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

**Read about
Army Ranger, Ralph Puckett
from Korean War**

*Mt Hood
Photo by S. Flynn Phillips*

**102nd Convention June 23rd-26th
Seven Feathers Casino
Come join the fun**



As we are winding down this year and are preparing for the new year, we reflect on the two years since we had our last in-person convention.

As we move into the 2021-2022 year and Department, District, and Post officers are elected to guide the Department in the coming year, they more than ever need our support and work as a team for the Department's good. We all have differences of opinion on how to move forward. We all need to listen to these differences, talk about them and consider what is best for the American Legion Department

of Oregon. Personalities and personal agendas have no place in the discussions, only what is best for the Department.

I, for one, am looking forward to working with all of our newly elected and appointed officers as we move forward to strengthen our Organization.

As I move on to other adventures, I look back over the last two years and am optimistic and positive about the future. I will support our leadership as they move our American Legion for-

ward. They need all of our support to achieve their goals in the coming year.

I want to thank all of the members that **STEVE ADAMS** have supported me **DEPT. COMMANDER** during my years as a Department Officer. They were all a big help. I ask these same members to give the same support to our new Officers.



Join or Renew Your Membership



LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

tience is appreciated.

The National office provided us with a National standing report which puts the Department of Oregon at 46th place and 84.54%, about 4% behind where we were at this time last year.

At this writing the new My Legion issues are being worked on by National. We received a partial weekly report which was forwarded. **Your pa-**

We need 1670 members to make 100%.

Please submit your transmittals via mail to HQ for processing the old way.

I am not able to provide a Hall of Fame, as I have any data.

As 2nd Vice I was able to tour with NVC Liebenow throughout District 6 where we were met with great enthusiasm. Thank you all in District 6 for the warm welcome.

I also have been stopping at caucuses recently because I am running for the high office of 1st Vice Commander. I solicit your vote at the convention and pledge to work hard for you.



In 1928, this scientist discovers the first antibiotic, penicillin.

- A. Alexander Fleming
- B. Christiaan Eijkman
- C. Archibald V. Hill
- D. August Krogh

The Proposed 2021-2022 Department Budget has been presented and discussed with the Department Executive Committee (DEC) at our Spring DEC Meeting which was held at La Pine Post 45 on Sunday, April 11. The Proposed Budget was published in May Oregon Legionnaire per our Constitution and By-Laws and will be presented to the Delegates at our Department Convention this month at Seven Feathers Resort for discussion and adoption.

In this June issue, remember; Post elections for new officers and Post delegates to District Caucus have taken place, and Department Convention is taking place this month. Department By-Laws, Article V – Convention, Section 1. Reads “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 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, **PDC, BOB HUFF** except as **DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER** 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. You need to ask your Post if they have sent in their Delegate Forms and Fees.



Interesting things to make you say



Hmmm.....

**Uncle Ben's rice
was airdropped
to World War II troops**

German chemist Erich Huzenlaub invented a process of parboiling rice to keep more nutrients in the rice and lessen the cooking time. The “Huzenlaub Process” had another unexpected benefit, too: It stopped bug infestations. The quick-cook, bug-free rice was a big advantage during World War II, and Converted rice (as it was then known) was airdropped to American and British troops. After the war, the company rebranded to Uncle Ben's Original Converted Brand Rice, named after one of the company's best rice suppliers, and the product hit the shelves in 1947.



LOU NEUBECKER
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER
and your Post.

WOW, where has this year gone, with all of us confined to our houses? It seems like yesterday that we were conducting elections for the District

We held District 1 on the computer on May 8th. We had a GREAT turnout, and we had 11 of our 15 Posts in attendance. We elected our 2021-2022 Officers. Commander Lou Neubecker, Vice-Commander Susan Hughes.

We will be holding a Convention at **SEVEN FEATHERS** Casino in Canyonville from Interstate 5 exit 99; June 23rd through 26th. We will be electing our Department Officers for 2021-2022 during the convention. Be sure to get your delegate fees into the

department so you can vote. No money, **NO VOTE**.

Update on Post 119, they are up and running with the assistance from PDC Tom Harris and getting the building fixed and cleaned up. They are holding monthly meetings. The best part is they are 100% in membership, so as you can see, with a bit of hard work, we can achieve GOAL.

Semper Fi





Letter of Candidacy Don Weber for Department Commander

Hello, my name is Don Weber, and I am running for the high office of The American Legion, Department of Oregon Commander. I derived my eligibility by serving 41 years in the Oregon Army National Guard. Including two years deployed to Afghanistan. I have been a member of Aloha Post 104 for 16 years. I have served as the Commander for two years and multiple other official positions continuously since that time.

I graduated from The American Legion National College in 2013. I am a member of the Sons of the American Legion, based on my father's service during WWII. I served as District 1 Commander for two one-year terms and served in several committee positions within District and Department.

As we look at membership in the finest veteran's organization in the nation, we need to understand that members need communication, purpose, and socialization to maintain their commitment to veteran issues. Communication is always knowing what the organization at the National, Department, and Post level accomplished and planning. The American Legion provides the purpose in the four pillars. Socialization is the personal sense of camaraderie and support to purpose achieved by working with other like-minded people.

I look forward to working with the membership teams throughout the state to develop engagement plans that create a community desire to join The American Legion.

My theme will be "Reconnecting Veterans." Through the Buddy Checks, working the programs, and utilizing our Service Officer, we will create an organization that people want to be a member of, supporting membership.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual convention this year and ask for your delegate vote as Department of Oregon Commander. I will work hard to ensure that everyone in Oregon understands what we are working on to promote legion membership.

Calendar of Events

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 Community Veterans Day Observance**
 12-17 TAL Baseball World Series Shelby, NC
 27-2 102nd National Convention Phoenix, AZ

September **National Disaster Preparedness Month**
 6 Labor Day (Closed)
 11 Patriot Day
 16 Congress Charter Anniv.
 17 Constitution Day
 18-19 C & Y Conference
 20 POW/MIA Day
 24-26 Americanism Conf.
 (Conferences are at Nattional)



LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTING CHAIR

Word was just received from the NEC meeting that the Department of Oregon Eagle Scout of the Year resolution was rejected.

We have just began to fight.

Obviously, Scouting is experiencing ups and downs with the COVID 19 restrictions on face to face interaction.

Council Reports:

Cascade Pacific Council

June 4 OA Induction at Butte Creek Ranch Camp Cooper work weekend
 26 OA Brotherhood Service Day

The National Jamboree in West Virginia has been moved to 2023
 National Youth Leadership Training Camp Baldwin 8/8-123
 Wood Badge Butte Creek Ranch

9/10-12 & 25-26

Crater Lake Council

June 12 Cub Scout Archery & BB Gun Day
 14 Flag Day
 20 Father's Day

Cub Scout Resident Camp 7/29-8/1
 Scout Resident Camp 7/18-24

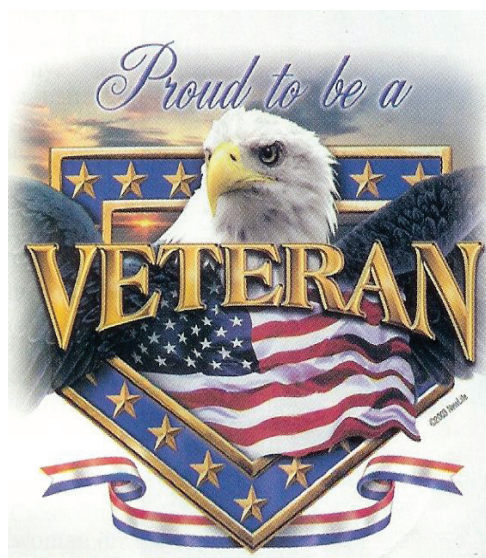
Mountain West Council

June 4 Taco Bell Golf Classic Memorabilia Trade O Ree and Auction

11 OA Spring Ordeal
 15-19 Wood Badge
 25 Cub Day Camp Week 1
 25 White Water Adventure Week 1

Oregon Trail Council

June 1 District Social Month
 4 ILST Training
 15 Fireside Chats
 18 OA Spring Induction
 25 Sport Clay Shootout



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As I sit here banging away on this machine, a couple of things come immediately to mind. The first and most important at the moment is, I hope that by the time you are reading this, I am



PDC, MIKE JONES
ADMIN & ADVISORY CHAIR
up to my ears in submissions for the "John Kalmbach Memorial Membership Award." The plaques and crisp \$100 bills are awaiting. Membership is key to the survival of our organization, and this incentive was supposed to help motivate our members and add a little fun to the process. Folks have until June 1st, 2021, to get their submissions to me.

Some folks may still be a little foggy on just what it is that the A/A Commission does. Some may even get more than a little irritated when we bring our recommendations before the DEC because much of what we recommend for the good of the Dept. isn't the kind of news most folks want to hear. We look at problems and try to determine the best course of action to be taken for the good of the Dept. We don't always like the recommendations either, but we feel it has to be done.

Some folks may even think that we somehow have more control over operations than we actually do. We only advise or recommend. The DEC, during our quarterly meetings and the annual convention of our members, make the decisions. And, remember, the members of the A/A commission have only one agenda, that is, "what is best for the American Legion Dept. of Oregon" at all times. Thank you.

Need to Know Dates

June
State Convention 23-26

July
Community Celebrations,
Youth Programs

August
12-17 TAL World Series
27-2 National Convention
Begin Planning Veterans Day

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RICK DOMINGUEZ the establishment of **PR COMMITTEE** The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC).

The Ham Radio

During the May 2011 Spring Meetings, the National Executive Committee authorized

Amateur-radio support was an integral entity.

The Albany American Legion Post 10 has started a ham radio club. We are the only club in Oregon that is affiliated with The American Legion Amateur Radio Club. Our call sign is N7ALA which stands for (November 7 American Legion Albany). Just last month, our club put up a 60-foot-long wire antenna on our roof.

Denise Emery, who is N7OSU and an Extra, is also our club Trustee. We can transmit on 20, 40, and 80 Meters.

We have established contact with many other Amateur Radio Operators across America. For example, Alaska, Hawaii, Louisiana, Delaware, Wisconsin, New York, Florida, and even the Coast Guard, to name a few.

We also have several nets on the air to check into and talk with other posts in other states.

For Example, HF NETS

- **20 METERS:** American Legion Post 275 Amateur Radio Team (N3TAL), Glenarden, MD. Second Saturday of each month, 14.275 MHz, 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time with Net Control Everett, WA3DVO.

- **40 METERS:** American Legion Post 28 Amateur Radio Club (KN4Y-QL, Spartanburg, SC. Every Thursday on 7.267 MHz at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time with Net Control Calvin, KJ4H-GT.

- **80 METERS:** American Legion Post 1992 Jim Leist Memorial Amateur Radio Club (K5TAL), Gautier, MS. Every Wednesday on or near 3.862 MHz at 7:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time.

The club established an amateur radio station at the American Legion National Headquarters in order to conduct special-event operations on The American Legion Birthday, Veterans Day, etc.; operate SKYWARN during local severe weather, and provide members an opportunity to operate the station during visits to National Headquarters. The headquarters call sign is K9TAL, which stands for (Kilo 9 The American Legion).

“The beauty of amateur radio is that it attracts folks of all career interests, from doctors, Ph.D.’s, engineers, rocket scientists to mechanics, housewives, construction and office workers, students and everything in between,” says Robert L. Morrill, chairman of the Legion’s Public Relations Commission. “Ham Radio Operators provide backup communications to emergency-management agency offices across the country. They have when ‘all else fails,’ done so with distinction in virtually every major disaster when cell towers and commercial communications have been knocked out after earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and man-made disasters.”

In January 2005, the Legion signed an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to support emergency disaster preparedness. Subsequently, the Disaster Preparedness Booklet was made available to posts.

We will be on the air for September 11 as a special event station and will be doing radio checks. If you hear (“CQ” means “a general call”), any station can respond. So, let’s see how many stations we can contact that day.

Our Radio Club would like to get in contact with you sometime, so please send your information and call sign to N7OSU@Live.com. Come into The American Legion Post 10 Albany to join our Radio Club. Membership is free to members of The American Legion family. We are located at 1215 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany, Oregon 97321.

Hope to see or hear from you soon. Who better to become involved than veterans and their families who proudly follow the motto “Still Serving America.”

For more information about getting a Ham Radio License, go to www.arrl.org/joinHRLM



CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENT
For
FIRST VICE COMMANDER
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

I hereby announce my candidacy for the high office of First Vice Commander of the Department of Oregon for 2021-2022.

My eligibility within the American Legion is based upon honorable service in the United States Navy for 21 years. I serve during the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Cold War, and Vietnam.

My membership status is currently active as a PUFL member of Wilsonville Post 65.

During my sixteen years as a member of the American Legion, I have served in the following offices:

- Co-Founder Wilsonville Post 65
- Commander Post 65
- Post Adjutant Post 65
- District Commander District 8
- Member of the Department Scouting Committee
- Chair of the Department Scouting Committee 2 terms
- Chair of the Department Membership Commission 2 terms
- Department 2nd Vice Commander 2 terms

I am sincerely asking for your support and vote.

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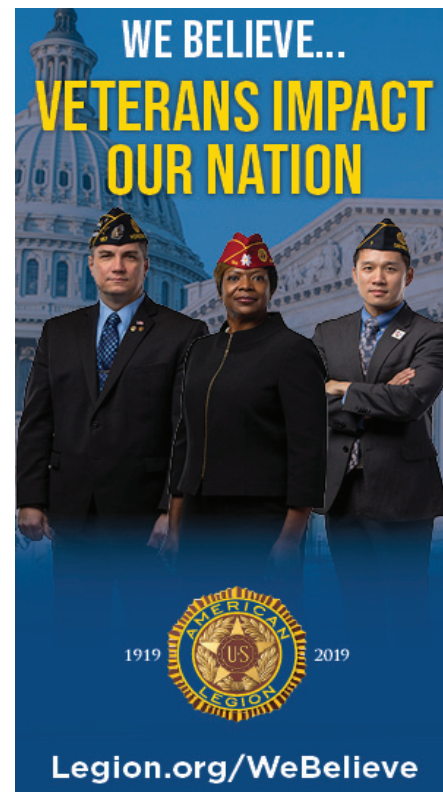


PDC, BOB HUFF
VE&E CHAIRPERSON

tern with social distancing and holding events until we can hold them safely and using our venues again. This is a good time to ask if any Legion members are interested in participating in Veterans Employment, Education, and Veterans Homeless-

ness 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 seeing some small steps being taken, we are hoping. When we can hold Veterans Stand Downs, Benefit, and Educations Events, we are ready. As always, veteran's and participant's safety remain our focus.

Stay safe, stay healthy. It is hard to plan events when the rules change by location weekly and sometimes daily. Staying positive, I hope to see a lot of you when the rules are relaxed both for events and training.



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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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



At Convention, We Will Have Fun For You Thursday Night Social Hour



CORY BROCKMANN
TOALF MEMBER

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 are 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 2-3 hours. So, get your corn-toss boards out and get practicing!

The TOALF event is being organized to provide enjoyment and entertainment for our members as well as to raise funds for TOALF in support of veteran and youth programs.

The corn hole tournament welcomes participation from everyone - especially the young at heart! Whether you're experienced or not, come have fun! The entry fee is anticipated to be \$10 per person and the tournament will be played in a two-person team format; the teams will be randomly determined prior to play beginning. Individuals on the first, second and third-place finishing teams will each receive a medal.

Proceeds raised through participation in the silent auctions and corn hole tournament will go to TOALF. We look forward to seeing you at the event!

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S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

To continue from last month's look at the Commander, Adjutant, Vice Commanders, and Finance Officer; let's wrap

up this month with a look at the remaining officer positions:

Service Officer (elected or appointed, multi-year commitment) – The service officer is responsible for bringing awareness and helping veterans and their families receive the rights and benefits granted to them by law. Due to the complexities of maneuvering through DoD, VA, and other agencies and organizations, people need help...which is where the service officer shines. Requirements for the role include competence, the ability to adjust when things change, good organizational skills, willingness to learn, and readily available to assist when requested.

Chaplain (elected or appointed) – Is the spiritual and moral leader for the organization. One important quality to remember is that, as veterans, we are of many faiths, and this individual must be inclusive of all faiths and be willing to recognize and accept every

Duties and Responsibilities of Officers (Part 2)

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

one who approaches them for guidance, assisting bereaving families, comforting sick comrades, to preside at a funeral or participating in events and ceremonies.

Sergeant-at-arms (elected or appointed) – arranges the meeting hall, assists the commander and adjutant in preparing for meetings and the pageantry associated with the proper and correct placement of flags, banners, and seating. It is the sergeant-at-arms's responsibility to ensure members (new and experienced) feel welcome and that dignitaries are identified to the commander and adjutant for proper acknowledgment.

Historian (elected or appointed, good idea for this to be a multi-year commitment) – is the long-term keeper of the post records, events, photos, and history. It is a good idea for the adjutant (short-term keeper of records) to work closely with the historian in keeping to long-term and official records. In recent years, the historian at our post has also served as creator and maintenance for <https://centennial.legion.org/histories>, which is an outstanding place for posts to share with the rest of the American

Legion information pertaining to the history of their post in virtual space.

Judge Advocate (elected or appointed) – Provides professional advice in the conduct of post business by ensuring the organizational activities are consistent with the governing documentation (constitution and by-laws), and recommends when the post needs to retain qualified legal counsel. Qualities associated with an effective judge advocate include working knowledge of parliamentary procedures, a thirst for knowledge – as extensive research can be associated with this role, and unwavering integrity – doing the right thing even when (especially when) it is not the popular thing.

In my 16 years with the American Legion, I will be the first to admit, I am by no means an expert. I am a firm believer that any TAL officer must be open to asking for help from others, accepting help from those more experienced and willing to help and support those in need.

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Larry Hill Roseburg Post 16

Running for 1st Vice Commander

My Fellow Legionnaires:

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the high office of Department First Vice Commander. My decision to run for this position is based on my concern for the decreasing number of members we have on the Department rolls. Directly associated with that concern is that most, if not all of us, at the Post level are experiencing a downward trend in participation in post activities that would help in possibly attracting more members to the Legion and our posts. My post is suffering in that manner.

We, too, are experiencing the angst of what I have described. There is an old saying that "Charity begins at home." In the case of our Legion – Membership begins at the post level. The results of our efforts reflect throughout the Department. We must take positive and affirmative action to stem the downward spiral of support and membership losses at this juncture.

I gained my eligibility for membership in the Legion through my period of service in the United States Army from April 1, 1964, to May 1, 1984. The majority of my career was spent with the Army Security Agency and Intelligence and Security. Other assignments were in research and development, Administration, and Personnel at the 6th Army level to battalion level. I was selected as Small Command (20,000 and under) Retention NCO of the Year for two years of a three-year tour of duty.

I have served as Post Adjutant for six years and was Department Adjutant

of the Year 2009-2010. I served as Post Commander for four years. I then served as Department 1st Vice Commander. During my tenure as Post Adjutant, we were a goal post three times. I served as District 9 Commander for three years, with one of those years as a Goal District. I was recently elected to that position for the coming year. A short recapitulation of my Legion experience will demonstrate that I have the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to lead our 20,000-member organization and make the Department better upon completing my year as 1st Vice Commander than when I assumed office. I am a 19-year PUFL member of the Legion.

I previously held appointments on the Membership and Post-Activities Commission Convention, Public Relations Commission, National Security (ROTC) and Foreign Relations Commission; Information Technology, Oratorical and Permanent Finance Commissions, Department of Oregon Foundation Board and chaired the 3 Post Host Committee for the 2011 convention held at 7 Feathers. Please note that we were a goal department during my tenure as Chair of the Membership Commission and stood at 13th in the National Organization. This was the first time in several years that we achieved our goal. In the following year as First Vice Commander, Oregon placed 13th out of 55 departments while not being a goal department. These achievements would not have been possible without the participation of all Legionnaires working as a team.

I actively support, promote, and work in the interests of the veteran community in Douglas County. I am President of the Douglas County Forum (a consortium



LARRY HILL

of 26 veteran organizations in the county) and have held that office for four years. I have been on the Douglas County Veterans Advisory Committee for the past nine years, offering advice and assistance to the County Veterans Service Office and providing input and guidance to the Douglas County Commissioners.

I am asking that you view my candidacy for First Vice Department positively and support me with your votes at the upcoming Department Convention at 7 Feathers. Working as one, we will be able to make positive changes in our organization, burnish our image and bring more significant membership to your Post-District and Department. Your support for my candidacy for the High Office of First Vice Department Commander would be most appreciated, and I can assure you that we will have a winning team to hit the ground.

Thank you in advance for your support. God Bless You, God Bless the American Legion, and God Bless America.

Candidate Larry Hill

AUXILIARY NEWS



KATHI KARNOWSKI
DEPT PRESIDENT

The convention is coming up fast, and this year is almost over. What a year it has been, and I wanted to thank all of you for staying strong, staying safe, and helping our Veterans and your communities. It has not been an easy year for any of us but just remember, each unit/family is special in its own way, and you are unique in what you do. Do not ever compare your unit/family to others, as there are no two alike.

In April, I had the pleasure of visiting with Albany Unit #10 and Travis Moothart Unit #184. Albany is a large unit that works well with their Legion Family and is very active. This Family does so much, so check out their website or Facebook page. Then we look at Brownsville, a small unit that works well as a Family, and they are relatively new. They are known for all the Quilts of Valor they donate. If you

ever get a chance to visit either of these Units, do, as they are welcoming and love to share what they do. When I hear a Unit or Family talk about what programs they work on or how they help their community, I hear Pride as they share. Our Legion Family gives from their Heart, and it is hard for most to say no.

We all get tired of hearing how membership is declining and how membership is what allows Department to operate, but it does. We must reign in our spending to equal what we take in with membership, which is hard to do by following our Constitution & By-Laws. We are required to have three Department Executive Committee meetings and a Convention. We have office expenses just like any other business, and The Legion is very generous to let us use some of their building for our office, free.

We can't thank them enough for that. Our Finance committee has trimmed our budget the past couple of years, and we met on April 30th to work on next year's budget, where it will be presented in June. We ask ALL members to voice their opinion with your

District President about what is essential to you. Should we do one DEC virtually, two, or all three? Remember, a lot of what we do for meetings is linked to The Legion, so that is another factor as to what our options are. You are a member and should have a say and care about what our future is. I apologize if units have not been receiving budgets to actual this past year, as you should have. Each Unit should send at least one member to their District meeting (try for DEC as well) to voice their opinion and see what is going on. Be a part of OUR solution, please.



The American Legion Family must stay strong, as each year, new challenges are presented to us. It has been a learning experience for me this past year, and I thank all of you for the opportunity and all the help I have received. Please work with all the new officers this coming year and especially our new President.

"Service, Not Self"

Oregon's Youth Good Deed Award

PAM SEELYE Oregon's Youth Good Deed recipient 9 year old Audrey Allen. She lives in Monmouth.

She is the great granddaughter of Aurora Unit #110 member Beverlee Koutny.

Audrey made and sold a hundred bracelets and donated the money to a Christian group called "Be the Bridge".

Beverlee had the role of Mrs. Santa Claus for many years at the Portland VA Hospital's Christmas gift shop.



DEPARTMENT OF OREGON
CONVENTION MEETING
JUNE
24-26, 2021

No.: C-03

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

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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

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Leadership Delegation attends Department of Washington's Commander Bob Clark's Homecoming at American Legion Grant Hodge Post 17 Centralia



S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
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Vice Commander
Larry Wittmayer,

Cory Brockmann and his wife Post 104 Unit President Kathrine Brockmann and Dept Adjutant S. Flynn Phillips.

The Delegation consisted of Commander Steve Adams, NVC Rob Liebenow and his wife Auxiliary Secretary Linda Liebenow, and 2nd



Commander Bob Clark cutting his cake.



Commander Bob Clark talking with Oregon Department Commander, Steve Adams and NVC, Rob Liebenow



(Left - Right) Steve Adams, Department of Oregon Commander, NVC, Rob Liebenow, Auxiliary Secretary, Linda Liebenow, 2nd Vice Commander, Larry Wittmayer and Post Chaplain. The Post Chaplain, sporting a nice Hawaiian hat




Cory Brockmann with his wife Kathrine, Cory was an Alumni with Bob, and PDC Carol D. Barker, Department of North Carolina, at The National Legion College.

Washington Department Adjutant, Jesse Horton and her volunteer corps did an excellent job!
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CORY E. BROCKMANN – Candidate for Department of Oregon 2nd Vice Commander



I announce my candidacy for the High Office of Department 2nd Vice Commander within the Department of Oregon for 2021-2022.

I am an eight-year, Paid-Up-For-Life member of The American Legion and have held numerous leadership positions at the post-, district- and department-level; and, I currently hold a national appointment on the National Security Council, having previously held a National Appointment on the Americanism Council.

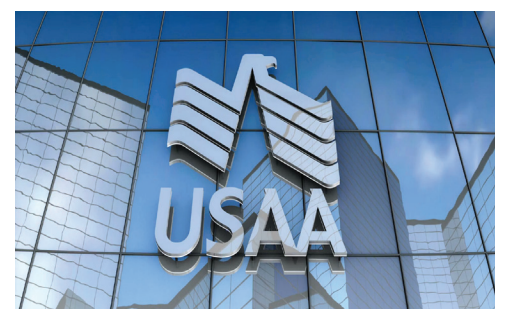
Concerning American Legion education, I have completed the American Legion Extension Institute Course, American Legion Education Institute Basic Training; Oregon Legion College; and I am a graduate of the National American Legion College - Class of 2017.

I am a current member of The American Legion Media Alliance and a former member of its predecessor organizations - The National American Legion Press Association and National American Legion Media Association.

As a Legionnaire, I serve - as *one* of you - as a means of honoring family members who, unselfishly, answered the call of duty in serving before me. I believe veterans are uniquely positioned to strengthen America, one veteran, one family, and one community at a time. I look to continue making a positive difference in the lives of our veterans. We are stronger when working together, and I ask for your support - *and vote* - in electing me to the High Office of Department 2nd Vice Commander in 2021-2022.

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**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
May 5-6, 2021
Virtual**

Resolution No. 6: Raising Awareness of the Presumptive Service-Connected Condition Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Also Known as “Lou Gehrig’s Disease”

Origin: Americanism Commission

Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, Lou Gehrig has been hailed one of Major League Baseball’s all-time greats as a famed slugger from 1923-1939 with 493 homers in 17 seasons; and

WHEREAS, Gehrig was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame on December 7, 1939; and

WHEREAS, June 2, 1925, was the day when Gehrig started at first base for the New York Yankees, beginning his record streak of 2,130 consecutive games played – a mark which stood until September 1995; and

WHEREAS, Gehrig died on June 2, 1941, at age 37 of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) disease; and

WHEREAS, Patients with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, suffer from the degeneration of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that affects muscle control throughout the entire body, thereby making it increasingly difficult for a person to eat, walk, talk, and breathe; and

WHEREAS, Gehrig’s speech at Yankee Stadium on July 4, 1939, about his diagnosis is still today considered one of the most famous moments in Major League Baseball history; and

WHEREAS, On June 2, 2021, Major League Baseball is beginning a new annual tradition of observing “Lou Gehrig Day” as an avenue for raising awareness for those afflicted with ALS; and

WHEREAS, The ALS Association states that military veterans, regardless of their branch of service, the era in which they served, or whether they served during a time of peace or a time of war, are at a greater risk of dying from ALS than non-veterans, and for reasons as yet unknown, veterans are in fact twice as likely to be diagnosed with ALS than the general population; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) established a presumption of service connection for ALS in which the VA presumes that ALS was incurred or aggravated by a veteran’s service in the military, thereby allowing veterans with ALS and their families and survivors to be eligible for service-connected benefits; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has an opportunity to bring a greater awareness to the connection of ALS and military service through its American Legion Baseball program; and

WHEREAS, This resolution has been reviewed by the Americanism Commission, and with concurrence of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission, is now recommended to the National Executive Committee for favorable action; now, therefore, be it

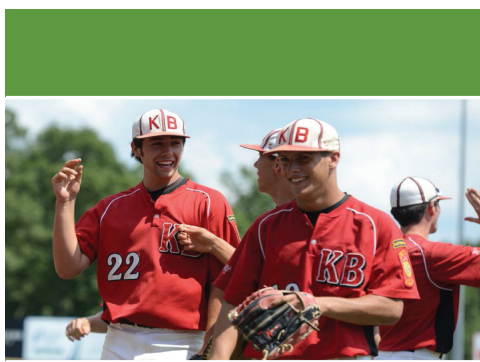
RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on May 5-6, 2021, That the American Legion Baseball program follow suit with Major League Baseball in bringing greater awareness to the condition of “Lou Gehrig’s disease” (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, aka “ALS”), by strongly encouraging every American Legion baseball team to observe a moment of silence before their game(s) each year on June 2 in memory of Major League Baseball’s great Lou Gehrig and all veterans who suffer or have died from ALS, a presumptive service-connected disease; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this annual commemoration be promoted by National Headquarters in all media channels deemed appropriate and any resources needed for such be handled through the normal budgeting process; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That American Legion baseball teams and posts are encouraged to also promote this annual commemoration within their own local communities.



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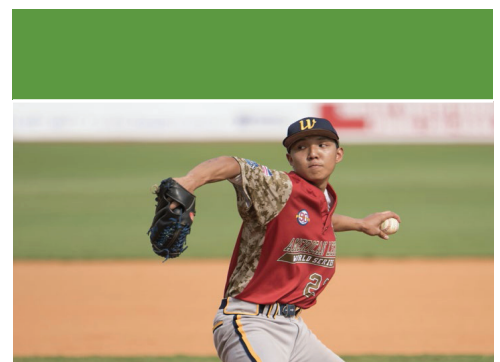
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DEPARTMENT OF OREGON OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION LA PINE, OREGON

APRIL 11, 2021

**Resolution No.: B-01 Amendment
to Department Constitution and
Bylaws on Elections Origin:
Submitted By: Ad hoc Exigency Ac-
tion Committee**

WHEREAS, The Department of Oregon adheres to the principles and abides by the jurisdictional guidance described within the National, and Department, Constitution and By-laws; 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 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 the 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
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PDC, GENE HELLICKSON
IT COMMISSION

In this modern day of computer hacking and our society going “paperless,” it is important that you practice good computer security procedures. Below


are a few things that you can do to help prevent hackers and unauthorized personnel out of your computer.

Update Your Software. Keep your software – including your operating system, the web browsers you use to connect to the Internet, and your apps – up to date to protect against the latest threats.

Protect Your Personal Information. Don’t hand it out to just anyone. Every time you are asked for your personal information – whether in a web form, an email, a text, or a phone message – think about why someone needs it and whether you can really trust the request.

Protect Your Passwords. Here are a few ideas for creating strong passwords and keeping them safe:

- Use at least 10 characters; 12 is ideal for most home users.
- Try to be unpredictable – don’t use names, dates, or common words. Mix numbers, symbols, and capital letters into the middle of your password, not at the beginning or end.
- Don’t use the same password for many accounts. If it’s stolen from you – or from one of the companies where you do business – thieves can use it to take over all your accounts.



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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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- Don’t share passwords on the phone, in texts or by email. Legitimate companies will not ask you for your password.

- If you write down a password, keep it locked up, out of plain sight.

Give Personal Information Over Encrypted Websites Only. To determine if a website is encrypted, look for https at the beginning of the web address. The “s” at the end of http means the site is secure.

Back Up Your Files. No system is completely secure. Copy your files to

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Cameron Blagg Western Artist

A native westerner, Cameron spent Fifteen years living the life of a remote mountain man. From his hand built cabin in the Cascade Mountains of Southern Washington, Blagg became known as the western artist who painted and lived the frontier life. Cameron and Pamela now live in their new state, the northwest corner of the state.

Cameron Blagg's special love of the Native American and western history brings realism and authenticity to each of his paintings. Time spent as a guest at many of the Northwest reservations, an extensive collection of native and western artifacts and historical photographs enhance Blagg's rich expressions of the past.

Cameron's mountain home allowed him to experience the hardships and freedoms of the mountain man. "Cameron lives a very independent life. His home is a cabin built by his own hands, located beside a mountain stream six miles beyond the end of electricity lines... [this is] the foundation for the feelings he puts in his paintings." *Mike Nesbitt, Author.*

In thirty-six years of oil painting, Blagg has developed his own unique style, his talent driven by the desire to make painting his life's work. Blagg has been painting professionally since 1974. As a self-taught artist, he has a reputation for his originality, imagination and authenticity. "His reading is of history, his collecting of the past... It is the past which fascinates him, the past which he paints." *Ray Summers, KOIN-TV, Portland, Oregon.*

Cameron Blagg's work is some of the most collected in the West. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has purchased several of his originals for educational purposes. Over one hundred of Blagg's originals have been reproduced in limited edition collector prints and his work is in private and public collections throughout the world. "I honestly believe that... the Great Spirit is working through [Blagg] to preserve and raise the consciousness of the ones... seeking the truth to save the places that are still sacred." *John Adair Jr., Collector.*

"Finally, the true spirit of the 'Noblemen of the West' has been captured in vibrant visions of color. Cameron's sensitive creations... combine the minute detail of Karl Bodmer [with] the human qualities of George Catlin... As a self-trained artist, Cameron's work must be considered a seriously well-researched labor of love and respect for what many have referred to as 'The Vanishing Race.' The American Indian is still alive in his historical works." *Ed Washington, Collector.*

Cameron Blagg is an honorary member of the Columbia Cascade Company, the Primitive Riflemen Mountain Man Organization, and former member of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. Cameron has won numerous awards for his work and attends most of the major western art shows in the west. He also donates time and his artwork to many charitable organizations.

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Retired Col. Ralph Puckett as an Army captain in 1952, a few months after he was wounded in a hellacious battle against Chinese soldiers in North Korea. FAMILY PHOTO



By NIKKI WENTLING | STARS AND STRIPES Published: May 19, 2021

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden will award the Medal of Honor on Friday to Ralph Puckett Jr., a 94-year-old retired Army colonel who led the capture and defense of a hill during the Korean War against an overwhelming Chinese attack.

The White House announced the award Wednesday, saying Puckett distinguished himself with “acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty.” South Korean President Moon Jae-in will join the ceremony Friday.

Stars and Stripes

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94-year-old Korean War veteran and former Army Ranger Ralph Puckett to receive Medal of Honor

Puckett will receive the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest military award for bravery, for actions he took more than 70 years ago. As a young first lieutenant in November of 1950, Puckett commanded the Eighth Army Ranger Company during a mission to seize “Hill 205” and defend it against a series of chaotic assaults.

Puckett led 51 Army Rangers and nine Korean soldiers to capture Hill 205. He intentionally ran across an exposed area multiple times to draw enemy fire away from his soldiers, allowing them to destroy enemy positions, the White House said.

During the first of several Chinese attacks on the American-controlled hill, Puckett was wounded by a hand grenade but refused evacuation. He directed artillery support, moved between foxholes to check the company’s perimeter and distributed ammunition to the other Rangers.

Retired U.S. Army Col. Ralph Puckett stands alongside troops as they prepare to start a foot march during the 2021 David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, Ga., on April 16, 2021.

The soldiers were “inspired and motivated by the extraordinary leadership and courageous example” exhibited by Puckett, the White House said.

As the Chinese continued to attack, Puckett was told over his radio that supporting artillery fire was unavailable. His company continued to fight, and Puckett was wounded two more times by enemy mortar rounds.

“The pressure increased, so I ran back to the foxhole,” Puckett said in an interview for an oral history proj-

ect. “I got on the radio, called force artillery and said, ‘We’re under great pressure. We’re crumbling. We’re being overrun. I just gave my unit the word to withdraw.’”

As the Chinese overran them, Puckett ordered his company to evacuate the area and told the soldiers to leave him behind. Two of his Rangers disregarded the order and carried Puckett off the hill to safety.

Puckett earned two Distinguished Service Crosses for his actions on Hill 205. He had a 22-year career in the Army, during which he also served in combat during the Vietnam War.

When he retired from active duty in 1971, Puckett became the National Programs Coordinator of Outward Bound Inc., and established Discovery Inc., a leadership and teamwork development program. He was inducted into the Army Ranger Hall of Fame in 1992 and served as the first honorary colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment from 1996 to 2006.

He’s been described as “omnipresent” within the Ranger community, often volunteering as a speaker and



adviser. In 2004, Puckett was selected as a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. In the description

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of Puckett's service, the academy wrote that he could still be found "walking the swamps and hiking the hills at the Ranger School, encouraging and instructing the rising generation of American soldiers."

Puckett lives in Columbus, Ga., with his wife, Jean Martin. Together, the couple have a daughter, one son and six grandchildren. One daughter is deceased.

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PDC, ROB LIEBENOW
NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER

Academic Performance Award.

On May 24, 2021, National Vice Commander Robert Liebenow was at the Air Force Academy to present Robert Gunsrow the Outstanding Cadet in



SAL Commanders Note

As we come out of this period of disruption to our lives, let us look forward. As an Organization, we have survived. It is now time to regroup, return to the work we were doing, and educate our communities about our Posts, Auxiliary, and the SAL. We have done community service, assisted Veterans and children, and helped when and where we could. Convention will be the time to tell our stories.

The convention will be upon us in weeks, and I hope that our Squadrons will be well represented. We will have a Pre-Convention DEC meeting and then move on to the election of Officers. At the DEC, I hope to get reports from Squadrons about the last year, their trials, their successes. We can all learn from others, be it a success or failure. We can help each other but only if we communicate. Remember to get your Delegate fees in, \$15.00 per delegate. You will receive the Agenda for the convention shortly, June 25 and 26 being our business

meeting days.

I know bugs in the system have caused some problems with transmittals. They will be worked out, and we will devote time to the DEC to address the new system. If you have questions, that is a good time for answers.



CARL PAWLIK
DEPTACHEMNT
COMMANDER

I understand that distance, the cost involved, and time are factors in members' decisions to attend. I hope to address those issues at our meeting. I do know that the more input we get from our Membership, the stronger we can become. The convention is a great time to talk to other Members and your Officers. Pose questions, get answers, plan for the upcoming year.

One last note. I was given a beautiful "Ron Lake" knife we will raffle off for CWF. If you google Ron, you will find he is a master knife maker with numerous patents on his products. The Olive Wood used for the knife is hundreds of years old and does come with a leather case.

We will make this convention informative, answer questions, and define the direction and purpose of the SAL in the next year. Please come, bring your stories, your problems, your wish list, and working together, we move forward as our Squadrons and Post come back to life.

While there he also met Mahala N. Norris from Roseburg, OR. Who was awarded the Most Valuable Athlete Award (women), cross country (women), and Track and Field (women). (Photo not available)



2021 CONVENTION ADVERTISING RATES

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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.

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		



Answer:

A. Alexander
Fleming

• (6 August 1881 – 11 March 1955) was a Scottish physician and microbiologist, best known for discovering the world's first broadly effective antibiotic substance, which he named penicillin.

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Oregon District 10 Meeting

Held on
May 1st, 2021
Post 67, Ontario Oregon RESOLUTION

Number C-1

Title - CONSOLIDATION OF ALEXANDER HARPER POST 115 AND ELLIS TRACY POST 77.

Origin - District 10 Commander Daniel Burks

RESOLUTION REGARDING POST CONSOLIDATION

WHEREAS, Alexander Harper Post 115 has experienced a continual decline in Post membership and has not met the minimum membership requirement of 15 members for over 5 years; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Harper Post 115 has not had a post meeting in over 5 years, and has not had a functioning executive committee in over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Harper Post 115 has not been successful in getting membership involved in stepping forward to fill leadership positions in the Post; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Harper Post 115 membership does not feel that additional membership to fill officer and executive committee positions is attainable; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Harper Post 115 membership has expressed in a 2/3rds majority vote for Post consolidation with Ellis Tracy Post 77; and

WHEREAS, Ellis Tracy Post 77 membership has expressed in a 2/3rds majority vote for Post merger; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Harper Post 115 has no physical assets however, there are minimal monies available in a business checking account that would be transferred to Ellis Tracy Post 77 for the benefit of membership of both Posts;

BE IT RESOLVED that upon approval by the Department of Oregon Executive Committee, the existing six members of Alexander Harper Post 115 shall become members of Ellis Tracy Post 77, and shall be afforded all rights and privileges extended to their regular members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the balance of monies in Alexander Harper Post 115 checking account, as well as the financial records, shall be turned over to the adjutant and finance officer of Ellis Tracy Post 77; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alexander Harper Post 115 Adjutant and District 10 Commander shall deliver the Alexander Harper Post 115 Post Charter and Post Colors to Headquarters Department of Oregon as if the Post had dissolved.

After review of the above resolution by the Department of Oregon Executive Committee, It is hereby resolved that the membership of Alexander Harper Post 115 be allowed to transfer to Ellis Tracy Post 77, effective immediately upon approval of the Department Executive Committee and the transferred members shall be afforded all rights and privileges extended to their regular members.

Number C-2

Title - **CONSOLIDATION OF MONUMENT POST 148 AND ELLIS TRACY POST 77.**

Origin - District 10 Commander Daniel Burks

RESOLUTION REGARDING POST CONSOLIDATION

WHEREAS, Monument Post 148 has experienced a continual decline in Post membership and has not met the minimum membership requirement of 15 members for over 5 years; and

WHEREAS, Monument Post 148 has not had a post meeting in over 5 years, and has not had a functioning executive committee in over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Monument Post 148 has not been successful in getting membership involved in stepping forward to fill leadership positions in the Post; and

WHEREAS, Monument Post 148 membership does not feel that additional membership to fill officer and executive committee positions is attainable; and

WHEREAS, Monument Post 148 membership has expressed in a 2/3rds majority vote for Post consolidation with Ellis Tracy Post 77; and

WHEREAS, Ellis Tracy Post 77 membership has expressed in a 2/3rds majority vote for Post merger; and

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Oregon District 10
Meeting

Held on
May 1st, 2021
Post 67, Ontario Oregon
RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Monument Post 148 has no physical assets however, there are minimal monies available in a business checking account that would be transferred to Ellis Tracy Post 77 for the benefit of membership of both Posts;

BE IT RESOLVED that upon approval by the Department of Oregon Executive Committee, the existing six members of Monument Post 148 shall become members of Ellis Tracy Post 77, and shall be afforded all rights and privileges extended to their regular members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the balance of monies in Monument Post 148 checking account, as well as the financial records, shall be turned over to the adjutant and finance officer of Ellis Tracy Post 77; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Alexander Harper Post 115 Adjutant and District 10 Commander shall deliver the Alexander Harper Post 115 Post Charter and Post Colors to Headquarters Department of Oregon as if the Post had dissolved.

Dated May 1st, 2021

After review of the above resolution by the Department of Oregon Executive Committee, It is hereby resolved that the membership of Alexander Harper Post 115 be allowed to transfer to Ellis Tracy Post 77, effective immediately upon approval of the Department Executive Committee and the transferred members shall be afforded all rights and privileges extended to their regular members.

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON
CONVENTION MEETING
JUNE
24-26, 2021

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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 grassroots 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.

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION LA
PINE, OREGON

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opted upon acceptance by The American Legion, Department of Oregon, at the 2021 Department Convention, Canyonville, Oregon.



I would like to thank all the members of District 9 for allowing me to serve you this year. It truly has been an honor working with all of you during this crazy time. I was



able to visit all but two Posts due to them being shut down all year as their meeting place is in a public building. Some of you I visited twice. You all have worked hard this year on membership and as you know membership is the life blood of our organization. I know you will give your next District Commander the same effort. I will always be just a phone call away when you need anything. **THANK YOU DISTRICT 9**

The American Legion, Department of Oregon
Permanent Finance Commission Request

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: B-02

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

Originator: Permanent Finance Commission

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 progr-

ams 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 canceled, 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 canceled, 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



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

As our Department Convention nears, we all must remember a few essential things.



1. A post must be in good standing to have a vote during officer elections.

2. Each post must pay for all of the delegates that are authorized for that post.

3. When a delegate desires to make a motion or address the Convention, such delegate shall rise, address the chair as “Comrade Commander,” and state name and name and number of Post before proceeding.

4. No person, not a duly accredited delegate, shall participate directly or indirectly in a viva voice vote on any subject before the Convention.

5. On all roll calls, the chairman or acting chairman of each delegation shall poll his delegation on the floor and shall announce the vote of his delegation.

6. In the event that two or more candidates are nominated for one office, the balloting shall continue until elected by a majority vote of the delegation to the Department Convention who are present and vote for such office.

7. Department elections shall be in the following order:

- (1) Department Commander
- (2) Department First Vice Commander
- (3) Department Second Vice

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Commander

(4) Department Finance Officer

(5) National Executive

Committeeman

(6) Alternate National Executive

Committeeman

During any motion put forth, any person calling for the question to end the discussion and call for the vote cannot call out from the floor, "I call for the question." The person calling for the "question" must rise and be recognized by the commander. Upon recognition, the requester may state their call for the question. Seeking to close debate, it always requires a second and a two-thirds vote, taken separately and before the vote on the motion on the floor.

Until the commander states the question (motion), the maker of the motion has the right to modify their motion as he pleases or to withdraw it entirely. After the motion has been stated by the commander, the motion becomes the property of the assembly, and then its maker cannot do either of these things without the assembly's consent, but while the motion is pending, the assembly can change the wording of the motion by process of amendment before acting.



PDC, KEVIN OWENS
TOALF PRESIDENT

a silent auction with some great prizes and an event that should be fun

The Department Convention around the corner your American Legion Foundation will be hosting a great event this year with

a silent auction with some great

The American Legion Department of Oregon

Department Convention June 25, 2021

Resolution No: B-03

Title: Merger of Districts 7 & 8

Origin: District 7 & 8

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Oregon Constitution and By-laws, article I section I - Districts shall consist of all duly chartered Posts within their county boundaries except any Post in good standing in a county other than the assigned District County, shall be "Grandfathered" in their current District; and

WHEREAS, There has been a significant reduction in the number of posts in District 7 and 8 since originally formed; and

WHEREAS, The overlapping post boundaries create an increasing complexity in coordinating with local, city, state, and federal jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, A reduction in required District Commanders and budgets

will result in savings to the Department budget; and

WHEREAS, Merging Districts 7 & 8 would increase the diversity of the applicants to fill District leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, Merging the districts would better align voting delegate strength at Convention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Department of Oregon has sole authority for determining District Boundaries; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED, The District number for the merged Districts 7 & 8 be District 78 and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this resolution take effect July 1, 2022, as approved by the Department of Oregon Convention, June 25, 2021, at Seven Feathers Resort in Canyonville, Oregon.

102ND OREGON STATE CONVENTION JUNE 23RD-26TH 2021

SEVEN FEATHERS CANYONVILLE

COME JOIN THE FUN

for all, a Cornhole Tournament. We will have free food and a no host bar will be available for all to purchase a beverage of your choice. The money raised will help increase the funds available for all Posts that may be in need to help make one of their American Legion Programs more successful. The Foundation belongs to all of you, and I would encourage when in need to reach out for help. The process is easy with a one-page form that lets us know what your need is. It can take as little as a day to approve. Please take advantage of the opportunity. We are here to help. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our event Thursday June 24th at 4:00pm for a great social time together. Please open those wallets and purses and support your Foundation.

Thank you





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):

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | |

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

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

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

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

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____

Date _____

ALA 09/2019

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____
Received From _____
\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues
Recruiter's Name _____
Recruiter's Signature _____
Recruiter's Phone # _____