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



Mt. Hood

Photo by S. Flynn Phillips

Welcome our new Department Commander



Don Weber

Daughter Rachael placed his
pin and cap on with
an extra momento from his late wife.



DION WEBER
DEPT. COMMANDER
the State.

The theme this year will be Reconnecting Veterans. As we bring Veterans together, we provide the comradery to lift the spirit of everyone involved. This year National will initiate a program to assist in reducing the number of Veteran Suicides that occur every day. As we are reconnecting with Veterans, pay attention to the signs that someone might be

Greetings. It is indeed an honor to represent the Department of Oregon and all the Veterans in the State of Oregon. I am very hum-

bled by the support throughout

struggling with issues in their life, and help direct them to professional staff.

I would also like to increase the participation in the programs. With the shutdowns of the last 18 months, we may have lost some of our connections to recruit for the programs. Let's make a specific attempt to reestablish those connections and make that important impact on the youth in our committee. As you work on your programs, don't forget the assistance that is available through our Department Committees. We have a lot of people ready to help in any way possible. And if you have an idea that is working, let's also share that with the committees, so we make it available to everyone in the State, and don't forget to share the work you are doing with your local media. Remember, when people see the great things, we are doing to

support Veterans, they will want to be part of the program.

Immediately after convention, I had the opportunity to tour District 2, 5, 4, and 9 with the National Commander. We met some very inspiring Legionnaires in every District. It is interesting how each Post has a unique program they do, that all fits into the parameters of The American Legion 4 Pillars.

If you haven't submitted your Consolidated Post Report, make sure you do that quickly. Every Post needs to share what their story. Upcoming activities include a visit of The American Legion Indy Car 48 at the PIR in September. If you would like to participate, please let Department know. It is also time to plan your events for 9-11, and Veterans Day.

Reconnecting Veterans



S. FLYNN PHILLIPS from National and **DEPT. ADJUTANT** Department from last year to working diligently for both this year. Oregon experienced natural disasters from wildfires in the state, some posts applied for National Headquarters Mission Blue Grants, but not everyone chose to apply. This grant is still available, and Posts should take advantage of it while they still can. Your Post Insurance or Mortgage payment is plenty enough to qualify. If you have misplaced the

This year will go down in Legion history as one of the most challenging; from Covid-19 lockdowns, Conventions canceled both

Pre-Convention DEC June Canyonville, Oregon

email with the forms, please contact the Department, and I will resend it to you.

On top of all these problems, we have the implementation of the new MyLegion online at national. Some armchair generals have surely commented this is the worst time, or how could they do it now. The answer is not so simple, and there is no best time to do it.

The Information Technology Department at National has been working for over two years with the outsourced vendor Personify bringing 3-4 different flat-file databases under one relational database dashboard.

This is a monumental undertaking. They have converted or one hundred million records, and now they see the light at the end of the tunnel. Out of the hundred complaints, once completed and people get used to it, their final result will be worth it. So if you or your adjutant are not computer savvy, then find a younger legionnaire to help you or, better yet, give him the Job.

Those Posts that do not use the computer system are hurting your Post. Working Membership running reports for those DMS, or 114 Lists, and processing membership are the best tools for you. When you must send

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S. FLYNN PHILLIPS your transmittals to **DEPT. ADJUTANT** Department, it just takes so much time, and creates unnecessary work for us and getting lost in the mail back to the Post. Working MyLegion On-Line is more productive.

We attended the Spring DEC in La Pine. It was great to get out and be with our legionnaires. At that meeting, our Department Service Officer Ed Van Dyke, pleaded with our leadership to get a resolution to National and have them proclaim that we as an organization or not happy with our Elected Congress and DOD officials for not adhering to the American ideals, Freedom, Liberty, adhering to our constitution, that our Legion was founded upon. In this Convention, two resolutions are being brought forth from the Ad hoc committee that addresses those concerns and will be voted on and, once approved, sent to the National NEC for discussion and approval.

This year the Department is Hosting the Convention. I hope all will attend and get into the spirit with the Foundation's Silent Auction and Its first Corn Hole/Bean bag Tournament. Hats off to Our Department Chaplain Steve Shollenburg, he has made Six Tournament boards with Vinyl decals, and they look great. He has made all new Flag stands for this year's Convention, as the old ones were falling apart.

Many thanks to those volunteers that have come to the Department to help us tackle the myriad of things to get done in preparation for the Convention. Volunteers; Jon, and Jody Marsh, ALA Secretary Linda Liebenow, ALA Cindy Hillyard, Convention Book Layout Geanne Horne, Douglas Jamieson from Post 74, Betty Fish-Ferguson, Ann Everetts, and their Co-

horts whose name escapes me here, plus those volunteers that will be helping us at the Seven Feathers, and special thanks to our National Vice Commander Rob Liebenow who has been our Membership Volunteer at Department.

Our Commander Steve Adams attended District Caucuses throughout the year and attended the Washington State Commander Bob Clark's Homecoming in Centralia.

The Oratorical Dept contest went well at Post 51 with limited people attending for Covid restrictions and social distancing. National gave the winner an additional \$5000.00 since the National contest was canceled. The winner walked away with \$10,000.00 this year.

Projects such as the Parking lot at Department got approved and completed, and The Lawn Sprinkler system was installed as an Eagle Scout project from Boy Scout Troop 396, Gavin De Vincenzi in Wilsonville. The Scouting Chairman Larry Wittmayer and I attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony of Gavin De Vincenzi, who led the project and presented him with a Plaque for a job well done.

After the Convention on Monday, we travel to Vancouver, Washington and get the handoff of our National Commander Bill Oxford and take him on a tour of District 5, all the way to Klamath Falls.

See you all at the Convention. Let's raise some money for the Foundation and have some fun doing it.



Interesting things to make you say



Hmmm.....

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TRIVIA

Prohibition added some new and interesting words to our vocabulary, including "bathtub gin", "bootlegging", and "rumrunners". What was the name of a bar that illegally sold liquor?

- A. Speakeasy
- B. Easy Street
- C. Easyspeak
- D. Street Easy

Calendar of Events

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
11 District 1 Meeting
16 Congress Charter Anniv.
17 Constitution Day
18-19 C & Y Conference
20 POW/MIA Day
24-26 Americanism Conf.
(Conferences are at Nattional)

October *Membership Campaign Halloween Safety*
4-7 Fall Meetings (National)

Our Department of Oregon is over, the Proposed 2021-2022 Department Budget was presented and discussed at our Department Convention at Seven Feathers Resort and was adopted by Delegate Vote per our Department Constitution and By-Laws. The new approved 2021-2022 Budget goes into effect on October 1, 2021. Our Budget and Tax year is October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022.

It was good seeing all of you face to face that attended our Department Convention, this is going to be a good year, a very productive and busy year, it has already started. We have a new slate of officers; we plan for our programs, our meetings, our events to be face to face, all positive.



JOHN LEE
LEGISLATIVE CHAIR
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Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 12:45 PM
To: vietnamwarmem@aol.com
Subject: Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds Action Alert - We need your help today!

Friends,
1. June 28th marks the end of Oregon's 2021 Legislative Session. **Time is running out!**

Senate Bill 319 which establishes a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds has been passed by the Senate and the House Veterans Committee.

Everyone had fun at our mixer, Corn Hole tournament, silent auction and we raised funds for the Oregon American Legion



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member the Foundation is a 501©3, contributions are tax deductible, funds are used for our programs. There is a lot of information and grant requests on our Web Site. Let's have a great year, face to face, we have plenty of opportunity for a great year.

But it is now in the House Rules Committee. The Rules Committee needs to schedule a Work Session and move SB319 to the House Floor. We know we have the votes to pass this bill, it just needs to get to the floor for a vote.

We need each of you to contact the House Rules Committee Chair and Vice Chairs by email and telephone. Recruit your friends to call and write also. Call and write them today! The rest was edited for this article.

<http://www.vietnamwarmemorial-fund.org/index.html>



Here are the email addresses and telephone numbers:

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LOU NEUBECKER
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

Happy 245th
B i r t h d a y
America.

We just completed our 102nd Department Convention in Canyonville at Seven Feathers Casino.

Our new Department Officers are Commander, Don Weber, First Vice-CMDR, Larry Wittmayer, Second Vice-CMDR, Cory Brockmann.

I feel the District is doing pretty good as 2 of the 3 are from ALOHA Post 104. We have GREAT representation at the Department level.

Our District officers are CMDR, Lou Neubecker, Vice-CMDR, Susan Hughes, President, Catherine Brockmann, and Vice-President, Debra Ashe.

Our District meeting are as follows;

September 11th – Argonne Post 56, Sherwood

December 11th – Tigard Post 158, Tigard

March 12th T. Les Galloway Post 068, Clatskanie

May 14th Seaside Post 99, Seaside

All meeting will start with a lunch at 1130 to 1230 of the host Post choice and meetings will start at 1 PM.

We are wide open now so I will be visiting all Posts this year, I will send out a schedule soon.

Please get your Post paper work into

Department, our Consolidated Post Reports are due now.

Our new membership starts July 1st. Your Post Adjutant has your 2021-2022 membership cards.

We did not do that good for the

2020-2021 membership we finished in the lower tier of the Department at 6th.

Stay *SAFE* and *SEE YOU SOON*.

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Oregon American Legion member leads an effort to restore a neglected cemetery.



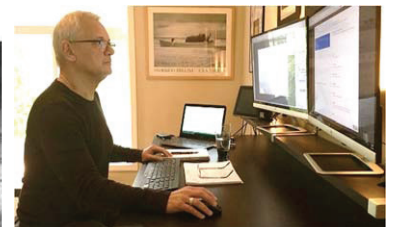
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American Legion Carl Douglas Post 74 Commander Jim Moriarty, chairman of the Estacada, Ore., Cemetery District Board, found a neglected 1880s-era German immigrant cemetery leading an effort to restore the headstones and clean up the half-acre property.

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Jim is the newly elected Post 74 Commander and District 7 Commander.

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Homeless Veterans

Need to Know Dates

July

Community Celebrations,
Youth Programs

August

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

September

National Disaster Preparedness
Month Back to School



DALE JENKINS

PR COMMITTEE

How many homeless Veterans are reported in the state of Oregon? According to ODVA, there are 1230 registered Veterans, but

nobody knows how many are unregistered.

According to Wikipedia, some of the reasons for homelessness are poverty, lack of support, and living conditions.

Some may also have additional conditions such as mental and physical issues. Oregon has the third-highest percentage of homeless and unsheltered Veterans at 55%. We have many communities that are building cubicles for temporary shelters until they can get their stuff together. To name a few, we have Oregon City, Clackamas, Bend, N. Eugene, Cottage Grove, Estacada, and Sweet Home. We have a company, Gerding Builders, building a 48 unit housing complex from three bedrooms to single dwellers, and with medical services available right there.

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Homeless Veterans

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DALE JENKINS
PR COMMITTEE

They are starting to build the same type of units in West Salem. The project manager James Lutz was raised in Lebanon and grew up helping Veterans from a young age. The Veterans Home in Lebanon was named after James great Grandfather Edward C. Allsworth, a Medal of Honor recipient. Coincidentally this also involves James and his family as well because the Medal of Honor (Hwy 20) goes through Lebanon as well.

The American Legion and other Veterans organizations should be proud of what they have done for veteran homelessness. Then we need to find how many homeless veterans are in their camps and through entire communities and counties, and districts to get a full accounting. Also, the sex of each veteran needs to be determined.

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PDC, BOB HUFF
VE&E CHAIRPERSON

As we finish our face to face, in-person Department Convention, it was good to see everyone, let us hope we can start holding gath-

erings/events, we need them. Our commission has been ready and willing; we do support COVID rules, by County for the safety of our Legion Family and Veterans community. Positive, we are starting to see some light in face-to-face meetings again; I have just received the green light to start planning events and meeting on venues to hold them. We will plan them and plan dates, we remain in a holding pattern until approved and the number we can have safely in a gathering and the rules. We have been ready to hold Veterans Stand Downs, Benefit and Educations Events. As always, veterans and participants safety remain our focus.

Stay safe, stay healthy, great seeing so many of our Legion Family at our Department Convention. Staying positive, hope to see a lot of you as the rules are relaxed both for events and training.

Deadline

for the August issue
of the
Oregon Legionnaire
is July 5th, 2021

AUXILIARY NEWS



DEBRA GODWIN
DEPT PRESIDENT

Meet your new Department President
Debra Godwin
from McMinnville Unit 21



Poppy Campaign in Hermiston #37



We told people to look for our table “next to the watermelons” outside Safeway in Hermiston. The mother with her children said it was OK to use their images in promotional materials.

We raised \$2,868.34 with two staffed tables (this is one) and 13 countertop displays at businesses.

Darlene Bradley, left, and Linda Anderson greeted Safeway patrons with smiles and a cheerful, “Would you like a Free Poppy in honor of Veterans?”



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



A gift of Old Glory

The American Legion
JUN 09, 2021

MIKE SPEER
ALR SECRETARY

Legionnaire Tony Mazelin saw a social media post from a local man who wanted to buy an American flag but “was told it wasn’t in season at a local store,” said Mazelin of Hillsboro, OR. “He spoke about how upsetting this was and ranted about how there should never be a season for our colors. When my wife read that to me, I was shocked and upset. As it happened, I had just received my copy of the (American) Legion magazine and on the cover were flags. I jumped at it and ordered one (from American Legion Emblem Sales) for this man I had never met.”

Mazelin notified the man that he had a flag on order for him. When the flag arrived Mazelin delivered it to the man and his wife, both Iraq war veterans who were new to the area. They were amazed “as to why I would do such a thing. I told (them) that it is important that everyone who wants an American flag has one.

“I felt proud, not only to give the symbol of our freedom for their new home but to learn that they were veteran made it that much more, helping a sister and a brother.”

Mazelin shared his flag story on Legiontown.org for The American Legion’s Rally Around the Flag initiative.

The American Legion would like to hear from you about your flag moment. Share your story with a photo at Legiontown.org under the heading “Rally Around the Flag.” Or share on your social media channels and use the hashtag #rallyaroundtheflag.

For Legionnaire Roger Nick of Woodland Park, N.J., “Our American flag means the world to me. My family fought for her from the American Revolution to Vietnam and will keep fighting. That’s the symbol of the greatest country in the world, God bless our flag and country.”





On Monday, June 14th, 2021 PDC, Jim Willis was transferred to Post Everlasting. He was 78.

PDC, JIM WILLIS
ALT. NECMAN

Jim was born Jan. 12, 1943, in Portland. He grew up in Albany and graduated from Albany Union High School in 1961. After graduating, he joined the United States Air Force. He served eight years in the Air Force, including a 13-month tour in South Vietnam.

Jim's father was also in The American Legion. When Jim came home on leave his father said: "I paid your first year's dues. Don't ever let them lapse." Jim never let them.

He then enjoyed a long career in law enforcement, serving in the Sheriff's offices in both Douglas and Washington counties. He was later appointed as the Commander of the Police Academy.

In 1978, he was awarded the Oregon Police Medal of Valor and in 1993 he received the L. Dale Morris Award for dedicated service to Oregon Law Enforcement.

In 1998 Jim was the Post Commander for Post 10, 1999-2004 Jim was the Department Legislative Chairman, 1999-2000 Jim was District 3 Commander, 2002-2003 oratorical Chairman.

In 2003, Gov. Ted Kulongoski appointed Jim to lead the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs. Jim served in that position for 10 years.

A statement released by ODVA

in Memoriam

Director Kelly Fitzpatrick

"He spearheaded the development of the state's second Oregon Veterans' Home located in Lebanon. Jim was also among the strongest of advocates in recognizing and honoring the service and true sacrifice of veterans and their families – building two wartime era memorials in Oregon dedicated to the service members who fought and gave their lives in service to their country," Fitzpatrick stated. "Above all else, Jim's unwavering commitment to serving all veterans defined his tenure — and his life. He will be truly missed by the untold number of lives he touched. I am grateful to have known Jim for the short time that I did. He was a mentor who continues to serve as an inspiration to me as I strive to serve Oregon veterans and their families every day."

As if being ODVA Director wasn't enough Jim continued to power on. In 2003-2006 Jim was on the Foreign Relations commission, 2004-2005 Citizens Flag Alliance Dept. Chair and Dept. Americanism Chair, 2006-2014 he was on the Cemetery Committee, 2009-2011 Legislative member, 2011-2021 Legislative Vice Chair, Dept Legislative Chair 2014-2015, Anavicus Member 2014-2021, Legislative Commission 2014-2021.

In 2015-2016 Jim served as Dept. Vice Commander and Dept. Membership Chair

In 2016-2017, Jim served as Department Commander for The American Legion.

In 2016-2021, Jim served as Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Committee member, Dept Past Commander Club and Nat'l Cmdr. Grp Schmidt Commander.

In 2019- current Jim was serving as Alternate National Executive Committeeman and Nat'l Cmdr. Grp Oxford Alternate.

2020-2021, Jim served VA&R, Admin and Advisory Committee and Media Alliance member.

He has been on many commissions and committees for The American Legion Department of Oregon throughout the years. Always advocating for his fellow veterans.

Jim was a member of The American Legion for 56 years, In 1992 he became a PUFL, The VFW for 30 years, 40/8 for 26 years and many, many other organizations supporting his fellow veterans.

Jim's good friend Steve Adams (Now Immediate Past Commander) recalls a time when he was offered a condo at Three Rivers Casino in Florence free of charge. "I was called and told by the convention chair, there was a condo at Three Rivers Casino in Florence free of charge."

I was asked if I knew anyone who wanted to share it with me. I said "Why yes however I'll get back to you in a couple days."

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I called Jim and of course it was “yes” for him.

We found out we needed a third person so I asked Jim “Do you know anyone else?”

Jim said “Let me call you back”.

He calls Steve back and says “Yes we have a third person, none other than PDC, John Kalmbach”

“We had three rooms and boy was that a week to remember”. Recalls Steve

He will be best known for his sense of humor he brought to each and every speech or MC an event. When he told a joke or a story, he would draw you in all the way to the end.

Jim is survived by his wife, Dee, of 42 years, his daughter, Amy, his son, Jake, and his grandchildren, Kade, Kaylee, Kendall, and Elle Rose. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Sandra, and his brother, Gary.

A memorial service will take place at a later date. Jim Willis requested that any contributions in his name be made to the local SafeHaven Humane Society. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Jim you are truly as sad loss for all and will be missed. Rest in peace .

Death has always created deep heartbreak and an inexplicable deep sense of loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family who has lost their beloved one and also with friends who must have been devastated by his death.

**Paul L Evans
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 20**



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Rep. Paul Evans Statement on the Passing of Former Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) Director James “Jim” Willis

SALEM— Representative Paul Evans (D-Monmouth) today issued the following statement regarding the passing of Former ODVA Director James “Jim” Willis

“Yesterday we lost a genuine hero.

James “Jim” Willis passed yesterday after fighting one last battle (a terminal disease). Jim Willis was a good man, a dedicated public servant, and the lone steward of veterans’ issues during the early days of our response to 9/11. As the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) director, he found creative ways to keep a struggling agency afloat by building and maintaining relationships throughout the State of Oregon.

I had the honor of collaborating with Jim during my time working with Governor Kulongoski. We worked in common cause in navigating the Great Recession as well as performing the duties associated with implementing the Governor’s Task Force on Veterans’ Services -- these endeavors largely guided our efforts in strategic investments in veterans’ policy ever since. In truth, Jim and I had a rocky relationship over the decades we knew each other, but we always found a way to put the mission first and develop mutual respect.

Although Jim Willis likely wouldn’t believe it, I always appreciated him far more than I let him know. Jim Willis was an old-school warrior, something that I both admired and struggled with. He would fight like hell for what he believed to be the right course of action. That said, once a decision was made, he would salute smartly and put it into action.

We both loved the USAF -- the non-pilot -- part of the USAF. We were ground troops of the USAF during combat tours a generation apart. He spent a tour (and a little more) in Vietnam, while I spent time in Iraq/Afghanistan and a few places before 9/11. We shared an understanding of the price of freedom and the obligations involved with caring for the veterans of the wars we send troops to fight and the families impacted.

Over the past two decades, there were times Willis made decisions that made me shake my head. Jim and I had different views of personnel management and how to build support for veterans’ homes. However, I want to be crystal clear about my friend and fallen colleague, Jim Willis: Oregon has never had an advocate like him. I have known every director since Staryl Austin; no ODVA Director fought as hard, as long, or as well for the men and women who served.

I mourn the loss of a real hero today, a man who invested his life in defense of our nation, protecting our communities, and caring for the men and women we sent into Harm’s Way. Oregon is now less because of his passing.”



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Eagle Point National Cemetery on Memorial Day



*Behind PDC, Bob Huff in the picture
in a wheelchair is
Chaplain Wayne Bell,
a VA Chaplain*

Past Department Commander Bob Huff is speaking at the Eagle Point National Cemetery on Memorial Day. The Memorial Day Event was closed to the public because of COVID 19 Gathering restrictions. The Memorial Day Remembrance Event is typically attended by 2,800 to 3,000 participants. The event was held at 9 am and filmed for the VA Website and three news outlets, and broadcast on 3 TV stations. Our Flag was brought back to full staff at noon.



*Navy Korean Vet, Laura Forte &
husband Marine Corps WWII and
Korean Vet, Carl Forte*



Eagle Point National Cemetery on Memorial Day



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The House Majority Leader, Chair Barbara Smith Warner
Oregon State House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, H-295, Salem, Oregon 97301

Representative,

On behalf of The American Legion Department of Oregon, I write in support of Senate Bill 319, which establishes a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds. This bill will honor those veterans that made the ultimate sacrifice.

The American Legion Department of Oregon is composed of 115 posts with over 12,830 members. The American Legion, Department of Oregon strongly supports SB 319.

SB319 was passed by the Senate 29 to 0 in March. Last month, the House Veterans Committee passed it unanimously with a Do Pass recommendation.

This bill is now assigned to your Rules Committee. Please honor our Vietnam Veterans by moving this bill to the House Floor for its final vote as quickly as possible.

Thank you for honoring our veterans.

Sincerely,

Respectfully,

Steve Adams
Commander

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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
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Military Sexual Trauma

What is military sexual trauma (MST)?

Military sexual trauma, or MST, is the term used by VA to refer to experiences of sexual assault or repeated, threatening sexual harassment that a Veteran experienced during his or her military service.

More concretely, MST includes any sexual activity during military service where a Veteran was involved against his or her will -- he or she may have been:

- pressured into sexual activities (for example, with threats of negative consequences for refusing to be sexually cooperative or with implied better treatment in exchange for sex);
- unable to consent to sexual activities (for example, when intoxicated); or
- physically forced into sexual activities.



Other experiences that fall into the category of MST include:

- unwanted sexual touching or grabbing;
- threatening, offensive remarks about a person's body or sexual activities; and
- threatening and unwelcome sexual advances.

The identity or characteristics of the perpetrator, whether the Veteran was on or off duty at the time, and whether he or she was on or off base at the time do not matter. If these experiences occurred while an individual was on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty for training, they are considered by VA to be MST.



How common is MST?

VA's national screening program, in which every Veteran seen for health care is asked whether he or she experienced MST, provides data on how common MST is among Veterans seen in VA.

National data from this program reveal that about 1 in 3 women and 1 in 50 men respond "yes," that they experienced MST, when screened by their VA provider. Although rates of MST are higher among women, because there are so many more men than women in the military, there are actually significant numbers of women and men seen in VA who have experienced MST.

How can MST affect Veterans?

Although trauma can be a life-changing event, people are often remarkably resilient after experiencing trauma. Many individuals recover without professional help; others may generally function well in their life but continue to experience some level of difficulties or have strong reactions in certain situations. For some Veterans, the experience of MST may continue to affect their mental and physical health in significant ways, even many years later.



What MST-related services does VA offer?

VA is strongly committed to ensuring that Veterans have access to the help they need in order to recover from MST.

- Every VA health care system has a designated MST Coordinator who serves as a contact person for MST-related issues. This person can help Veterans find and access VA services and programs.
- Recognizing that many survivors of sexual trauma do not disclose their experiences unless asked directly, VA health care providers ask every Veteran whether he or she experienced MST. This is an important way of making sure Veterans know about the services available to them.
- All treatment for physical and mental health conditions related to experiences of MST is provided free of charge.
- To receive free treatment for mental and physical health conditions related to MST, Veterans do not need to be service connected (or have a VA disability rating). Veterans may be able to receive this care even if they are not eligible for other VA care. Veterans do not need to have reported the incident(s) when they happened or have other documentation that they occurred.
- MST-related services are available at every VA medical center and MST-related counseling is also available through community-based Vet Centers. Services are designed to meet Veterans where they are at in their recovery, whether that is focusing on strategies for coping with challenging emotions and memories or, for Veterans who are ready, actually talking about their MST experiences in depth.
- Nationwide, there are programs that offer specialized sexual trauma treatment in residential or inpatient settings. These are programs for Veterans who need more intense treatment and support.
- To accommodate Veterans who do not feel comfortable in mixed-gender treatment settings, some facilities have separate programs for men and women. All residential and inpatient MST programs have separate sleeping areas for men and women.



How can Veterans get help?

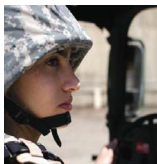
For more information, Veterans can speak with their existing VA health care provider, contact the MST Coordinator at their nearest VA medical center, or contact their local Vet Center. A list of VA and Vet Center facilities can be found at www.va.gov and www.vetcenter.va.gov. Veterans should feel free to ask to meet with a clinician of a particular gender if it would make them feel more comfortable.

Veterans can also learn more about VA's MST-related services online at www.mentalhealth.va.gov/msthome.asp and see video clips with the recovery stories of Veterans who have experienced MST at <http://maketheconnection.net/conditions/military-sexual-trauma>.

Note: Although this document refers to "Veterans", former Service members with an Other Than Honorable discharge and current Service members can also receive certain MST-related services. For more information, please contact your local VA medical center and ask to speak to the MST Coordinator.

November, 2020

MST is an experience, not a diagnosis or a mental health condition, and as with other forms of trauma, there are a variety of reactions that Veterans can have in response to MST. The type, severity, and duration of a Veteran's difficulties will all vary based on factors like whether he/she has a prior history of trauma, the types of responses he/she received from others at the time of the MST, and whether the MST happened once or was repeated over time. Although the reactions men and women have to MST are similar in some ways, they may also struggle with different issues.



Race/ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and other cultural variables can also affect the impact of MST.

Some of the reactions both female and male survivors of MST may have include:

Strong emotions: feeling depressed; having intense, sudden emotional reactions to things; feeling angry or irritable all the time

Feelings of numbness: feeling emotionally 'flat'; difficulty experiencing emotions like love or happiness

Trouble sleeping: trouble falling or staying asleep; disturbing nightmares

Difficulties with attention, concentration, and memory: trouble staying focused; frequently finding their mind wandering; having a hard time remembering things

Problems with alcohol or other drugs: drinking to excess or using drugs daily; getting intoxicated or "high" to cope with memories or emotional reactions; drinking to fall asleep

Difficulty with things that remind them of their experiences of sexual trauma: feeling on edge or 'jumpy' all the time; difficulty feeling safe; going out of their way to avoid reminders of their experiences

Difficulties in relationships: feeling isolated or disconnected from others; abusive relationships; trouble with employers or authority figures; difficulty trusting others

Physical health problems: sexual difficulties; chronic pain; weight or eating problems; gastrointestinal problems

Although posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is commonly associated with MST, it is not the only diagnosis that can result from MST. For example, VA medical record data indicate that in addition to PTSD, the diagnoses most frequently associated with MST among users of VA health care are depression and other mood disorders, and substance use disorders.

Fortunately, people can recover from experiences of MST, and VA has services to help Veterans with this.

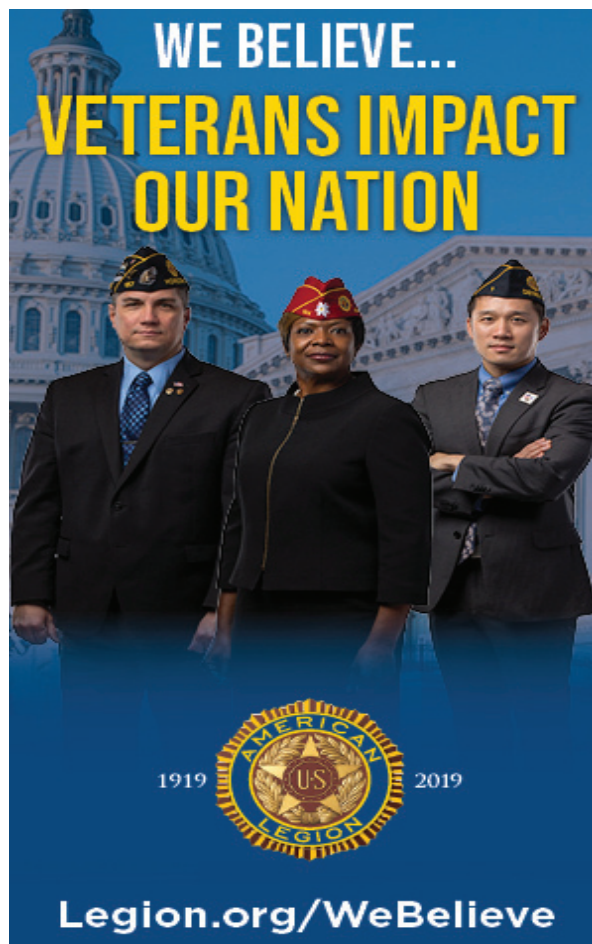
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VA Cares About
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BOB SORIA

On Memorial Day, Post 70 Cave Junction held two Memorials. The first was at city hall. It was followed by a second one at Laurel Cemetery, where many Veterans are at rest. Laurel Cemetery held a separate memorial for a Civil war soldier. Post member Charlie Foutch and I dressed up in my old civil war uniforms and presented a program for the crowd who showed up. We made the front page of the local newspaper. For God and Country Commander Bob Soria.

Memorial Day

There are a number of stories regarding the origins of Memorial Day. Some claim the custom of honoring war dead began in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania on May 30, 1864, when a teenage girl placed flowers on the grave of her father. At the cemetery she exchanged memories with another mourner who had brought wild flowers to the grave of her son. A year later they were joined by many townsfolk who had taken flowers to the cemetery and decorated every grave. The custom spread and women and men of both the North and South decorated graves of both Northern and Southern battle dead in several states.

Others claim some Southern women who placed flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers after the Civil War originated the custom. Another claim is that the first Memorial Day service took place on May 30, 1866 on Bell Isle in the St. James River at Richmond, Virginia.

In 1966, the United States Government proclaimed Waterloo, New York as the birthplace of Memorial Day, where, on May 5, 1865, the residents had honored soldiers who died in the Civil War.

However, it was on May 5, 1868 that the third Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), General John A. Logan, published his General Order No. 11, which specifically set aside the 30th of May as the day to honor the sacrifices of the soldiers and sailors who saved the Union. Today that day is officially called Memorial Day.



John A. Logan

The G.A.R., the original veterans' organization in the United States, was established in 1866 and composed of Union Civil War veterans. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was established by the G.A.R. in 1881 and received a Congressional Charter in 1954. Before the death of the last Union veteran in 1956, the G.A.R. officially recognized the SUVCW as its legal representative and heir. The SUVCW is a patriotic and educational organization whose purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the G.A.R., and of the men who saved the Union during the American Civil War.

The SUVCW and its Auxiliary are dedicated to Civil War history, carrying on the traditions of the G.A.R., and preserving the heritage of the Union Civil War veterans. Members assist in the preservation of research documents and records pertaining to the G.A.R.; cooperates in doing honor to all who have periodically served their country in any war; and teaches patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag.

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Memorial Day



HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 5, 1868.

General Order, No. 11.

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the revivification of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, -the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of:

John A. Logan

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander-in-Chief.



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Memorial Day Nyssa Post 79

PNC, CHARLIE SCHMIDT American Legion Nyssa Post #79 honored the sacrifices of fallen heroes and the service of veterans during Memorial Day services.



Guest speaker was Captain Mike Carpenter (USMC-Ret)



Oil Patch Warriors, **MEMORIAL DAY** commemorates

Another interesting WWII piece of history...and yet never made public? You would think England would be more appreciative to our men! Warriors wear many types of uniforms...



THE OIL PATCH WARRIORS OF WORLD WAR II

Seventy-five years ago, this month, a Band of Roughnecks went abroad on a top-secret mission into Robin Hood's stomping grounds to punch oil wells to help fuel England's war machines.

It's a story that should make any oilman or woman proud.

The year was 1943 and England was mired in World War II. U-boats attacked supply vessels, choking off badly needed supplies to the island nation. But oil was the commodity they needed the most as they warred with Germany.

A book "The Secret of Sherwood Forest: Oil Production in England During World War II" written by Guy Woodward and Grace Steele Woodward was published in 1973, and tells the obscure story of the American oil men who went to England to bore wells in a top-secret mission in March 1943.

England had but one oil field, in Sherwood Forest of all places. Its meager output of 300 barrels a day was literally a drop in the bucket of their requirement of 150,000 barrels a day to fuel their war machines.

Then a top-secret plan was devised: to send some Americans and their expertise to assist in developing the field. Oklahoma based Noble Drilling Company, along with Fain-Porter signed a one-year contract to drill 100 wells for England, merely for costs and expenses.

42 drillers and roughnecks from Texas and Oklahoma, most in their teens and early twenties volunteered for the mission to go abroad. The hands embarked for England in March 1943 aboard the HMS Queen Elizabeth.

Four National 50 drilling rigs were loaded onto ships but only three of them made landfall; the Nazi U-boats sank one of the rigs in route to the UK.

The Brits' jaws dropped as the Yanks began punching the wells in a week, compared to five to eight weeks for

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Oil Patch Warriors, MEMORIAL DAY commemorates

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their British counterparts. They worked 12-hour tours, 7 days a week and within a year, the Americans had drilled 106 wells and England oil production shot up from 300 barrels a day to over 300,000

The contract fulfilled; the American oil men departed England in late March 1944. But only 41 hands were on board the return voyage. Herman Douthit, a Texan derrick-hand was killed during the operation. He was laid to rest with full military honors, and remains the only civilian to be buried at The American Military Cemetery in Cambridge.

“The Oil Patch Warrior,” a seven-foot bronze statue of a roughneck holding a four-foot pipe wrench stands near Nottingham England to honor the American oil men’s assistance and sacrifice in the war. A replica was placed in Ardmore, Oklahoma in 2001.

It is by no means a stretch to state that without the American mission, we might all be speaking German today.

Special thanks to the American Oil and Gas Historical Society.

**“There are no noble wars,
just noble warriors!”**

27 June 2021



Dear Michael Wilson of Milwaukie Post 180,

I'd like to solemnly thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Oregon Boys State program this year and being granted the \$100 scholarship to do so. The program itself was quite limited but it is understandable due to the circumstances surrounding Covid-19. The program was solely based on the task of writing a formal college report on a problem within the county, the city, or the state, and how the problem could be fixed. I chose to write about homelessness in the city of Portland. Although I do not know whether or not my report passed the requirements at the time of writing this, I know regardless that the experience I gained from writing it was well worth the time and effort. I not only became more experienced in writing formal reports, but in the process I also learned a great deal about the homelessness problem in Portland in ways I most likely wouldn't have without. In regards to things I think could've been better, I would've enjoyed there being more communication between delegates and virtual activities that would have served in developing and identifying leadership qualities. Overall though, the program was far more beneficial than not, and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to further expand my chances in attaining the future I currently only dream of having.

Sincerely,
David Roshu



Catholic Charities' Food Services Team is recruiting for many new volunteer opportunities to support Germaine's Kitchen and Cafe

Can you help us spread the word about the great opportunities below in your networks and share with any individuals/groups you think may be interested? A culinary background is helpful but not required!

Catholic Charities of Oregon will open Germaine's Kitchen and Café to the public in 2021 at our Clark Family Center Headquarters in SE Portland and we need volunteers!

Germaine's Kitchen and Café prepares and distributes hot meals for our unhoused neighbors and provides a culinary training program for those in our community with their own unique barriers to employment, including experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities. Check out "the kitchen" virtual tour [here!](#)

To advance our work to assist those in need, we have the following volunteer needs:

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- [Germaine's Kitchen and Café Cook https://cerv.is/m?0305x569](https://cerv.is/m?0305x569)
- [Culinary Warehouse Pantry and Development Team https://cerv.is/m?0305x551](https://cerv.is/m?0305x551)
- [Food Delivery Support https://cerv.is/m?0305x505](https://cerv.is/m?0305x505)
- [Food Support Network- Kitchen Helper Extraordinaire https://cerv.is/m?0305x573](https://cerv.is/m?0305x573)

We hope you will consider joining us!

Please let us know if you have questions.

Lori Bauman

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PROPOSED VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL

'A space where they can reconcile'



An artist's rendering shows the proposed Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the Oregon Capitol in Salem. The target completion date is Veterans Day, 2023. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

Chris Lehman The Oregonian/OregonLive

A Vietnam War memorial at the Oregon Capitol would feature granite columns with the names of Oregonians who died in the conflict.

Members of the House Veterans and Emergency Management Committee toured the site last week on the southwest corner of the Capitol grounds.

It would sit near a memorial for World War II veterans, which was dedicated in 2014, long after many of those veterans had already died. Backers of the Vietnam memorial said they hope this one will be complete in time for more veterans of that era to experience it. The target completion date is Veterans Day, 2023.

"I'm hoping this time we can get it up so that there can be that moment for Vietnam veterans and those who had different perspectives on the war to find a space where they can reconcile," said Rep. Paul Evans, D-Monmouth,

who chairs the House Veterans Committee. "That's the real hope of this particular project for me."

The memorial will incorporate many of the existing trees in that section of the Capitol grounds, and organizers say they'll add some vegetation native to Southeast Asia. The project may also include input from Oregonians who are of Vietnamese heritage.

"I'd like to hear their stories," said Stephen Bates, the president of the Vietnam War Memorial Fund, the Boring-based non-profit spearheading the project.

The organization is hoping to cover the bulk of the project's estimated \$3 million cost with private donations. A bill before lawmakers this session would formally set aside a portion of the Capitol grounds for the memorial. It's cleared the Senate and is awaiting action in the House Rules Committee.



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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.

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Hello Legionnaires,

The 2021 Department Legion College will be held on August 6th, 2021 at Canby Post #122. This

Legion College is specifically for incoming District Commanders. They may be joined by other District staff members. You will be receiving a letter shortly with details for the event and a registration form. Please return as soon as possible.

Topics to include:

Leadership: What's in it for me?

The Role of the District Commander
Role of the Adjutant in the District Structure

Responsibilities of the District Commander

Your Role in Membership

How to Run a Meeting with a Side of Parliamentary Procedure

For the Good of the Legion: Suicide Prevention

Mylegion.org

Please try to attend. This is the kick off for the training year. Post level training will be presented at a later time and location. I plan to take that training to 4 locations around the State. If there are topics of interest please let me know.

Training and Development Chairman
593-781-3215



Happy 245th Birthday America

Independence Day



LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPT. 1ST VICE COMMANDER
Guard.

Frank Walsh WWII Veteran and member of Wilsonville Post 65 participated in a Wilsonville Independence Day Parade with Post Color Guard.



The Oregon American Legion Foundation

The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) was created to provide funds for The American Legion Department of Oregon programs. Its unique structure allows organizations wishing to contribute to our programs through a 401(C3) tax code structure. The TOALF, each year, gives monies to support many of The American Legion programs throughout our state. How those monies are received is through individual donations, contributions from businesses/charitable organizations, and even through Amazon by using the SMILE feature. We can even ask our employers to contribute through matching contribu-

tions.

So, whatever method you choose, whether its saving the money from your loose change each day, having a designated event at your local post with the proceeds to be donated to the Foundation, etc., all are worthwhile efforts if we can bolster the funds that we can contribute to supporting the great American Legion programs throughout our state. Just imagine what could be accomplished if each of us contributed as little as \$10 this year. With over 13,000 members, that would be \$130,000 the Foundation could contribute towards the support

to local programs. You can even arrange that contributions donated can pass through to your local community American Legion programs.



RICHARD RAMEY
TOALF MEMBER



(Left to Right) NVC, Rob Liebenow, PNC Charlie Schmidt, National Commander, Bill Oxford and Nationale Aide to Commander, Larry Cline

Showing Department of Oregon's artwork to our visitors done by Department Adjutants daughter, Erin Phillips



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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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.

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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 # _____