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

“In Flanders Fields”

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.**

*By
Lieutenant-Colonel
John McCrae*

*Read about it on
Page 7*



As we are less than two months from Convention, we have a lot to do. All Resolutions for Constitution and By-Law changes need to be to Department by May 10th. District Commanders need to make sure all of their Posts reports are to Department by May 15th. Consolidated Post reports need to be to National by July 1st, and if not done online, they need to be to Department by June 1st so they can be to National by July 1st.

Even with Covid and the wildfires, Posts have done something in the community. You cannot send CPR's

in without anything on it as it will be rejected. Most Posts have done something in their communities to help veterans and families during the Pandemic and wildfires, and this is a way to make this known to Department and National.

Also, there have been individual members that have done great work to help people in their communities this past year, and they should be recognized for their hard work.

In over a year, we have accomplished a lot considering the forced restrictions. We have kept our focus on help-

ing veterans and their families to the best we can. As time goes by and things begin to open up, we can get going full bore, but in the meantime, we need to continue to work hard and continue to move forward, and keep a positive attitude. Next year will be better than the last.

STEVE ADAMS
DEPT. COMMANDER



Poppy Month



LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

By this writing, some if not all our issues with the new My Legion will probably be solved. BUT... I am only able to report on my last take of the database to report the Department status.

Let me say that our recent progress is improving significantly, and WE will get the job done. **IT WILL TAKE PATIENCE.**

Our Department Hall of Fame as 3/27/2021 (11 days go):

75%-80% - We have 19 posts

81%-90%

District 1

Posts 2,6,12,56,104,119,168

District 2

Posts 33,57,58,89,122,173

District 3

Posts 11,40,51,83,100,116

District 4

Posts 8,70,84

District 5

Posts 4,19,25,29,44

District 6

Posts 41,43,72,87,95,157

District 7

None

District 8

Post 180

District 9

Post 34,62,152

District 10

Post 96

91%-100%

District 1

Post 42,90

District 2

Post 21,75

District 3

Post 32,59,97

District 4

Post 129,192

District 5

Post 45,49,56,86

District 6

None

District 7

Post 98

District 8

None

District 9

Posts 121,123

District 10

Posts 63,67,77

100%+ Posts

Post 50 - 127.27%
Post 106 - 118%
Post 137 - 115%
Post 76 - 110.87%
Post 61 - 108.96%
Post 79 - 105.58%
Post 28 - 104.67%
Post 26 - 102.08%
Post 55 - 100%

Top Districts

District 10 - 93.9%
District 5 - 87.07%
District 4 - 84.71%
District 9 - 85.87%
District 1 - 81.71%

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LARRY WITTMAYER

DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER 80.63%

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

District 6

We can still reach 100% as a Department with a concentrated effort. Let's Get This Train Back on Track.

Interesting things to make you say



Hmmm.....

Baseball umpires used to sit

in rocking chairs!

People have been playing baseball since the mid 19th century. In the early games, umpires would officiate the games reclining in a rocking chair that was located 20 feet behind home plate. By 1878, the National League also declared that home teams must pay umpires \$5 per game.



Psalm 91: 2-5

"I will say of the Lord. He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Surely He

STEVEN SHOLLENBURG

DEPT CHAPLAIN

shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and the noisome pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings shall you trust: His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day:"

This past winter has seen numerous Legionnaires leaving our ranks for the Post Everlasting, not only here in Oregon but also nationwide. The Covid

The Proposed 2021-2022 Department Budget will have been presented and discussed with the Department Executive Committee (DEC) at our Spring DEC Meeting at La Pine Post 45 Sunday, April 11th. After those discussions, the Proposed Budget will be published in the Oregon Legionnaire per our Constitution and By-Laws and presented to the Delegates at our Department Convention in June 2021 at Seven Feathers for discussion and adoption.

Yes, I will continue to repeat this. It is tax season, and please make sure that your Post files their taxes. March 15th is the due date for filing 990 tax reporting if your reporting year is January 1st to December 31st. With COVID 19, not being able to hold meetings face to face, not visiting our Posts, some Post activity is not being done. Please ask your Post if they have filed their taxes. District Commanders ask at your Posts meetings or phone 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.

In this May issue, remember; Post

Pandemic has taken its toll on many. Our hearts, prayers, and sympathy go out to all the families and their close friends.

In the above verse, we see that God has told us, not only in Psalms, but throughout His word, to take refuge, cover, do not be afraid, put on the Whole Armor of God, and trust in Him, and we have to put that trust in Him in today's world.

It has been a hectic couple of months, and I hope and pray all are doing well. As we get ready for the State Convention, let's hope things continue to

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elections for new officers and Post delegates to District Caucus and Department Convention is taking place "now" or has taken



PDC, BOB HUFF

DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER

By-Laws, Article V – Convention, Section 1. Reads "The several Posts of the Department shall, at least forty-five (45) days before the opening of the annual Department Convention, elect their delegates and alternates and certify them to the Department Adjutant. The registration fee for all authorized delegates, alternates and delegates-at-large, as it shall be determined by the Department Executive Committee, shall be sent in accordance with the Convention Committee Code of Procedure.

No delegate shall be seated at the Convention unless certification of such election is received by the Department Adjutant at least thirty (30) days prior, except as hereinafter provided." The Department Adjutant has sent out Convention Delegate Forms with the authorized Post Delegate strength. The delegate fee is \$15.00 for each delegate. The Post is responsible for sending the Delegate Form with certification from the Post Adjutant and \$15.00 for each delegate strength.

If a Post is authorized three (3) delegates and only has two (2) attending, the Post is still responsible for sending in the delegate fees for three (3) delegates. Those Posts not returning their Certified Delegate Forms and delegate fees will not be in good standing and will have no delegate vote. The delegate forms are also located on our Department Web Site.

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STEVEN SHOLLENBURG meet once again in June. It will be good to see everyone, especially since we missed last year. Make sure the decline of the Covid Pandemic is in your daily prayers.

Several Posts have been very active around their community, delivering firewood, taking needed groceries and needed supplies to people in need. A big thanks to those posts for your continued efforts and love for our brothers and sisters in need.

Deadline

for the June issue
of the
Oregon Legionnaire
is May 5th, 2021



LOU NEUBECKER
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

WOW, here it is May, the month of our District Caucus in Aloha Post 104 on May 8th. Lunch from 1130 to 1230. With the meetings starting at 1 PM. We had a GREAT turnout for the March meeting in Seaside. We had 11 out of 15 Posts in attendance. As we all know, it has been a very weird year. I haven't been able to visit the Post in our District because of COVID. Hopefully, it will end soon.

As for an update on Vernonia Post 119, they are up and running. I want to give a **BIG THANKS** to our Vice-Commander, Susan and PDC, Tom Harris. They are assisting Vernonia



PDC, GENE HELLICKSON of our department. We are voting to represent our fellow legionnaires and voting as a representative of those at the post, district, or department level.

When we vote, we can make our department better or worse. In turn, our votes can make our comrade's lives better or worse.

If we make bad choices, we get the

Post 119 on getting on their feet.

I want to take this time to say **THANKS** to the District for keeping up with the membership as most of you know; National HQ is starting the new MyLEGION. **WOW**, the problems we have encountered. I can not log on as the District Commander, but I can get in as my Post Adjutant.

Hopefully, National will get the kinks out, and we will be able to get our reports. If you are having trouble logging in or getting in, please send an e-mail to National at CS2@legion.org. Explain your situation, and they will get back to you. You can also go to the National site and pick **"CONTACT,"** fill out the form and sent it to them.

It has been my pleasure to served as your District Commander this past year.

Semper Fi

The right to vote is a sacred obligation that everyone has. Your vote counts and furthers the excellent business

feeling of unjustness and inflict and perpetuate injustice. Voting is morally significant. Voting changes, the quality, scope, and kind of department we have. The way we vote can help or harm our fellow veterans. Vote outcomes can be harmful or beneficial, just or unjust.

Voting is the primary way that we influence the quality of our department. "Listen, think, and vote your conscience. Your constituents will not always agree with you, but they will respect you for thinking through the issues and leveling with them."

When you vote, remember these essential items:

If you have to ask if it's ethical, it isn't.
Honor the American Legion
Take the High Road
Master the Rules!
Vote Your Conscience
Keep Your Word
Be Careful What You Agree To
Be a Problem Solver



District 9 will be holding its District Caucus on May 9th at Roseburg Post 16. We look forward to hearing from the candidates running for office. Posts in the District are working on Boy's state and Law Enforcement Camp and hope to see District have a good showing for the first-ever Zoom sessions for both.

Membership has come to a snail's pace, but I know District 9 will have a good showing in the end. With most

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Calendar of Events

June	Membership Drive Summer Youth Programs 14 Flag Day 14-15 Boy State Virtual 14-15 Girls State Virtual 23-26 Dept Convention
July	Community Celebration 04 Independence Day 20-25 Jr Shooting Sports 23-31 Boys Nation 28-30 Service Office School 29-31 Membership Wookshop
August	Begin Planning Veterans Day Observance 12-17 Baseball World Series Shelby, NC 27-2 National Convention Phoenix, AZ



LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTING CHAIR

HOT OFF THE PRESS:

There is a new required Merit Badge for Eagle effective with any Board of Review on May

1, 2021, or after. This 14th required Merit Badge is Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion.

The election season is upon us as we trust those we elected to care of our Posts, District, and Department for the following year. We should be tak-

ing our investments, checking accounts, and savings. Are we in a good place financially to carry out the programs of the American Legion? Are we using all the resources to be successful?

In my experience, we at all levels struggle to gather the funds to care out the day-to-day operations, and it becomes even more challenging as our membership continues to decline. Sometimes the problem is as simple as holding that extra fundraiser or asking for donations from our community.

At the Department level, we have a budget each year that you will vote on, and this is an important document that governs how we operate our Department and the success or failure of what we do daily.

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PDC, KEVIN OWENS Posts still shut
DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER down or just
having their first meeting in months,
there is not much to report.

ing the time to look at the status of

All the councils in Oregon are moving toward toward less restrictive activities following required guidelines.

Council Reports:

Cascade Pacific Council

The link for reopening on a limited basis is: <https://cpcbsa.org/covid>

Virtual Cub Scout tools are available on Council website.

Crater Lake Council

Summer camp will be at Camp McLoughlin. Council restructuring planning is ongoing.

Please take the time to look it over. The money belongs to all members, and you all have a say on how it is spent.



PDC, KEVIN OWENS
PERMANENT FINANCE CHAIR

You will have the opportunity at the Department Convention to ask any questions, and you will also get an honest answer to the reasoning why things were done the way they were. Changes can be made, and we also look forward to your ideas. We hope to see all of you at Seven Feathers to meet again after a long year with something we all can look forward to.

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The American Legion Calls for Expediting Visas for Afghan Interpreters

WASHINGTON (April 29, 2021) – Stating that “time is of the greatest essence,” American Legion National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford wrote to President Joseph Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken and called on the administration to speed up the processing of visa applications for interpreters who assisted U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Oxford explained that he sent the letters because of the dire consequences that interpreters face. “A Michigan Legionnaire who served in Afghanistan described the situation in stark

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LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTING CHAIR

The council website has
Pandemic updates:
5/12 Wilderness First
Aid MB - Bend
5/16 Scout-O-Rama
5/21-23 Spring
Camporee

Mountain West Council

Checkout the Restart Scout Checklist:

Oregon Trail Council

4/30 - 5/2 Wood badge
5/1 Trash the Trash Day
5/1 Wilderness First Aid
5/7 Council Recognition Dinner
5/18 Fireside Chats

Remember each Post has the ability to sponsor a Scout unit. You can do your part by calling Larry Wittmayer to get this going 503-970-4944.

Upcoming events

June

Fathers Day
Boys and Girls State
Convention

July

Community Celebrations,
Youth Programs

August

Start Preparation for Veterans
Day Observance
Baseball World Series
National Convention

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Baseball was all the rage during this time. You were either a Yankees fan or Red Sox fan. But the all-time player in 1920 was the Sultan of Swat, a man who broke record for season homeruns. Who was this player?

- A. Lou Gehrig
- B. Hack Wilson
- C. Cy Williams
- D. Babe Ruth



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

May 28, 2021, is National Poppy Day. The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary have long utilized the red poppy in memoriam to promote reverence for our military who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and long promoted remembrance of our veterans for their sacrifices in service to our country. After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe.

Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the bloodshed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D., while serving on the front lines.



John McCrae

Born: November 30, 1872, Guelph, Canada

Died: January 28, 1918, Boulogne-sur-Mer, France

Nationality: Canadian

Place of burial: Essex Farm Cem-

etery, Ypres, Belgium, Wimereux Cemetery

Education: Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute, University of Toronto - St. George Campus



Alexis Hannum Helmer was killed in battle during the Great War while serving with the 2nd Battery, 1st Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery. He is known as being part of the inspiration for In Flanders Fields through his friendship with John McCrae.



The day before he wrote his famous poem, one of McCrae's closest friends was killed in the fighting and buried in a makeshift grave with a simple wooden cross. Wild poppies were already beginning to bloom between the crosses marking the many graves. Unable to help his friend or any of the others who had died, John McCrae gave them a voice through his poem. It was the second last poem he was to write.

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion. Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year, members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower donate to support the future of veterans, active-duty military person-

nel, and their families with medical and financial needs.



La Mairie (Town Hall), Vallon, Ardèche département, France.

1921 British Remembrance Poppy. Cotton and silk poppies were made in devastated areas of France by the widows and orphans of Madame Guérin, "The Poppy Lady from France" and the originator of Poppy Day.



Madame Guérin

Born: Anna Alix Boule on February 15, 1878

Vallon-Pont-d'Arc, France

Died: April 16, 1961 (aged 83)
Remembrance poppy

Awards: Ordre des Palmes académiques

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day. On May 28, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform. May we never forget the sacrifices of so many for us.

Nomination forms for Department Convention awards have been forwarded to Posts. The Public Relations Committee invites all Posts to submit Questionnaire Number 10 telling of their Post's Public Relations initiatives

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VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS



PDC, BOB HUFF
VE&E CHAIRPERSON

As we start to see some light in face-to-face meetings again, we will remain in a holding pattern with social distancing and holding events until we can hold them safely and use our venues again. We see it as positive going forward "light at the end of the tunnel." This is a good time to ask if any Legion members are interested in participating in Veterans Employment, Education, and Veterans Homelessness activity. We would like to hear from you. My contact information is huffe4@aol.com or (541) 826-4916. We see some lifting of some restrictions, not for holding events yet, but we hope to see some small steps being taken. When we can have Veterans Stand Downs, Benefit, and Educations Events, we are ready.

We are continually working with some of our Schools virtually currently and working with their new rules for all safety. As always, veterans' and participants' safety remains our focus.

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. Longing to go back to our face-to-face breakfast meetings, although the 13 pounds I have lost during COVID I am sure I will put back on when our breakfast meetings startup. Our local Army National Guard Unit down here, 1/186, has deployed troops for the next 60 days to our Nation's Capital after just returning from a deployment at the Horn of Africa and then deployed on Fire duty and COVID 19 support upon their return. A whole new world out there and the way we support our Veterans population and our community's safety.

Stay safe



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The American Legion to Shelby, N.C.: 'Play Ball!'

The American Legion World Series to be held as originally scheduled

INDIANAPOLIS (April 26, 2021) – The head of the nation's largest veterans organization announced that The American Legion World Series will be played in Shelby, N.C., August 12-17. The eight-team championship tournament is returning after the premier baseball event was cancelled in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"As a former American Legion Baseball coach, I am extremely excited about the return of this fantastic event," American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford said. "With the availability of vaccines and additional data showing that young people participating in outdoor activities represent a low risk for spread of the virus, we feel that we can conduct a safe world series. This is a very different environment than what we faced last year. Many of us eagerly await the umpire's welcoming words of 'play ball!'"

Though final details are still being considered, officials at national headquarters plan to conduct American Legion Boys Nation at Marymount University and the American Legion 3-Position Air Rifle Junior Shooting Sports National Championships in Colorado Springs as originally scheduled. The American Legion will observe Center for Disease Control guidelines and local and state public health mandates for all of its national programs.

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Eugene Hellickson
Candidate for Alternate National Executive
Committeeman
Department of Oregon
2021-2023

My name is Gene Hellickson, and I am seeking your support for the high office of Alternative National Executive Committeeman.

I do not take the position of Alternate Executive Committeeman lightly. It is a great responsibility to be the representative of our Department and carry back to our Department the actions of the National Executive Committee.

During my American Legion membership, I have always strived to contribute to this organization to the utmost of my capabilities. I want to serve you as your representative of our Department.

God Bless the American Legion, and God Bless the United States of America.

Eugen Hellickson, Judge Advocate
Department of Oregon



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5/12/2021

To: The American Legion Leadership and Members of the State of Oregon

Ref: Candidate for National Executive Committeeman Department of Oregon 2021-2023

Dear Department Leadership and beloved Legionnaires,

I will not be running as a candidate for the high office of National Executive Committeeman for the State of Oregon as a result of continuing health problems. My Alternate NECMAN year of 2019-2021 will end on December 31st. I will not be attending the State nor National Convention.

This means that both NEC and Alternate NEC positions for 2021-2023 are open. Next man up!

I wish the Department and my beloved Legionnaires my very best in the upcoming years.

Respectfully,

Jim Willis
Alternate National Executive Committeeman
Department of Oregon



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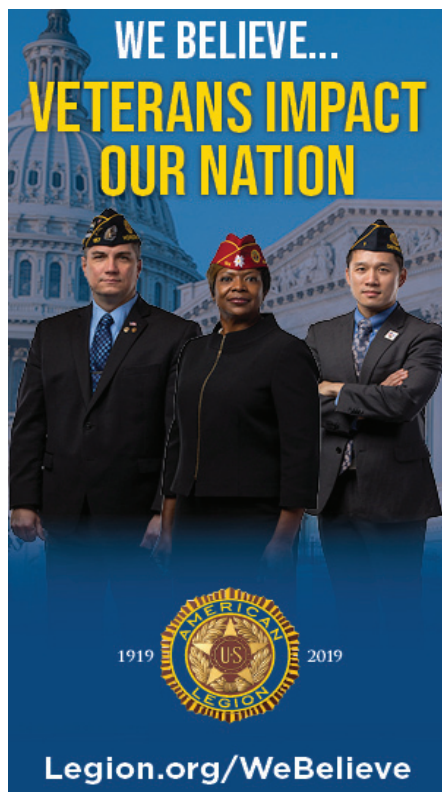
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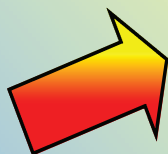


**Saturday, May 15, 2021
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P.O. Box 1730**

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Endorsement For National Executive Committeeman (2021-2023)

Each year around this time, Oregon Legionnaires announce their intention to seek and serve in a position of leadership in The American Legion and the Department of Oregon.

I have the credentials and experience to successfully serve in this position. I am retired from the United States Coast Guard and I recently retired after 25 years from Platt Electric as the Branch Manager. I have been a member of the American Legion for 31 years, I am a PUFL and have served in many positions within the organization including:

Post Commander District Commander, Department Commander and National Sergeant-at-Arms.

I am currently serving on the National Education & Employment Commission, the National Legislative Council, and other Various National Commissions.

I am also a member of many organizations that I have served in leadership positions. Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, Forty & Eight, The Fleet Reserve, IOOF, Moose, CGEA, Rotary, Elks & Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, where I served as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. I was appointed by Oregon's Governor for two 4-year terms.

I am also a graduate of The American Legion National College, Ray Smith Class of 2000. I have lead training many times and I have taken the National Institution Course. As you can see my experience is clear.

The term of the National Executive Committeeman is two (2) years, beginning immediately after the National Convention. The NEC represents the continuity of both executive and legislative authority with the American Legion. Its legislative power under the Constitution is exercised between National Conventions.

The choosing of officers for any American Legion group is one of the most important functions to be performed. It means the choosing of leaders upon whose faithful service, the success of the organization largely depends on.

This applies at every level of The American Legion, from Post through Department to National. Among the qualifications necessary for efficient and official leadership is an understanding of the purpose of The American Legion; knowledge of the work and enthusiasm for it; a high sense of justice, fairness, and courtesy; open-mindedness, moral courage, and the ability to work alongside other people.

Officers should be chosen for their ability to perform the work of the office to which they are elected, and not because of their social prestige or because they want the office. Willingness to serve is not enough, fitness to serve must stand above every other consideration.

The better a candidate has prepared, the better our Department will be served. In my 31 years of Legion membership, I have served in numerous positions and feel that I have the knowledge and passion to contribute to the American Legion at the National level.

I have never lost sight of the legacy that The American Legion forefathers built for us and the responsibilities we as Legionnaires have inherited. I am ready, willing, and able to serve with you once again to ensure that the traditions of The American Legion are carried forward for future generations of veterans who have served, are currently serving and in the future, answer the call of our nation. It has been a pleasure serving this Department and it would be an honor to serve as your National Executive Committeeman. Thank you for your service to our nation and thank you for all the things you do for The American Legion.



Michael "Mick" Wilson Candidate for Department of Oregon 1st Vice-Commander



My name is Michael Wilson and I am a candidate for the American Legion Department of Oregon 1st Vice-Commander 2021~2022.

Why should you vote for me? What do I bring to you as a candidate?

I have 40+ years' executive management and leadership experience in the military, industrial, and non-profit environments and 15 years membership in the American Legion and that makes me a qualified candidate for your consideration.

My formal education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from **Louisiana State University** and a Master's degree in management from the **University of Southern California**.

My American Legion education includes completing two courses of training with the American Legion Education Institute and attending the Department of Oregon Legion College held at the Canby Post 122 three years ago. I completed the second course with the Legion Education Institute on 05 April 2021 as a refresher due to the course being updated

and wanting to stay current with Legion doctrine and policies.

My military experience includes USMC pilot of tactical fighter and rotary wing aircraft, collateral duties as aircraft maintenance officer from the squadron to the Marine air-wing command levels, maintenance test pilot, and management analysis officer. I am a graduate of the Air War College.

My industrial experience includes senior and executive level management of industrial engineering, information technology systems, and telecommunication operations associated with shipbuilding, mining, railcar construction, and consulting. I have had project management responsibility for multi-million dollar industrial projects.

My non-profit experience involves management and leadership of military-oriented youth groups (Young Marines and Marine Cadets), the Marine Corps League, Association of Naval Aviation, Société 40 & 8, ELKS, and of course the American Legion. As Commander of the 6th Division of the Young Marines, I had responsibility for eight (8) western states involving some 3,000+ young people and 600+ adult leaders. I am currently the Chair of the Washington Board of Trustees for the Marine Cadets.

I am a 15-year member of the American Legion and have served as Commander of the Milwaukie Post 180 for five years and have performed Post duties as Finance Officer, 2nd Vice Commander, newsletter editor, cook, and of course bottle washer. Hands on leadership from the front.

As a concerned citizen, I am also involved with my local county government. I have been appointed to and am currently serving on three Clackamas County commissions and boards. I am a member of the Clackamas County Planning Commission, Clackamas County Transportation Safety Commission, and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Enhanced Law Enforcement District Advisory Board and have served as Chairman of the District Advisory Board. I am also a member of the Sheriff's Enhanced Law Enforcement District Budget Committee and have served as the Chair of this Budget Committee for two terms.

Based on my experience with non-profit operations: the programs, pillars, and mission statements are important; but the primary responsibility of the leadership and management of these organizations boils down to two vital areas: **fiscal sustainability** and **membership growth**. Without good management and leadership in these two vital areas, the organization will cease to exist.

As your Department 1st Vice-Commander, I will work with District and Post management and leadership teams focusing on these two important areas. I ask for your consideration and vote.

/s/ Michael Wilson

AUXILIARY NEWS



KATHI KARNOWSKI
DEPT PRESIDENT

As the year is winding down, we should all have gotten our year-end reports in, or some may become due. Even with CO-

The SAL has always assisted Legionnaires with Legion Family Programs.

American Legion Auxiliary was chartered in 1919 and originally organized to assist The American Legion but has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to The American Legion.

Together, these three groups, and now The American Legion Riders, make up what is known as, The Legion Family. Our Family places high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

Each year we see our Legion family struggle to remain active and open. It is a tough decision to make when you discuss turning in your charter, but if you are in an area where it is hard to get new members and current members just cannot do the work, it may be time to discuss closing, merging, or transferring to another Unit. If your Unit is not active as in - having meetings, working programs, working in the community, or serving Veterans, then you should consider your options. A revitalization is your best bet to rejuvenate your Unit, and Department can help if you let us know you want to. Each Unit must decide what they want to do.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a Patriotic Veterans Organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization.

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within The American Legion.

It is troubling when we learn of our Family not getting along, and how do we proceed to try and be a mediator?

If you look at all the successful posts, you will notice the Family helps one another. I have heard of one Unit that had a surcharge put on every plate that goes out during their dinner. This is a fundraiser for that Unit to donate money to programs or run their Unit, and when the charge was put on them, they stopped making dinners. This post has a bar, and do they not realize a dinner brings people in, and they will have drinks, which goes to that post. This Unit will have its yard sale at a member's home due to the conflict. Units are not responsible

for insurance, workman's comp, utilities, etc. Please work with your Unit to see what they can do to help and know most units' funds are restricted and cannot be used for anything else. Money is being lost that would go to helping veterans, children, or the community. Each of our groups contributes in its own way, and not getting along affects membership within ALL the Family. Any event put on at a Post by any of the Family is a chance to get our name out to the public and is also a recruiting tool. Opportunities grow as people work together.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: John Raughter, Media Relations jraughter@legion.org or 317-630-1350

The American Legion calls for ending 'Forever War,' repealing, replacing Authorization for Using Military Force

WASHINGTON (April 15, 2021) – Calling the White House plan to fully withdraw troops from Afghanistan by September 11, “a good start,” the leader of the nation’s largest veteran service organization, The American Legion, is calling for an end to the “Forever war,” nearly twenty years after troops were deployed there.

Acknowledging that the United States “had little choice but to strike back hard” after the 9/11 attacks, American Legion National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford called for the repeal of the “outdated authorizations for use of military force” that are currently being used to keep U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

“Today, there are men and women defending our nation in uniform who were born after 9/11,” Oxford wrote in the May issue of The American Legion Magazine. “Thousands of American lives have been lost or broken fighting the global war on terrorism. An entire generation grew into adulthood without knowing a time when the United States was at peace.”

Oxford’s position mirrors a national resolution titled “[Addressing the ‘Forever War,’](#) passed by The American Legion National Executive Committee (NEC) during its virtual meeting October 14-15, 2020. The NEC Resolution also states, “Our service-members accomplished their original objectives in Afghanistan long ago at great cost...”

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HELP WANTED

The I.T. Committee is looking for a legionnaire to work with the department’s audio-visual equipment and other associated equipment. You should be familiar with sound system setup, to include amplifiers, mixer boards etc. Experience with video projectors, and laptops is necessary. Experience with presentation software such as PowerPoint is strongly desired.

Please contact: Gene Hellickson at eugeneghellickson@gmail.com or 541-480-8638
Or: Department Adjutant Flynn Phillips at Adjutant@orlegion.org or 503-685-5006



2021 CONVENTION ADVERTISING RATES

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Inside Back Cover Color	\$300
Back Page Cover Color	\$400
Page 2	\$300

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ADS: May 25, 2021

Please make checks payable to:

American Legion Department of Oregon
PO Box 1730 Wilsonville, OR 97070-1730
Questions? Please contact Jon Marsh at (541) 910-0123

AD RATES ARE AT AN ALL TIME LOW!!

Take this opportunity to highlight your Legion Family and/or the candidate you are endorsing. Doing so will support the Department. All proceeds from this convention will be divided among the Department Legion Family.



The Oregon American Legion Foundation – What's in it for me?

What's in it for me? That may sound a bit selfish to some, but it is a fair question. Another – and perhaps better – way of stating that question may be, 'how does our Foundation impact me?'

CORY BROCKMANN

TAL FOUNDATION MEMBER

Often the benefits we enjoy or the rewards we receive are not provided directly to us, but rather indirectly, because of the effort or work of someone else. And, many times, we may not even know who that individual is that is responsible for positively impacting our lives. Is it beginning to sound a bit more familiar?

The safety of your children or grandchildren thanks to a 'Neighborhood Watch' where you live. A helping hand is given to a local farmer putting up hay before a rain or a stranger helping a rancher corral livestock back through a broken fence along the highway, or a youth carrying grocery bags in helping to lighten the load on an elderly person. The examples are endless. Sometimes we know who is helping make our lives a bit easier, and sometimes we don't. Valuing others and enjoying the close-knit sense of community where you live is a gift and a reward. Those such values instilled within us when we are young take hold and carry forward throughout our lives.

While unspoken, perhaps much of 'what we gain' or 'what's in it for me' is due to the values maintained within those who choose to help others, making an impactful difference in the lives of all around us.

The Oregon American Legion Foundation exists to make a difference in the lives of veterans, their families, and the communities in which they live. We do this by supporting wholesome and challenging children and youth programs and providing veterans and their families grants to strengthen their foundation. We do this by adhering to core values such as dependability. Reliability. And commitment. 'What's in it for you just maybe what you can also provide to help others.

All donations to The Oregon American Legion Foundation make a difference no matter the size. Your contribution matters. It is impactful in positive ways in helping make a difference in the lives of other and in your life.

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Earn scholarships based on the number of pints collected during the year.

Number of pints collected	Scholarship amount
30–70 pints	\$250
71–100 pints	\$500
101–150 pints	\$750
151–200 pints	\$1,000
201–300 pints	\$2,500
301+ pints	\$3,000

Through the American Red Cross High School Scholarship Program, your high school has the opportunity to help others, while also helping establish a scholarship fund to benefit engaged students as they move on to higher education.

The scholarship program is available for high schools that host at least one Red Cross blood drive during the year.

How to get involved

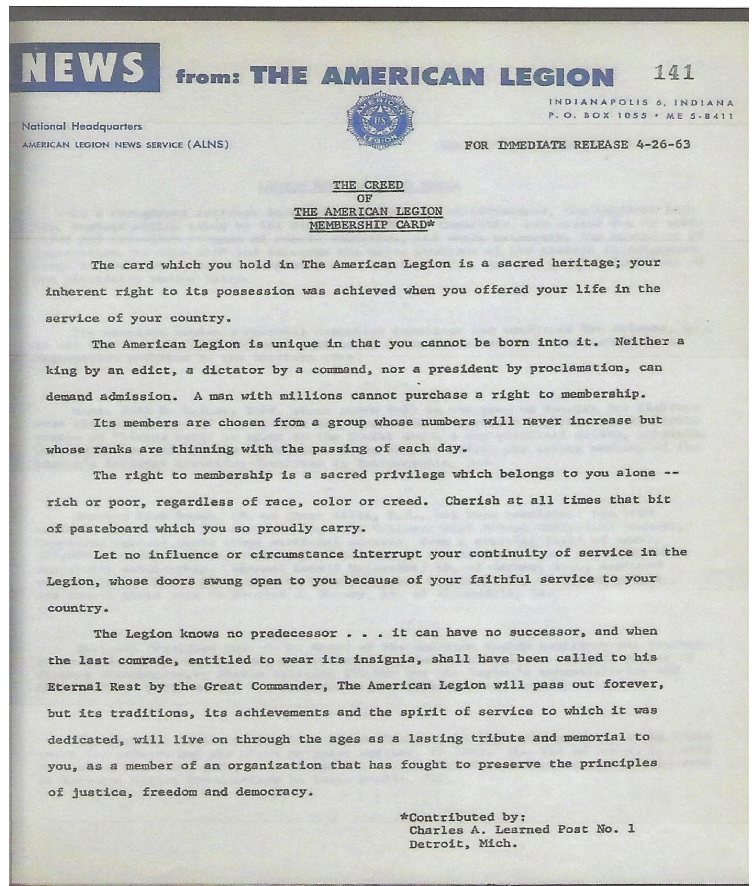
Schedule Red Cross blood drives between July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022. In return for your efforts, the Red Cross will provide a monetary award to be used for an educational scholarship at establishments of higher education for a selected recipient(s)*. The more pints of blood your high school collects, the more scholarship money your school is eligible to receive. Representatives from your school will determine the scholarship recipient(s) based on Red Cross recommended criteria.

The scholarship will be awarded in the recipient's name to the institution of higher education that the student will attend. Scholarship recipients will be encouraged to continue to support the Red Cross by hosting a blood drive(s) while in college. The scholarship distribution process must be completed by the sponsoring high school. Forthcoming information will be provided to recipient schools.

By participating in the American Red Cross High School Scholarship Program, your high school can help build a stronger community currently and for many years to come.

HOPE begins with you. [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-276

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Oxford penned the magazine piece weeks before the White House had announced its plan. The editorial also calls for the construction of the Global War on Terrorism Memorial in a prominent location in the nation's capital.

"We understand the value of alliances and certainly favor the elimination of imminent threats," Oxford said. "But imminent is not the same as permanent. It's past time to memorialize and honor those who made tremendous sacrifices on our behalf. It's also time to put diplomacy first."

About The American Legion

The American Legion is the largest veterans service organization with nearly 2 million members in more than 12,000 posts across the nation. 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 service-members and veterans.

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Chip Ganassi Racing reveals Indianapolis 500 American Legion paint scheme in social media video blitz

The American Legion introduces new marketing logo as part of the unveiling.

INDIANAPOLIS (April 8, 2021) – In a series of humorous videos on social media this week, racing legend Jimmie Johnson finds the missing No. 48 Honda NTT INDYCAR SERIES car safe in the hands of his teammate, 2013 Indianapolis 500 Winner Tony Kanaan. Fans positively reacted to the Twitter and Facebook campaign in posts by Chip Ganassi Racing and The American Legion showcasing Kanaan answering phones at The American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis, hiding from Johnson and channeling his 20th run in the Indianapolis 500 in the red, white and blue American Legion livery.

"I'm excited to work with The American Legion this year," Kanaan said. "Jimmie and I had some fun filming the unveil videos. This livery is really sharp looking, and I'm so happy to be running my 20th Indianapolis 500 in it. The American Legion is an important resource for veterans in helping make sure they get the benefits they have earned through their service, and I am proud to represent them,

and all veterans."

The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans service organization, is using its presence in INDYCAR to elevate awareness and introduce a new modern brand expression before millions of fans. The new logo will not replace the historic American Legion emblem, but rather complement it by honoring the history, heritage and symbols which Legionnaires hold dear.

"Just like each one of our military branches, The American Legion will always have and utilize our traditional seal which has deep meaning to each and every Legionnaire," said Dean Kessel, chief marketing officer for The American Legion. "Our new marketing logo on the No. 48 Honda livery looks fantastic and provides a modern and contemporary expression for the brand. The American Legion name is clearly visible and honors our nation's veterans while still honoring who we are as an organization."

The American Legion is prominently featured on the No. 48 Honda during every race in the 2021 and 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES. It is the primary paint scheme for two races in 2021, including, "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" -- the Indianapolis 500 on

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Memorial Day weekend – and at the Texas Motor Speedway May 2.

Throughout the year, The American Legion will use the series and national television exposure to bring attention to some of the most important issues facing today's veterans, including veteran suicide, honoring the fallen and remembering the service and sacrifice rendered as a result of 9/11 and other topics. For more information on The American Legion and its NTT INDY-CAR SERIES participation, visit Legion.org/48.

About Chip Ganassi Racing

Chip Ganassi has been a fixture in the auto racing industry for over 30 years and is considered one of the most successful as well as innovative owners the sport has anywhere in the world. Today his teams include four cars in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, two cars in the NASCAR Cup Series, and one car in both the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship and Extreme E. Overall, his teams have 20 championships and over 225 victories, including four Indianapolis 500s, a Daytona 500, a Brickyard 400, eight Rolex 24 At Daytona's, the 12 Hours of Sebring and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Ganassi boasts state-of-the-art race shop facilities in Indianapolis and Concord, N.C., with a corporate office in Pittsburgh. For more information log onto www.chipganassiracing.com

Keizer Post 17 Rising like a Phoenix

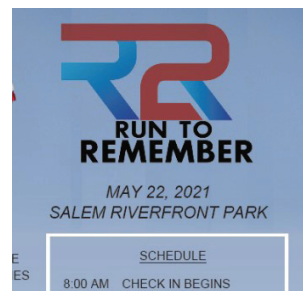


L to R: Fred Broadwater-Sgt-Arms, Roger Holderby-Adj, Gary Bryson-1st Vice & Douglas Kroll-CDR

Elects New Officers and will be staffing the booth for the RUN2Remember for the Army National Guard Family Programs. The Post meets at the Keizer Elks Lodge on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Run2Remember Website:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OR/Salem/ORNGRun2Remember>



Answer:

D. Babe Ruth

- Babe Ruth was born George Herman Ruth. In 1927, he hit 60 homeruns, a record that stood for 34 years.

The American Legion Department of Oregon Budget 2021-22

The American Legion, Department of Oregon Permanent Finance Commission Request

RESOLUTION

Title: Procedure to Adopt Budget in the Event of Interruption to the Department Convention Page 1 of 1

Originator: Permanent Finance Commission

	A	AB
1	ACCOUNT NAME	2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	Membership Budget Based On:	13,500
3	Actual Membership	
4	Dues @ \$13.50 (per member)	\$ 182,250.00
5	Department Convention Income	
6	SAL Detachment Funds (1400 x \$15.00)	\$ 16,500.00
7	SAL Dues (1400 x \$5.00)	\$ 5,500.00
8	SAL Charitable Donations & Pins	\$ 6,050.00
9	ALA Postage Reimbursement	\$ 600.00
10	ALA Phone Reimbursement	\$ 600.00
11	ALA Copier	\$ 3,600.00
12	Emblem Sales Royalty	\$ 1,500.00
13	Boys State Income	\$ 76,430.00
14	AL Baseball Income	\$ 10,000.00
15	Law Enforcement Career Camp	\$ 9,000.00
16	Revenue Enhancement Program	\$ 25,000.00
17	AGIA Insurance	\$ 35,000.00
18	USAA Insurance	\$ 9,000.00
19	Other Income/Pass Throughs	
20	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 381,030.00
21		
22	Dedicated VA&R Income	
23	AGIA Insurance (Dedicated VA&R)	\$ 2,000.00
24	OALF Disbursement to VA&R/VE&E	\$ 130,698.00
25	ODVA Rehabilitation Grant	\$ 80,000.00
26	Donations	\$ 2,000.00
27	Total Dedicated VA&R Income	\$ 214,698.00
28		
29	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 595,728.00
30		
31	Boys State Expenses	\$ 75,430.00
32	Law Enforcement Career Camp	\$ 8,000.00
33	AL Baseball Expenses	\$ 8,500.00
34	Admin. Expenses - B-1	\$ 183,510.00

	A	AB
1	ACCOUNT NAME	2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
35	Officer & Conv Expenses - B-2	\$ 64,340.00
36	Other Activities Expenses - B-3	\$ 80,984.00
37	Rehabilitation Expenses - B-4	\$ 145,564.00
38	Publication Expenses - B-5	\$ 1,350.00
39	SAL Expenses- B-6	\$ 28,050.00
40	Other/Conv Expenses/Pass Throughs	
41	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 595,728.00

- WHEREAS** the Permanent Finance Commission, of the American Legion, Department of Oregon is tasked with creating an annual budget for the financial year; and
- WHEREAS** this occurs per Department By-Laws, Article VIII-Permanent Finance Commission, Section 3,....."prepare the annual Budget for the ensuing year for the Department of Oregon Convention; publish the same thirty (30) days before the next annual Department Convention; and present the same to the Convention for adoption."; and
- WHEREAS** Article V – Organization and Administration, Section 1 “The Legislative body of the Department of Oregon shall be a Department Convention; and
- WHEREAS** in the event of the cancellation of the Department Convention due to unforeseen circumstances prevents the adoption of the Budget; and
- WHEREAS** there is no provision in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department of Oregon for the adoption of the Budget without having a Department Convention, and
- WHEREAS** the need to pass a Budget is required to continue to function as a Legion Department to support the aims, principles and the programs of The American Legion, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that a mail in ballot and copy of the budget will be sent to each Post in good standing in the Department of Oregon requesting it be returned within thirty (30) days to the Department Headquarters in the event the Department Convention is cancelled, and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the Department of Oregon Budget will be adopted with a majority of yes votes received; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that Department By-Laws, Article VIII – Permanent Finance Commission, Section 3 after “and present the same to the Convention for adoption.” Add the sentence In the event the Convention is cancelled, a mail in ballot system to each Post in good standing will be authorized; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that this Resolution upon approval at the Department of Oregon Convention at Seven-Feathers on June 25, 2021 take effect, and is so implemented

Permanent Finance Commission





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Oregon American Legion Foundation



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<https://orlegion.org/foundation>,

or you can donate

by check, made out to TOALE, and

mail to department headquarters at

The American Legion, Attn TOALE,

PO Box 1730, Wilsonville, OR 97070.

Thank you for all you do!

The Oregon American Legion Foundation is busy making plans to host an exciting and rewarding social event at the 2021 Department Convention! In the works is a light fair of hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, no-host bar, door prizes for early attendees, even a corn-toss tournament! We anticipate the event occurring late afternoon and lasting approximately two hours. So, get your corn-toss boards out and get practicing! Look for more details to be shared in the future, and please do plan on attending!



Commanders' Project

Raffle for Convention to raise funds for Children and Youth

Signed Print from Western Artist

Cameron Blagg Titled "Grandfathers Past"

Steve's Personal Arrow head from South Dakota is mounted in the frame.

First Prize: Print

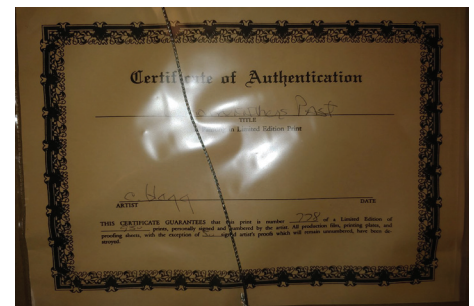
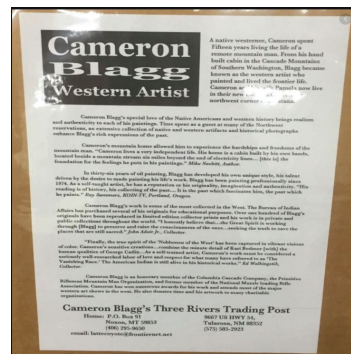
Second Prize \$300.00 Cash

Third Prize \$100.00 Cash

Call Dept. 503-685-5006 for tickets. or make out your check to: TAL DEPT HQ "Commanders Project"

Mailing Address PO Box 1730 Wilsonville, OR 97070

Tickets: \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00 Drawing to be held at the Convention. You need not be present to win.



A Word About Legionnaire Insurance Trust

Over Five Decades of Partnership for a Healthy America

The Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) was formed in 1966 with two primary goals: to provide Legion families with low-cost insurance protection, and to provide a source of revenue to participating Legion Departments.

The Trust has been so successful in its over fifty years that today over 500,000 Legionnaires in 50 participating Departments are enrolled in this unique program.

Also, in the same period of time, almost \$1 billion dollars in claim benefits have been paid to Legionnaires and their families through the LIT; and over \$100 million in allocations have been paid to participating Legion Departments. The first Trust insurance plan to be offered was the Hospital Income Protection plan, a program designed to pay fixed dollar amounts for periods of hospital confinement. Over the years, other insurance coverage offered included: Cancer, Accidental Death, Critical Illness, Disability Income, Emergency Assistance, Long Term Care, Medicare Supplement, Discount Cards, Dental, Whole Life, Auto, Homeowners, Identity Theft, and Home Health Care.

Since its creation, AGIA has worked closely with the Trust to develop insurance programs especially designed for Department members and their families. We are proud to serve you through the Trust and invite your inquiries and suggestions on any aspect of our activities.

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CEREMONIAL RIFLE INVENTORY FORM

CEREMONIAL RIFLE INVENTORY FORM			
SECTION I – ORGANIZATION INFORMATION			
1. City:	1. Organization Name:	2. City:	3. State:
SECTION II – STATUS OF US ARMY OWNED CEREMONIAL RIFLES ISSUED TO ORGANIZATION			
In accordance with the Conditional Deed of Gift(s), AR 700-131 and Title 10 USC §7683, I hereby certify that the following United States Army owned rifles conditionally issued for ceremonial use to the above organization are:			
<input type="checkbox"/> still required and used in the manner agreed upon in the original statement.			
<input type="checkbox"/> require replacement (place an asterisk (*) next to every rifle that requires replacement).			
<input type="checkbox"/> no longer required. Request the ceremonial rifle team provide disposition instructions to return ceremonial rifles.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Our organization does not have any ceremonial rifles on hand.			
SECTION III – RIFLE LISTING			
1.	Model:	Manufacturer:	Serial Number:
2.	Model:	Manufacturer:	Serial Number:
20.	Model:	Manufacturer:	Serial Number:
If you have additional weapons, list them on a separate piece of paper and attach to this form.			
SECTION IV – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT			
By signing below, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief that a 100% inventory of all Ceremonial Rifles in our possession was performed and that the rifles listed above (and on attachments) are the only rifles in the possession of this organization at this time and that all of my statements are true, correct, complete and made in good faith. I understand and acknowledge that concealing material fact and/or making a false statement is a violation of Title 18 USC §1001 and may result in the cancellation of the Conditional Deed for any US Army property on loan to my organization and is punishable by fine or imprisonment. Furthermore, if any additional rifles are located we will notify the US Army within 30 days of their discovery.			
1. Signature of Highest Ranking Official:		2. Date Signed:	
3. Printed Name of Person Signing (First, Middle Initial, Last):			
4. Organization Telephone Number:		5. Organization Email Address:	
SECTION V – NOTARY ENDORSEMENT			
1. Official Notary Signature:		2. Notary Seal/Stamp:	

Mail to: US Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command, ATTN: AMTA-LCL-IFD, M/S 419D, 6501 East 11 Mile Road, Detroit Arsenal, MI 48397-5000

It maybe, that you are unaware, the Rifles you have in your Post, are the property of the United State Army. If you receive a request for an inventory report, you must comply right away.

Do you want the Army CID knocking on your door? Talk about this at your next general meeting. Are those rifles secure? Do not lose your ability to have and keep ceremonial rifles for your Honor Guard.

Reminder, rifles are to be reported every 3 years, and if they have any **displays** they are to be reported **every year**. There are forms located on our website at <https://www.tacom.army.mil/ilsc/donations>.

The contact is this nice lady below.

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Vet Charity Watch Update 68: Sham 'Healing Heroes Network' Charity

The charity, founded by a Palm Harbor, Fla., doctor, was called Healing Heroes Network. Its stated goal: To use generous contributions from donors for medical care, therapy and rehabilitation for veterans wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan after 9/11. "Often, these men and women are unable to receive the medical treatments that would help them return to a productive civilian life," read a fundraising letter.

But this year, after a multistate investigation, the Florida Attorney General's Office called Healing Heroes "a sham veterans charity." A recent court settlement would prevent Dr. Allan Spiegel, 68, wife Stacey Spiegel, 59, and son Neal Spiegel, 31, from running a nonprofit for five years. They will also pay \$95,000 that will go to a veterans' charity that provides the kind of services Healing Heroes promised. Healing Heroes Network, Inc. was formed in Palm Harbor in 2008, according to court records, and sought donations through telemarketing and direct mail. But "very little of the charitable contributions" went toward care for wounded veterans, the Attorney General's Office said. Instead, money went to professional telemarketing fundraisers, ads, salaries for Stacey and Neal Spiegel, and T-shirts from a family member's clothing business, according to state officials.

In 2016 and 2017, Healing Heroes "falsely claimed" on social media that 100% of its proceeds went to wounded veterans, the Attorney General's Office said. In those two years, Healing Heroes provided or paid for medical services for only 10 veterans across the country, according to the civil action filed in Pinellas County court earlier this year. In 2016, Healing Heroes' revenue was \$2.7 million. A small fraction of that — \$13,387 — was spent on grants and other direct services to veterans, court records said. "This is outrageous," Attorney General Ashley Moody said in a January news release. "The fact that anyone would exploit the service and sacrifice of our wounded military heroes to solicit money under false pretenses is deserving of the highest level of contempt." Dr. Spiegel did not return messages left at his medical office. Stacey Spiegel could not be reached for comment. Lawyers listed in court documents did not respond to phone and email requests for comment. Contacted by the Tampa Bay Times, Neal Spiegel declined to speak with a reporter.

Healing Heroes was dissolved in late 2017, and Hero Giveaways formed soon after. Court documents say Hero Giveaways did not use proceeds to provide benefits to veterans and their families "as advertised." Hero Giveaways was voluntarily dissolved in 2019. In the settlement court documents say was agreed to by the parties, Healing Heroes and Hero Giveaways cannot solicit for charitable donations again. The Spiegels agreed to pay the \$95,000 and can't oversee, manage or solicit donations for any nonprofit for five years, the Attorney General's Office said. The Florida proceedings were part of a joint action with California, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, **Oregon**, Virginia and Washington state. The multistate settlement is final in Florida, but awaiting court approval in one other state before the \$95,000 is recovered and distributed.

In 2013, as part of a yearlong investigation into charities across America, the Times and the Center for Investigative Reporting reviewed Healing Heroes. The report cited a few red flags. Dr. Spiegel, a specialist in hyperbaric oxygen therapy, advocated it to treat some combat injuries, the Times reported. During a two-year period when the charity said it spent about \$160,000 on services for veterans, he got paid more than half of that. Stacey Spiegel ran the nonprofit a few doors down from her husband's medical practice and in 2012 earned \$110,000 as its treasurer, the Times reported.

FEMA to Help Pay Funeral Costs for COVID-19-Related Deaths

Release Date
March 24, 2021

Release Number
HQ-21-071



CORY BROCKMANN

Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to coronavirus (COVID-19) to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic. The policy was finalized today, and FEMA is now moving rapidly to implement this funeral assistance program nationwide.

“At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters,” said Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton. “The COVID-19 pandemic has caused immense grief for so many people. Although we cannot change what has happened, we affirm our commitment to help with funeral and burial expenses that many families did not anticipate.”

To be eligible for COVID-19 funeral assistance, [the policy states](#):

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020 for a death attributed to COVID-19.
- If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should apply under a single application as applicant and co-applicant. FEMA will also consider documentation from other individuals not listed as the app-

licant and co-applicant who may have incurred funeral expenses as part of the registration for the deceased individual.

- An applicant may apply for multiple deceased individuals.
- The COVID-19-related death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.
- This assistance is limited to a maximum financial amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.
- Funeral assistance is intended to assist with expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation.

In the coming weeks, a dedicated 800 number will be established to help individuals who apply. In the meantime, potential applicants are encouraged to start gathering the following documentation:

- **An official death certificate** that attributes the death to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States. The death certificate must indicate the death “may have been caused by” or “was likely the result of” COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are considered sufficient attribution.
- **Funeral expense documents** (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that include the applicant’s name, the deceased individual’s name, the amount of funeral expenses and dates the funeral ex-

- penses were incurred.

Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. Funeral assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, federal/state/local/tribal/territorial government programs or agencies, or other sources.

For more information about this assistance, visit [COVID-19 Funeral Assistance](#) | [FEMA.gov](#).



“There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still.”

PDC, GENE HELICKSON
DEPT JUDGE ADVOCATE

Franklin
Delano
Roosevelt

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PNC, PDC, CHARLIE SCHMIDT and successor PR CHAIR for The American Legion year (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021). Nomination forms are due to Department no later than May 15, 2021.

The American Legion sponsored IndyCar #48 will be coming to the Portland Grand Prix September 10-12, 2021. More details will be shared on Car #48’s visit to Oregon when information becomes available. You may follow the 2021 racing schedule of Car #48 at www.legion.org.

100 years young! That's what this WWII veteran is



Eugene and his parents in 1942



Eugene Leaving for WWII in 1942



Eugene during WWII term from 1942-1945



Eugene Now at 100 in front of his 104 cards

GEANNE HORNE It was my pleasure **AUXILIARY UNIT 71** on April 29, 2021, to meet Eugene Schmick. Eugene was born in Endicott, Washington April 18, 1921.

Eugene is proud to be German. His family was moved to the outskirts of Russia so they could come to America in 1914. He was drafted into the army in October 1942 and served as a combat engineer.

When he started in World War II, he went to Sicily, and then they moved to Italy and France before Germany. He got out of the army in October 1945.

He came home from the war to marry his wife Marie in 1949, where he had three children. Though Eugene and his wife settled in South Salem in 1965, his children and family are ev-

erywhere.

Herbert (Herb) Schmick, the oldest son, retired from the Marines, and he is currently working at the post office in Jacksonville, Florida.

His second son, Eugene (Gene) Schmick also a Marine for ten years, worked in Beaufort, South Carolina, in the post office until his passing in 2016.

They also had a lovely daughter named Rose Mattix.

Eugene and Marie were married from 1949 until her passing in 2007.

Eugene has ten grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

When I asked Eugene, what keeps you going? He said her and pointed at his daughter Rose and the Lord as he quoted the scripture, "He who believes in me shall not perish but have everlasting life."

Eugene belongs to VFW Post 15038 in Salem.

By Eugene's 100th birthday he had received 104 birthday cards, a letter

from Jeff Merkley, and a letter from Peter DeFazio.

Eugene, I proudly thank you for your service and for letting me in your home to meet your family.



Daughter Rose Mattix, Eugene Schmick, granddaughter, Katherine (Katie) Mattix-Jacobson, and great great grandson Kai Hendren



Eugene and Marie Schmick



Eugene's father, George served in the Russian Army from 1908-1911

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: John Raughter, Media

The American Legion Calls for Expediting Visas for Afghan Interpreters

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terms. Interpreters who are discovered by the Taliban will be swiftly beheaded. The unlucky ones will have to watch their families die first,” he said. “While we welcome an end to these endless wars, we must never abandon the brave Afghan and Iraqi allies who took great personal risk to assist our military with its missions. We must not leave them behind. They have earned safe passage to America.”

Oxford directed his Washington staff to work with the Biden administration on the best way to fix what has been described by Brown University as a “slow and inefficient” processing program that takes over two years. In his letters to Biden and Blinken, Oxford noted that Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) recipients “go through the strictest vetting and approval process of any category of person coming to the U.S. already, but we must balance security concerns with a commitment to those who fought alongside us.”

The American Legion foresaw this issue in 2018 when its National Executive Committee unanimously passed Resolution No. 16, which called for Congress and the president to recognize Afghan and Iraqi SIV recipients who “stood shoulder to shoulder” with U.S. troops and diplomats.

Oxford further promised that “The American Legion will not let this go. Military equipment is being removed from Afghanistan right now. But people are our greatest asset. We urge every American to contact their congressional delegations and insist that they prioritize the protection of our heroic allies and their families.”

JUST a nudge to your memory.

You have until June 1st to send your list of re-signed members from the expired list to: PDC Michael Jones at grayelk110@msn.com or mail to 110 NW 4th St. Ontario, Oregon. 97914.

Members with the most will receive a nice plaque and a crisp new \$100 bill. Lists must be verified by post membership chairman or post commander.

Same holds true for the participants

in the John Kalmbach Memorial Membership Award. Qualifying members must follow the same procedure.

Thank you

Always

Advance, Never Retreat



PDC, MIKE JONES
ADMIN & ADVISORY CHAIR



S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPT. ADJUTANT

New Estacada Post 74 Commander, and District 7 Commander Jim Moriarty.

Type in it to your web browser:

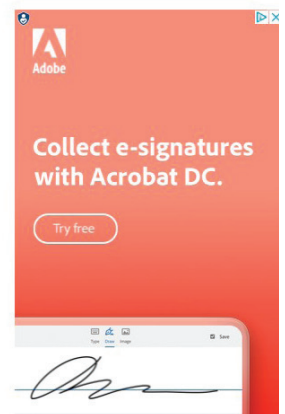
https://www.kptv.com/good_day_oregon/more/estacada-volunteer-works-to-bring-an-abandoned-19th-century-oregon-cemetery-back-to-life/article_8bc91fd8-a91c-11eb-8be3-b74589161306.html

Estacada volunteer works to bring an abandoned 19th century Oregon cemetery back to life

POSTED 21 HRS AGO



If you want to help contact Jim Moriarty at larrymo1979@yahoo.com



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"I Borrowed this from Shane Hasert, Department of Colorado Jr. Vice Commander"

Duties and Responsibilities of Officers

S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPT. ADJUTANT

The most important thing you can do as an interested candidate for an officer role at the Department, District, or Post level is to request and get a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws for the respective level. I say this is 'most important' because it will spell out the officer positions, whether they are elected or appointed positions, and the general responsibilities of the role.

Elected positions are those where the majority of the present members are given the opportunity to select the candidate of their choosing, whereas appointed positions are put in place without the voice of the membership but hopefully within the boundaries of succession planning. Here is my perspective of some of the officer positions:

Commander (elected or appointed via succession) – If you have a strong officer team, this is one of the easiest positions at a Post. Must be willing and retention. At our Post, this role reaches out to delinquent members, participates in DMS activities, performs Buddy Checks, and reports to the commander on the current and future of Post membership. Second Vice Commander (typically elected) – leads to make decisions, right or wrong, and stand by them. Often a strong public speaker can manage a meeting, has at least a basic understanding of parliamentary procedures, and is often looked at as the 'figure-head or CEO of the organiz-

ation. Commanders plan the years' operations, appoint committee leaders, and motivates members to participate and 'get excited' about Post operations. Commanders motivate, encourage participation, and support the activities of the members and other leaders. This is a position that can change year over year, but at the Post level, it is more effective to have some continuity, and past commanders are the strong mentors for tomorrow's commanders.

Adjutant (elected or appointed) – Is the primary administrative officer for the organization. They document the meetings, complete the reports, and provide continuity year over year, as Posts are best served by an Adjutant that can provide multiple years of support and training for their replacement (eventually). While TAL Officer's Guide states, "the only indispensable qualifications for the job of adjutant are honesty and willingness." I would add that organization, communication, and not procrastinating are also key qualities in a good adjutant.

Finance Officer (elected or appointed) - is charged with all receiving and distributing of funds. It is paramount that the individual in this role is trusted and trustworthy as they are touching the organization's day-to-day funds and financial activities. First or Vice Commander (typically elected or appointed via succession) – is primarily responsible for membership positions:

First Vice Commander (typically elected or appointed via succession) – is primarily responsible for membership and retention. This role reaches

out to delinquent members, participates in DMS activities, performs Buddy Checks, and reports to the commander on the current and future of Post membership.

Second Vice Commander (typically elected) – leads the Post and organizations programs to the 'Community, State, and Nation.' This is not to say this position does everything in regard to the programs but appoints and manages other leaders and oversees the post's programs and activities, and keeps the commander informed of the results and needs.

Keep in mind; these are all accompanied with 'and other duties and responsibilities as assigned and necessary.'



MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 31ST

2021 American Legion Convention at Seven Feathers Casino & Resort

Convention Meal Order Form

RSVP by May 24, 2021

Advance Meal Reservations Are Required

Location	Function	Time	Cost	QTY EA	Total
Thursday, June 24					
7 Feathers	Americanism/Boys & Girls State/Oratorical (All Welcome)	11:30 AM	\$ 21		
	Sandwich & Salad with dessert. Choice of drink: coffee, iced tea, water Please circle sandwich preference: Roast Beef Ham Turkey				
7 Feathers	Mix & Mingle –	5:00 – 7:00 PM			N/C
	The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF)				
Friday, June 25					
7 Feathers	White Tops Swim Buffet –	6:30 – 8 AM	\$ 22		
	Country Scramble and Ham Sliced fruit, Potato Casserole, Bacon, Grilled Ham Steak and Scrambled Eggs Choice of coffee, iced tea, water				
7 Feathers	President & Commander's Banquet (5:00 Social Hour)	5 – 8:00 PM	\$ 50		
	Buffet: Pork Roulade w/ Mushrooms and Basil Oil & Lemon-Herb Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Roasted Tomatoes, Parmesan Roasted Fingerling Potatoes & Asparagus w/ Roasted Tomatoes				
Saturday, June 26					
7 Feathers	Victory Party				N/C

Box Lunch: Sandwich (w/cheese) w/ Chips, Cookie/Water				\$ 21		
WED (Circle Choice)	THURS (Circle Choice)	FRI (Circle Choice)	SAT (Circle Choice)			
Beef / Turkey Ham	Beef / Turkey Ham	Beef / Turkey / Ham	Beef / Turkey Ham			
QTY:	QTY:	QTY:	QTY:			
				Meal Total	\$	

Fill out this form and mail along with Check or Money Order payable to:

2021 Convention Commission American Legion
PO Box 1730, Wilsonville, OR 97070-1730

Delegate Name: _____

Post No. _____

Unit No: _____

SQD No: _____

District # _____

Phone: _____

2021 Department Convention

June 23-26 | Canyonville

Lodging Information

Department Officers, District Commanders/Presidents and Chairman are highly encouraged to stay at the Headquarters Hotel. You are responsible to make your own reservations.

To get the rates listed below, you must make your reservation by **May 24, 2021**.



**146 Chief Miwaleta Lane,
Canyonville, OR 97417**

TOLL FREE: (888) 677-7771 | DIRECT: (541) 839-1111

Standard King or Double Queen \$105 + tax

Mention that you are with The American Legion for the above rates.

TAL Basic Agenda		Friday Continued	
Wednesday		9:00	SAL Pre-DEC
10-4	Registration	11:45	Americanism Luncheon (All Delegates Welcome)
1:30	Pre-DEC		
5:30	Joint Opening	5 pm	Social Hour and Drawings
Thursday		6 pm	President and Commanders Banquet
7:30-4	Registration	Saturday	
8:00 am	Joint Memorial Service	8-10:30	Registration
9:15 am	TAL/ALA Convention	8 am	Convention Reconvene Post DEC Following Convention
Friday		4:30-6:30	Victory Party
6:45 am	White Tops Breakfast	TBD	Riders
8-4	Registration		
8:30	Convention Reconvene		



WWI Veteran holding flag as they lower his son from WWII

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
LA PINE, OREGON

APRIL 11, 2021

Resolution No. :

Origin: Amendment to Department Constitution and Bylaws on Elections

Submitted By: Ad hoc Exigency Action Committee

WHEREAS, The Department of Oregon adheres to the principles and abides by the jurisdictional guidance described within the National, and Department, Constitution and Bylaws; and,

WHEREAS, The legislative body of the Department of Oregon shall be a department convention to be held annually at a location determined by approval and vote of the Department Executive Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Critical business functions occur at the Department Convention including the election and ratification of officers, approval of an annual budget, election and ratification of delegates to the National Convention, and taking action on resolutions brought forth before the convention voting delegation; and

WHEREAS, The potential exists for the postponement or cancellation of the Department Convention due to unforeseen or unactionable outcomes of events, which negatively impacts the ability of the Department of Oregon to conduct perfunctory duties and obligations; and,

WHEREAS, Department of Oregon remains steadfast with resolve to fulfill our mission statement that “The American Legion strengthens our communities, states and nation with programs and services for our veterans, the military and their families”; and,

WHEREAS, Current modern business practices and technologies have evolved since The American Legion originated and it is leadership’s responsibility to advance recommended best practices to the benefit of The American Legion and all veterans; now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the Department of Oregon Constitution and Bylaws be amended to permit, upon exigency, the conducting of a virtual convention whereby the requirements, obligations and actions of a typical convention are fulfilled via audio-visual conference technology, in accordance with statutory law, as stipulated further within this resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Constitution of The American Legion Department of Oregon Article V, Section I. be amended to “The legislative body of the Department of Oregon shall be a Department Convention to

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be held annually; the location of such Convention shall be fixed by a vote of the Department Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the Department Convention Commission. **In the event of such exigency that the Department Convention cannot be conducted where, and as, scheduled, the Department Executive Committee shall fix, by vote, a decision to conduct a virtual Department Convention by audio-visual conference technology upon such dates commensurate with the exigency.**"; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in consideration and concurrence with the Convention Commission, an electronic voting platform be utilized as deemed necessary during exigency, in accordance with statutory law, to conduct, collect and document for record all voting measures that be conducted; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That By-laws of The American Legion Department of Oregon Article V, Section 1. be amended to "The several Posts of the Department shall, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the opening of the annual Department Convention elect their delegates and alternates and certify them to the Department Adjutant. The registration fee for all authorized delegates, alternates and delegates-at-large, as it shall be determined by the Department Executive Committee, shall be sent in accordance with the Convention **Commission** Code of Procedure. No delegate shall be seated at the Convention unless certification of such election is received by the Department Adjutant at least thirty (30) days prior, except as hereinafter provided."; and, be it further

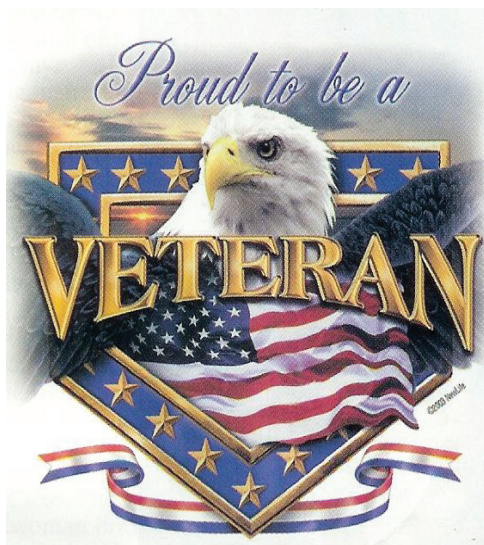
RESOLVED, That By-laws of The American Legion Department of Oregon Article VII be amended to **"Section 14. Upon incidence of exigency, within virtual Department Convention, all resolutions, memorials, and other written submissions will be transferred via electronic transmission to the appropriate committee. And, as deemed necessary, an electronic voting platform be utilized, in accordance with statutory law, to conduct, collect and document for record all voting measures that be conducted."**; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that minor edits to language described herein be permitted provided no substantial deviation occurs from the context of this resolution; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, This amendment be adopted upon acceptance by The American Legion, Department of Oregon, at the 2021 Department Convention, Canyonville, Oregon.

Submitter:

Cory E. Brockmann



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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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DEPARTMENT OF OREGON
CONVENTION MEETING
JUNE 24-26, 2021

No.:

Title: Support the Preamble of The American Legion Constitution

Origin: Department Convention

WHEREAS, After a fledgling American Legion adopted a word-for-word provisional declaration (preamble) to the constitution at the May 8-10, 1919 St. Louis caucus, delegates praise the founding document as “It came at the opportune time, it summed up the spirit of our endeavors, it forecast a mighty future for us” and “In that moment the American Legion stepped forth before the Nation, a force made visible, a soul with a voice, the incarnation of a great endeavor”; and

WHEREAS, The Preamble and The American Legion Constitution was adopted at the Minneapolis National Convention November 10-12, 1919 with ten (10) phrases that “the builders of the Legion were instructed to proceed with their jobs;” and

WHEREAS, After 102 years, the Preamble’s ten (10) phrases still defines Who We Are, What We Do, and For Whom We Serve; and

WHEREAS, The America that generations of citizens sacrificed to preserve is now under attack by factions to shatter our democracy and the cherished values our nation has long enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, Alternative measures to public safety, national security, freedom of religion and speech, free elections, education, and other values are being injected to weaken our nation’s infrastructure; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the 102nd Convention of The American Legion, Department of Oregon meeting assembled in Canyonville, Oregon on June 24-26, 2021, That The American Legion has a storied history for formulating positions to support the constitutions of the United States and The American Legion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the soul of The American Legion’s voice echo across the grass roots of America of our commitment to each individual phrase in our constitution’s preamble for America to hear; and be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion use multi-media resources to reaffirm its advocacy to America of its perpetual commitment to its congressional charge of upholding and defending the constitution of the United States of America and of The American Legion’s long-standing commitment to promote and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That upon acceptable vote at The American Legion, Department of Oregon Convention on June 24-25, 2021 at Seven Feathers Resort in Canyonville, Oregon this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization to be presented at The American Legion 2021 National Convention to be held in Phoenix, Arizona.



THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON
CONVENTION MEETING
JUNE 24-26, 2021

No.:

Title: Violation of Oath

Origin: Department Convention

WHEREAS, One of the purposes The American Legion was congressionally chartered on September 16, 1919 was “To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America,” that has not changed 102 years later; and

WHEREAS, One of the value principles in The American Legion’s mission statement is “American Values and Patriotism meaning “The American Legion advocates for upholding and defending the United States Constitution...”, and

WHEREAS, American Legion members, having served in America’s Armed Forces as Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers took an oath “...to defend the Constitution of the United States of America, against all enemies, foreign and domestic...;” an oath that has been taken since 1775 with some revision; and

WHEREAS, Certain documents such as DOD Directive 1344.10 and the Hatch Act of 1939 (revised in 1993) direct the military to maintain a nonpartisan position regarding politics, and

WHEREAS, According to published open-source documents, statements of a partisan or political nature were made by high-ranking military officers and non-commissioned officers, a clear violation of their oath of office, DOD Directive 1344.10, and the Hatch Act of 1939, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense has conducted “stand downs” for the possible purposes of indoctrination of a partisan political nature detracting focus from America’s national security interests around the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the 102nd Convention of The American Legion, Department of Oregon meeting assembled in Canyonville, Oregon on June 24-26, 2021, that as the largest veteran service organization The American Legion publicly express its concern for the above-mentioned events and speak out in defense of our oaths of allegiance; and be it further

RESOLVED, The American Legion encourage Departments to be vigilant of violations of a partisan political nature by any person or organization under the auspices of DOD Directive 1344.10 or the Hatch Act of 1939 and inform their elected representatives when they occur; and be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion use multi-media resources to reaffirm its advocacy to America of its perpetual commitment to its congressional charge of upholding and defending the constitution of the United States of America and of The American Legion’s long-standing commitment to its 4-Pillar multi-faceted national security position, and the promotion of American values and patriotism; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That upon acceptable vote at The American Legion, Department of Oregon Convention on June 25, 2021 at Seven Feathers Resort in Canyonville, Oregon this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization to be presented at The American Legion 2021 National Convention to be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

S. Flynn Phillips, Adjutant
The American Legion
Department of Oregon

Date:



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.

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.

ALA 12/2013

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

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):

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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:

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| <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

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DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date

Received From

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #