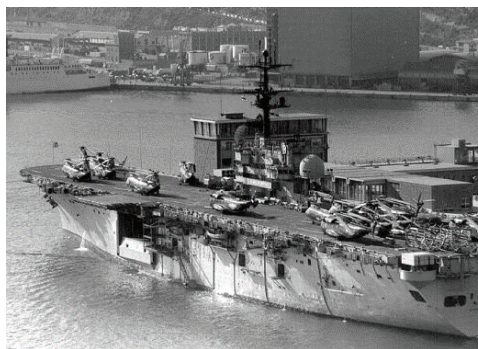
Catastrophe Strikes

Catastrophe struck in the early morning hours of 17 January 1977 when the LCM-6, leaving fleet landing at 2 AM on a final run back to the ships with 124 enlisted sailors and marines

USS GUAM LPH-9 TRAGEDY

dressed for the cold winter weather, collided with the 390-ton Spanish freighter "Urlea" in the inner harbor. The collision occurred about 80-feet off of the end of a high commercial pier where the vision of the coxswain was obstructed by the height of the pier as the two craft rounded the pier from opposite sides. Neither craft had time to react before the bulbous bow of the freighter lifted the bow of the LCM-6 and capsized the boat tossing the occupants into the dark harbor water. Personnel on the pier and at Fleet Landing scrambled to assist those in the boat but many who had been in the liberty boat were disoriented or trapped under the high sides of the LCM-6.

GUAM, notified by the Beach guard of the accident, mustered the Rescue and Assistance Detail and sent them by boat to assist with the rescue efforts. The first word back to the States about the accident was garbled and reported that the GUAM and TRENTON had collided and that the GUAM had overturned. While that misinformation was later corrected, the consternation created among the concerned families of the deployed ships and embarked units was understandable. Rescue efforts continued throughout the night but by first light the effort had become one of recovery of our shipmates. The ships would end up spending several more days



Guam pier side in Barcelona (Photo by Fabio Pena (1977))

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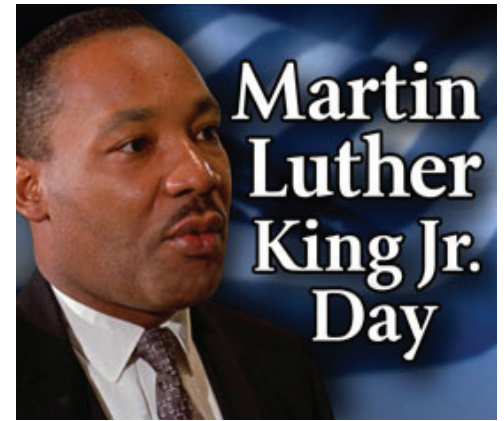
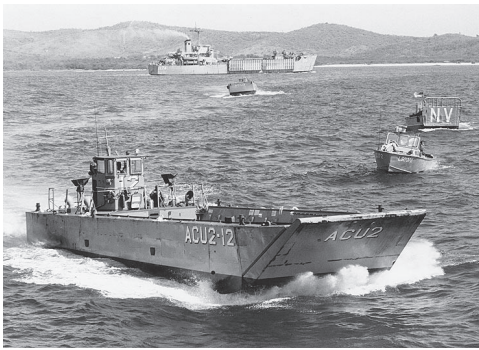
As the Assistant Command Duty Officer on GUAM, I was assigned as the Boat Officer of GUAM's Captain's Gig, and I and the 2-man crew of the LCPL were sent to the beach in anticipation of a scheduled protocol visit by the Mayor of Barcelona. Spanish Navy divers had arrived in the early morning hours to survey the accident scene and conduct the recovery. The magnitude of the loss quickly became evident, and it was not too long afterward that we were re-detailed and assigned as the prime recovery platform for this grim task. Forty-nine crewmen and marines from GUAM and TRENTON were lost in this tragic accident.

Several days later, GUAM moved pier side to the same molo adjacent to the accident site, and she remained moored for the duration of the port visit. At the conclusion of the port visit, a very touching moment occurred as the Ship was leaving the pier and heading for the sea. An older Spanish woman, dressed traditionally in black with her head covered, quietly appeared on the pier and, one by one, slowly tossed red roses into the harbor water, one for each of our lost shipmates.

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The Milwaukie American Legion Post (2146 SE Monroe Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222) is conducting clothing drive on Saturday, January 9th & 23rd, 2021 from 10AM to 2PM each day. Volunteers will be in the Post parking lot staffing the drop off station / booth.

CLOTHING DRIVE: We are asking for **NEW** and **SERVICEABLE, CLEAN USED** clothing for infants, children, and adults. All sizes are needed. **Please do not bring any dirty or unserviceable clothing---we will not accept these items.**

Major Needed Items

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Hoodies, Sweatshirts, & Long Johns | Men's Boots Sizes 10, 10½, & 11 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Cash and checks will be accepted in lieu of clothing items. All money collected in support of this project will be used to purchase clothing. Please make checks payable to **Milwaukie American Legion Post 180** and indicate in the memo section **Clothing Drive**. Checks can also be mailed to the following address: Milwaukie Post 180, Attn: Clothing Drive, 2146 SE Monroe St., Milwaukie, OR 97222.

All donated items will be used to support veterans, veteran families, and members of the community that are in need of assistance. The COVID-19 virus and wild fires have had a devastating impact on our citizens and you can assist in helping them with your donations.

Contact LeeAnn Gibbons (leeann.gibb@yahoo.com or 503-880-7171) for additional information on how you can help us in this effort. Ms. Gibbons is the Milwaukie Post 180 Outreach Coordinator for this project.

www.alpost180.org



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Milwaukie American Legion
2146 SE Monroe St.

Saturday, 09 Jan. 2021



8:00 AM — 1:30 PM

Reservations Required: 1-800-733-2767

MICHAEL WILSON
503-659-1300
COMMANDER,
MILWAUKIE POST 180

American Legion Post 180 in Milwaukie will host a Red Cross blood donation event on Saturday, 09 January 2021 at the Legion's facility located at 2146 SE Monroe St., Milwaukie, OR. Reservations required to maintain social distancing. Reserve a donation spot by calling 1-800-733-2767.

Donations will be collected 8 AM to 2 PM in a safe coronavirus free environment. Please assist and do something to help the Red Cross and our communities in this pandemic.



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STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** December 7th marks the 79th anniversary of the early morning surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, a day which will live in infamy; and
- WHEREAS:** This day ultimately marked the entry of the United States into the Second World War changed the course of history for the free world; and
- WHEREAS:** We owe a debt of gratitude for the service, sacrifice and valor that was demonstrated by American heroes abroad and on the home front, and who truly epitomized the essence of the Greatest Generation, and
- WHEREAS:** To honor the legacy of the more than 2,200 U.S. military members who were killed and over 1,100 who were wounded in the attack; and
- WHEREAS:** Although many of those who served during this historical attack are no longer among us, the State of Oregon is proud to remember and carry forward the legacy of Pearl Harbor for our future generations.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **December 7, 2020** to be

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, December 3, 2020.



Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Governor

Bev Clarno

Bev Clarno, Secretary of State



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.

ALA 08/2019

Date

Received From
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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.

ALA 12/2013

Date

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Squadron No.

Department of



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veteran Served:

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #