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Trivia and so much more...



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Veteran from Lake Kiowa, Texas, Elected National Commander of The American Legion

PHOENIX (Sept. 2, 2021) – Paul E. Dillard was elected national commander of the nearly two-million member American Legion today in Phoenix, during the organization’s 102nd national convention. He first joined the nation’s largest veterans organization in 1969.

A native Texan, Dillard graduated from Whitesboro High School in 1965 before joining the U.S. Navy and serving in Vietnam through four campaigns including the Tet offensive. He later received an honorable discharge as a radarman second class petty officer from the Navy Reserve before attending Grayson County Junior College and East Texas State University.

Dillard worked several years in the manufacturing business as an Engineer, Plant Manager and Director of Manufacturing in Tennessee. Upon returning to Texas, he accepted a sales representative position with Sherman Foundry and became its airplane pilot. A career change was made when he and his wife, Donna, began their family and he entered into the insurance business specializing in Employee Benefits and later forming Dillard & Gann Insurance.

As a paid-up-for-life member of Post 265, Lake Kiowa, Texas, Dillard served as post commander, vice commander, adjutant and judge advocate. He coached American Legion Baseball for more than 10 years and served as his post’s Boys State chairman.

He served the 4th District as commander and vice commander and served the department as sergeant-at-arms, Membership & Organization chairman, National Security chairman, Uniformed Organization chairman, Board of Trustees chairman, and he served on the Finance Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee. He was elected as Department of Texas (state) commander in 2007. His theme as national commander is “No Veteran Left Behind.”

On the national level, Paul has served as Alternate National Executive Committeeman, consultant to the Insurance Committee, Distinguished Guest Committee, Children and Youth Committee, Media and Communications Council. He has served as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, chairman of the Veterans Employment & Education Commission and chairman of the Legislative Commission. He was elected as national vice commander in 2013.

He married Donna in 1983. They have two sons, William and his wife Allison, and Jonathon and his wife Karri and two grandsons Jarrett and Lukas. All are members of the American Legion Family. Donna has been an active and dedicated member of the American Legion Auxiliary for several years and has served in numerous positions of leadership at all levels of the organization, including department president in 2017 – 2018.

Become a Member or Renew



DON WEBER
DEPT COMMANDER

The Foreign Relations sub-committee of National Security meet at The American Legion National Convention to review one resolution.

Resolution No. 37 recommends full normalization of

Diplomatic Relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates. The sub-committee recommended passing the resolution to the main body of the Convention.

Department Officers

Commander	Don Weber
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Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Mike Morris
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Ward Allen

Need to Know Dates

November

Veterans Day
American Education Week

December

Pearl Harbor
OVH Gift Shop Cancelled
Portland Gift Shop Cancelled

January

Initiation Ceremonies
Prepare for Oratorical

Interesting things to make you say



Hmmm.....

Some fungi
create zom-

bies, then control their minds,

The tropical fungus ***Ophiocordyceps*** infects ants' central nervous systems. By the time the fungi been in the insect bodies for nine days, ***they have complete control*** over the host's movements. They force the ants to climb trees, then convulse and fall into the cool, moist soil below, where fungi thrive. Once there, the fungus waits until exactly solar noon to force the ant to bite a leaf and kill it.



LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPT 1ST-VICE COMMANDER

This past month has been hectic. I have attended Oregon Family Leadership Team meetings

with its plans for the PIR race and the upcoming National Commander visit, which was canceled.

I attended the 102nd National Convention in Phoenix, participated in delegate meetings, was designated Delegate Chair, the VE&E Council meetings, and the Convention Membership Sub Committee.

Following my committee assignments, I attended the General Con-

vention deliberations. Our Department received recognition for our efforts in reaching 100% CPR in 2020. We also contributed \$5000 to Child Welfare Fund.

The Oregon Caucus was held on 8/30, where we heard reports from the Convention Sub Committees, and we heard from candidates for National Offices.

At the Western Caucus, James T. Higuera was endorsed as National Vice Commander for the Western Region.

I also attended the National Commanders Banquet. The Department of Oregon set up a booth at the PIR event making the public aware of veteran suicide.

On the membership subject, the Department and its Membership team is congratulated for reaching the 50% national goal ahead of schedule at 51.89%.



CORY BROCKMANN
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER

I extend my gratitude to each delegate attending the 102nd National Convention in Phoenix and for making time to represent our Department of Oregon. By serving on the convention committees and sub-committees, you make a difference in advancing our national organization's future. It did make for a few long days; however, your efforts are appreciated.

Like many aspects of life, you get out of it what you put into it. I enjoyed most all the general session speakers. I felt honored to be in the same convention hall as Medal of Honor recipient Army Lt. Col. (retired) Bruce P. Crandall, who received a valor medal in combat during the Battle of Ia Drang in Vietnam. *[A native of Olympia, WA*

The leaves are turning colors, and autumn is here – happy October!

Crandall later made news by leaving his Medal of Honor at The Wall. "It was in remembrance of men who died in Ia Drang in November 1965," cites Janet Donlin, museum technician for the National Mall and Memorial Parks.]

'Convention season is now behind us, and it provides ample opportunity to make traction on membership and programs in your Post.

"No veteran left behind" shouldn't be just a vision, rather a call to action --our call to action. I encourage you to work within your post and district and implement your plan to conduct buddy checks and engage members for membership renewal. A good plan is your roadmap to success!

Daniel Burks, Membership and Post Activities Committee chairman and the committee have made numerous contacts to posts and districts. Please engage the committee now for assistance in conducting membership training and support. A good plan will lead you to success with your membership efforts, so don't wait any longer to get started.

School is back in session, and I also encourage you to reach out to Maria Tye, Oratorical Committee chair, and the members of that committee, with any questions you have or support you may need. The oratorical program offers great opportunities to develop knowledge about our U.S. Constitution and gain and demonstrate leadership.

Veterans do strengthen America! Thank you for your continued service to our country!



In which country were the first Winter Olympic Games held in 1924?

- A. USA
- B. Greece
- C. France
- D. Switzerland

Our newly adopted Department of Oregon 2021-2022 Budget went into effect on October 1, 2021. Our Budget and Tax year is October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022. Our current 2020-2021 Department Budget ended on September 30, 2021. I am now going over our financials and preparing for our 2020 Tax Reporting Year. I will report our financial outcomes in our next Legionnaire.

We took a lower membership quota for income for our 2021-2022 Budget year. We can not continue reducing our membership quota without re-

ducing expenses in our other operations and programs. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. We have other income, but membership supports our programs, supports our ability to support legislature on Veterans issues, supporting Veterans and their families and caregivers. This has been a difficult time with COVID and variants. We are approaching two years, some relief, very little, and returning to social distancing, face masks, and restrictions on large gatherings.

Remember, the Oregon American

Legion Foundation is a 501(c)(3), and contributions are tax-deductible. Funds are used for our programs. There is a lot of information



PDC, BOB HUFF and grant DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER requests on our Web Site. Let's have a great year, face to face when safe, and we have plenty of opportunities for a great year.



**PDC, KEVIN OWENS
NECMAN**

As I write my first article as the new National Executive Committee-man, I would like to say how humbled I am to serve in this privileged position.

The legacy of such great men who have served our Department can be overwhelming and so exciting at the same time. Returning from the National Convention once again reminded me why we

belong and our organization's creditability on the world stage.

We heard from the different committee reports and were able to see the excellent work Departments are doing with the awards. Oregon was able to be on stage twice with a Consolidated Reporting Award for 2019-2020, and the second was the donation of \$5000 for the new Veterans & Children's Fund. This year, I hope that we can receive more awards in Membership, Children & Youth, and National Security.

My role is to bring back the information on items passed at the Nation-

al Executive Committee Meetings and what is on the horizon for the American Legion. Please feel free to e-mail or call anytime to talk about items about our organization you may need answers about. We have had two years of the COVID-19 virus, and we all have accomplished good things through it, but now is the time to look forward to making our Department proud, the good things Oregon does, and the things we may need to work on to better ourselves. It will take all of us to make this happen, and I hope we can count on you. Let us work on our "WHY" we belong to the American Legion?



**LOU NEUBECKER
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER**

Afternoon,

Last month, I attended the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ, and I was appointed to the National Committee

on cemeteries. Did you know that the USA has 155 National Cemeteries? With Arlington being the largest. Out of 155 National Cemeteries, 88 are open, 19 are for cremation

only, and 48 are closed/full. It was a learning experience for me. Also, do you know that you can start the final arrangement by going to www.va.gov/remember.

Our December meeting has been moved to Aloha Post 104 instead of Tigard. Lunch 1130 to 1230, meeting at 1 PM

Our membership is moving in the correct direction. Adjutants and Post Commanders work the 114 lists that you can get at www.mylegion.org. My Post has sent out 51 letters to our 114 members in Seaside.

Please get all your required Post reports into Department, and you can find them on the Department website at www.orlegion.org.

Once we start getting the correct membership reports in, I will be sending them out. At present we do not have a good report.



Editors Notes

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Calendar of Events

October *Membership Campaign*
Halloween Safety
4-7 Fall Meetings (National)
9-10 Fall DEC
13 Navy Birthday
31 Halloween

November *Lead Community in*
Veterans Day awareness
American Education Week
11 Veterans Day
25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday

December *Christmas Cheer*
07 Pearl Harbor Day
11 District 1 Meeting
25th Christmas

January *Initiation Ceremonies*
01 Happy New Year



PNVC, PDC **ROB LIEBENOW**
A&A COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

It is the purpose of this Commission to oversee the Dept. office. We are responsible for matters pertaining to the retirement program, health, liability, theft, and fire insurance. We oversee all other insurance programs.

The Commission has oversight of the maintenance and general upkeep of the Department Headquarters building. The Department Adjutant oversees the day-to-day operations of the Dept. Office and has the authority to spend up to \$5,000 annually for emergency repairs from the Building Fund with approval of the A&A Commission.

The A&A Commission and the Permanent Finance Commission will re-view and make recommendations to the Department Executive Committee on all revenue enhancement programs.

The A&A Commission members are as follows:

Robert D. Liebenow Chairman

Members:

Charlie Schmidt
Kevin Owens
Bob Huff
Jon Marsh

Deadline

for the **November** issue
of the
Oregon Legionnaire
is **October 5th, 2021**



The finish of the Oregon AAA tournament in Roseburg, Oregon, saw the Eugene Overhead Door Challengers win the last game of the tournament over the Medford Mustangs. The Challengers moved on to the NW Regionals in Gillette, Wyoming. The Challenger lost their first game, and they won the next two games to climb back in the tournament. The Challengers then played the defending 2019 American Legion Champion, the Idaho Falls Bandits, and lost 12-9, sending the Challengers home.

Meanwhile, at Bob Brack Stadium in Aurora, Oregon the Oregon Single A Tournament started with seven teams on Aug. 4th: Roseburg Pepsi had a covid player issue and could not come and participate in the State tournament. Adjustments to the tournament bracket were made, and the teams began play on Aug. 4th. With two days left and four teams, the tournament had to be canceled. The Undeclared team from LaGrande, Or-

egon, had a player test positive for Covid. They had already played the other teams but had close games with those teams. The Host North Marion Berries, The Eugene ole, and the Mountain Side Lobos were still in the tournament.



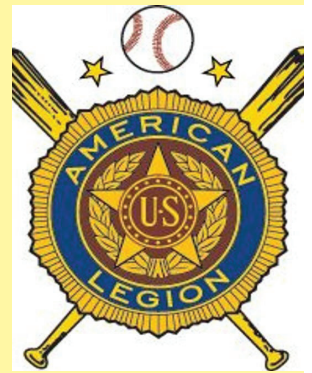
MIKE SOWLES
BASEBALL CHAIRMAN

There was a lot of baseball played this season as some teams played as many as 50 games. The Oregon American Legion did have a successful year in 2021. Thank you, fans and teams, for your involvement in making it happen. A special thanks to the hosts Rosburg and North Marion for all of their great planning and work to put on a good season with some excellent Baseball.

Oregon American Legion Baseball Scholarship Department Winner of 2021

Our Department of Oregon Baseball Scholarship awarded for 2021 was awarded to Rylan Webster of the Post 136 Salem Withnell Dodgers. Rylan is a graduate of Western Christian School. He is attending Corban University in Salem and seeking a degree in Biomedical Science and plans to play Baseball at Corban University.

Rylan, received support letters from: school teachers, coaches, friends, and Legionnaires.



About Battle Buddies

Who We Are

Battle Buddies of Central Oregon is a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization, formed in August of 2013. We are an all volunteer staff of patriotic citizens dedicated to preventing veteran suicide.

Our mission is to prevent veteran suicide through canine companionship and training.

Our vision is to see the see the lives of veterans restored.

Our goal is to improve the relationship between veterans and their canine buddies.

What We Do

We offer support dogs and training

Call (541) 390-7587

at no cost to honorably discharged veterans of all branches battling PTSD or depression. We use training as therapy and partner with a network of trainers to offer various types of training.

Programs

Dog food assistance for homeless veterans

Pets for Vets rehomed pets to veterans, canine or feline, placement only

ESA canine placement with basic training for veterans in need of a buddy

PTSD canine placement for veterans battling PTSD, basic and advanced training





ADDENDUM TO SCOUTING ARTICLE IN SEPTEMBER 21 LEGIONNAIRE

scholarship.”

END OF ADDENDUM

Fall DEC will be in October where a Code of Procedures change has been submitted. This change proposes to modify the Eagle Scout of the Year requirements and increase the scholarship bringing it in line with other Department scholarships.

Later this month, this Chair will participate in a virtual American Legion Scouting Conference.

Council Events for October

Cascade Pacific Council

- 10/1 Super Weekend at Camp Meriwether
- 10/8 OA Rendezvous Part 2
- 10/9 OA Monthly Service Project

Oregon Trail Council

- 10/1 BALOO Training

- 10/15-17 JOTA-JOTI Scout Amateur Radio Jamboree on the Air
- 10/15-17 OA Annual Fellowship Camp Baker
- 10/29-31 Haunted Trails Cub Camp

Blue Mountain Council


- 10/1-3 BALOO Training and Outdoor Skills
- 10/9 Programming Merit Badge Clinic
- 10/16 OA Lodge Fellowship
- 10/20 Council Board Meeting

Mountain West Council

- 10/2 Leader Specific Training
- 10/8-9 Leave No Trace Training\
- 10/15-17n JOTA-JOTI Jamboree on the Air



LARRY WITTMAYER SCOUTING CHAIR omitted “This Chair had the opportunity to attend an Eagle Court of Honor for Scout Ansen Lackner, a member of Troop 528 sponsored by Wilsonville Post 65. He was presented his Eagle Award with three palms and is the recipient of 37 merit badges. He has attended numerous Scouting events, including the World Jamboree, Philmont Scouting Ranch, and many more. Scouts of this caliber are prime candidates for our Eagle Scout of the Year with its lucrative educational



Happy Birthday to the Navy

October 13th

CORY BROCKMANN Did you
DEPT2ND-VICE COMMANDER know?

The U.S. Navy celebrates its birthday on Oct. 13;

Humphrey Bogart, Bob Barker, and MC Hammer all served in the Navy.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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[True Compass Designs](https://www.godaddy.com/garage/true-compass-designs-navigating-web-design-by-honoring-his-true-north/) is a digital development company that has been in business for more than 17 years. Certified in 11 different Adobe programs, Mick Bird of Camas, Wash., builds websites for clients while working from the comfort of his home. **Mick is The American Legion Department's Web Designer.**

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PDC, BOB HUFF
VA&R CHAIRPERSON

We have some limited face-face meetings, more virtual and go-to meetings, and some relaxed meetings to partial opening of offices to support our Veterans population; all good. Telephone contact and virtual meetings have proven to allow more access and quicker response to some of our veterans' claims and appeals and have filled a void with our rural Veterans population. Our Department VA&R Commission has oversight of our Department Veterans Service Office which does a great job supporting our Veterans during a very difficult time. The Commission also has oversight of our Department VAVS Program, which has representatives at our VA Facilities in Oregon and many hours of volunteer service, contributions and has filled in a void at our VA's during COVID 19 in all areas, some more depending on the area. The Commission and our VAVS Arm participate in the System WorthSayings Activity at our Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Facilities with our National

VA & R

VA&R Commission. The VAVS arm also supports the National Cemetery Administration (NCS) with activity at our National Cemeteries. The Commission also represents our department along with the Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness (VE&E) Commission at Veterans Stand-Downs, Benefit and Employment and Education Events, Woman Veterans Events, Mobilization, and Yellow Ribbon Events in The Department of Oregon, which all events have been canceled with social distancing and gatherings during COVID. We have participated in virtual meetings to support some of this effort. With COVID variants, smoke, fires, outdoor events which we participate in are not in the near plan. This has been an unusual time. Life has changed. We must change the way we support Veterans and their families. Hopefully, we will be able to return to what we did before COVID and the fires and smoke and droughts. Making plans a year out has changed to sometimes, day by day as the rules change. The joint Commission is the First Pillar of The American Legion, Veterans. As more opportunity for gatherings is allowed in our Counties,

if you hear of events that VA&R and VE&E Commission can support, please email huffe4@aol.com or (541) 601-9283 with your contact information, and I will contact you. If your District is holding their meeting and would like more information or support with our Pillar I Veterans activities, please contact me, and we will be happy to support you.

Thank you



Are you moving?

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Effective Date: _____
PhoneNumber: _____
Email Address: _____

Please Email to: Office@orlegion.org
Or Mail to: The Department of Oregon
Attn: Adjutant
P.O. Box 1730
Wilsonville, OR 97070-1730

AUXILIARY NEWS



DEBRA GODWIN
DEPT PRESIDENT

Off To The Races!!!

What a great weekend at the Portland International Raceway!

Our American Legion Family came together from all areas of the State to man our booth.

We handed out information on all families, and recruited new members. Most of all we were out in the community teaching people who we are and what we do.

My motto is:

A Year of Learning, With Positive Communication!!!

Department of Oregon ALA President
2021-2022



We all piled into the department van on Friday, and headed to Aloha #104 to have dinner with Jimmy Johnson's Pit Crew Lead.

When I walked into the Post, I noticed the Auxiliary hard at work in the kitchen preparing dinner. What a great dinner we had with the feeling of home and family.

Thank you #104 for all your hard work and dedication to make the dinner a great success.

What an honor to represent such an amazing Organization.

Remember we are well underway on our 2022 membership. I would love to see Team Oregon beat Washington once again in membership! So please get your membership sent in.

We have been busy helping Charter new Units, and revitalizing existing units.

I am excited to see what the next leg of my journey brings.

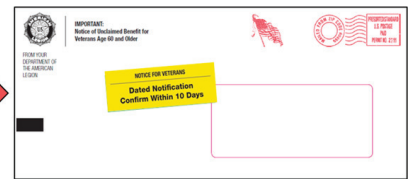


Sunday Volunteers at PIR Booth

Back Row (Lt-Rt) Bow (Tom Harris' grandson) PDC, Tom Harris, Dept Chaplain, Steve Schollenberg, District 10 Commander, Dan Burks, Dept. President Debra Godwin, Dept. Commander, Don Weber, District 1 First Vice, Susan Hughes, Post 57 Commander, Michael, Alt. NECman for SAL, Larry Horne, NECperson, Krisann Owens,
Front Row (Lt-Rt) Kate Owens (Kevin and Krisann Owens Neice), Isaac Burks (Dan Burks son) and Rachel (Don Weber's Daughter)



Here's what it will look like to most people who receive it.



WHAT'S MAILING THIS MONTH?



We mailed Accidental Death (AD) on September 29th.

Quick reminder about AD:

Provides the member's beneficiary with a check if they were to pass away in a covered accident.

Benefits up to \$100,000 are available.

Guaranteed Acceptance – i.e. no medical exams or health history.

Product may not be available in all states and may not mail all your members. If you want a more detailed description of this product, visit

www.TheLIT.com/Accident-Protection.

- The next mailing is ID Resolve in October.

Questions? Contact Howard Bender

800-445-3269

hbender@agia.com

**AND AS ALWAYS,
DON'T FORGET:**



VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS



PDC, BOB HUFF
VEE & H CHAIRPERSON

The Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness Commission is an arm of The American Legion Pillar I: Veterans, that is charged with Veterans Employment, Veterans Education, Help for Homeless Veterans and at-risk Veterans. We are working with our community partners, VA, NCA, ODVA, Oregon National Guard, Worksource Oregon, our DVOP Team, Easter Seals, Bar Associations, ESGR, County Organizations, HHS, VSO's.

Our Commission remains ready and willing; it continues to be slowed down on our normal activity of holding events as we had to support COVID rules in holding gatherings. We honor each County Health rules for the safety of our Legion Family and Veterans community.

The Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness Commission is an arm of The American Legion Pillar I: Veterans,

that is charged with Veterans

We have seen some light in face-to-face meetings again; finding venues for events has been an issue. Our partner organizations to support the events with rules from their parent organizations for safety during this covid variant have limited our ability to hold venues. We have started planning events and meeting venues to hold them and have had to cancel and put future events on hold in our current environment.

Once we have the green light, we will plan them and plan dates; once approved and the number we can have safely in a gathering and the rules, we will then communicate those dates and locations to our Districts and Posts through the Department Email list.

Our VE&E Events are partnered with VA&R and our Membership and Post Activities Team. Remember, the most successful events are those when local Posts and the Legion Family participates.

As always, veterans' and participants' safety remain our focus.



PDC, Michael A. Jones



was transferred to Post Everlasting on Sept. 6, 2021.

Michael A. Jones was born in Ontario, Or at Holy Rosary Hospital to Roy and Wanda

Jones. He grew up in Baker, Oregon graduated from the high school there and went on to serve with distinction in Vietnam. Michael has been married to Sharon Ashbaugh for 50 years. They have two children Dorreen and Michael.

Michael was a member of the American Legion and served as Oregon State Commander in 2015-16. Michael was active in the community participating in the Ontario Police and Library boards. Michael was business owner in Ontario for many years.

He passed on Sept. 6, 2021 at home with his family. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren - Michael and Jacob, and his step grandchildren - Bryce, Zach Marcus, MaLeah and Mataya.

A Friends and Family Potluck lunch was held Sept 18, 2021 at the Ontario Veterans Hall 25 NW 8th St. Ontario, Oregon.

Glenn Eugene Bradley



was transferred to Post Everlasting on September 11th, 2021.

Glenn Eugene Bradley was born on June 10, 1938 in Kansas

City, Kansas. He died on September 11, 2021 at his home in Hermiston, Oregon at the age of 83 years. He was given the name of Harry Farley at birth and later renamed Glenn Eugene Bradley at the time of his adoption at a very young age by Glenn Vernard Bradley and Rachel May Gilman Bradley. Glenn was raised and attended school in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. In 1954, at the age of 16 years Glenn transferred from the reserves to active duty in the Army and was sent to Korea. They soon realized that he was under age and shipped him back home.

Glenn then talked his mother into signing for him to join the United States Navy. He served as a mechanic and tail gunner with time in Japan as well as completing high school and 2 years of college credit before he was honorably discharged and returned home.

Glenn was working irrigation on a large farm in Sunnyside, Washington when he met a cute girl from Mabton, Washington, Darlene. He was united in marriage to Darlene King on October 24, 1959 in Spokane, Washington. Glenn worked as a truck driver and as a dispatcher for Herritt Trucking. Glenn has lived in the Boardman/Hermiston, Oregon area for the past 40 years, driving truck. He was still driving in June of this year for BECO with a mail run from Hermiston, Oregon to Federal Way, Washington.

Glenn was an active member of the American Legion Post 37, serving as commander since 2017 and was also currently the commander of District 6 at the time of his passing. On September 6, 2021 he received the Quilt of Valor honoring his service. Glenn enjoyed rodeos, camping, fishing, hunting, driving truck and was very proud of his family.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years: Darlene Bradley, Hermiston, OR; children: Debra Ann Bradley, Hermiston, OR, Glenn Eugene Bradley Jr. (Valerie), Umatilla, OR, Beverly Jenkins, LaGrande, OR, Clifford Bradley, Boardman, OR, David Bradley (Cheryl), Boardman, OR, Craig Butcher (Robyn), Clearfield, UT; brother: Joe Hudlicky, Maricopa, AZ; numerous grandchildren; great grandchildren; great great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

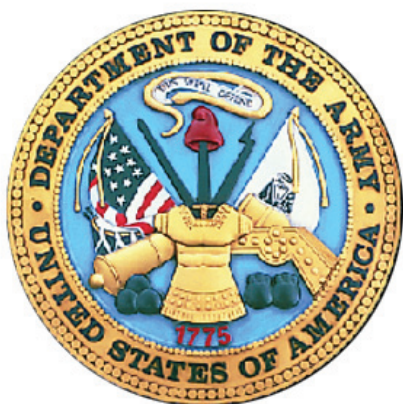
Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, a son: Duane Gene Bradley and a sister: Doris Scherr.

A service will be announced at a later date.

Those who wish may make contributions in Glenn's memory to the American Legion Post # 37 c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

Please share memories of Glenn with his family at

burnsmortuaryhermiston.com



Canine For Independence

Veterans Initiative

Service Dogs for Veterans with PTSD

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Canine Companions places service dogs with military veterans and veterans with disabilities entirely free of charge. Service dogs can assist veterans with a variety of physical, auditory and trauma-related disabilities. Canine Companions' expertly trained service dogs can perform physical tasks to enhance independence including retrieving dropped items, opening doors, picking up prosthetics and alerting a veteran with hearing loss to important sounds in their environment.

With the increase in military veterans returning with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Canine Companions launched a program in 2018 to directly place service dogs with veterans with PTSD.

Dogs are trained in tasks including anxiety and nightmare interruption, turning on lights, retrieving items and supporting their handler in crowded public situations that might provoke anxiety for individuals with PTSD.

While veterans interested in a service dog for physical or auditory disability are offered at all six Canine Companions training centers, currently the PTSD program is offered in our Northwest, Northeast and South Central Regions. Applicants

for the PTSD program must be United States Armed Forces veterans.

Canine Companions has provided hundreds of service dogs to US war veterans across the country.

With the increase in wounded veterans who could benefit from a service dog, we want to do more. For a veteran making a new start putting their life back together from an injury, a service dog can provide the help they need to regain independence.

Canine Companions recognizes the urgent and growing need for programs that provide support to veterans with disabilities. Many of the brave men and women returning home from combat with disabling injuries – visible and invisible – experience a litany of new challenges.

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Oregon American Legion Family activates to support racing program

By Bruce Martin
SEP 15, 2021

One of the key components of any professional sports sponsorship is activation. It's one thing to put the sponsor logo on a uniform or a race car such as in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, but activation and support helps get out the message of the sponsor's goals.

The Department of Oregon of The American Legion did a tremendous job in activation this past weekend at the Grand Prix of Portland. It set up a tented, 10-foot-by-10-foot display next to the main pedestrian bridge that leads race fans into the INDYCAR paddock.

That prime location allowed The American Legion to display its message through a variety of literature and other promotional items free to guests, help drive potential membership in the Legion and give current members of the organization a place to share fellowship with other Legionnaires.

"The Legionnaires that were here this weekend, from the picture I took before the race started, to the grand marshal and the variety of Legion members I met today, made this a great weekend," Johnson said. "They love racing, they love this relationship and it's an honor to represent them on the track."

The booth was staffed by Department of Oregon members from throughout the state.

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ed sponsoring, that is when we decided to jump in and set up this display,” Department of Oregon Commander Don Weber said. “We are here to give information to veterans. One of the key things we want to take on this year is the reduction of veteran suicide, with that being as high as it is. Some of the articles we have here are from the Veterans Center from the VA to help promote that. We also want to host current members and drive membership for this weekend.”

Weber is a member of Post 104 in Aloha, Ore. – located halfway between Beaverton and Hillsborough. According to Weber, there are 114 American Legion posts in the state. The Department of Oregon partnered with The American Legion Auxiliary along with the Sons of The American Legion over the weekend.

Oregon American Legion Auxiliary President Debra Godwin, a member of Unit 21 in McMinnville, said it took about one week of planning get help organize and set up the booth. “It is

extremely important,” she said. “The Auxiliary is here to support our veterans that is what we are doing today. The fellowship is important because The American Legion is a family, and we all work together. That is what The Legion does.

“I think it’s an honor to have Jimmie Johnson as our lead guy.”

John Lee is a district vice commander and commander of Post in Brownsville. He was impressed with the level of support from members of the Legion from throughout Oregon.

“They have come from all corners of the state, from Coos Bay, Ore., to Valley – really all corners of the state are here,” Lee said. “I’m an INDYCAR fan now, even though I was more of a NASCAR guy. I’ve watched INDYCAR for a long time, too. I really like the Indy cars. They are a lot of fun. To have drivers like Tony Kanaan and Jimmie Johnson is remarkable to have that support. Hopefully, it will have more people support the Legion and what we do.”

Andy Millar served as Department of Oregon Commander from 2014 to 2015 and currently serves on the National Executive Committee. He strongly supports The American Legion’s INDYCAR sponsorship with Chip Ganassi Racing and driver Jimmie Johnson.

“It’s an excellent program, and it has paid dividends since we started,” Millar said. “This is tremendous exposure. We’ve also received donations in excess of \$5 million in time and dollars. It has really paid off and it’s only six months old.

“We’re pushing the veteran suicide prevention this month and the 48 Car will push that program.”

The Department of Oregon booth greeted visitors and members of the Legion from Friday, Sept. 10, through Sunday, Sept. 12. That included the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

“This is really important,” Lee said. “We should never forget 9/11. To be able to do it today is remarkable. To have people supporting us, especially Jimmie Johnson, is really important.”

Weber concurred. “We want to remember and never forget what this day means,” he said. “We have some posts out for 9/11 that are doing special ceremonies, including a large remembrance down in Albany. Dave Sullivan, the post commander in Albany, was in New York and worked on a response team after 9/11, 20 years ago.”

The impressive activation by the Department of Oregon gave tremendous exposure to the Legion to the many

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fans that attended last weekend's Grand Prix of Portland.

"I hope this program continues past the first two years because this program allows us to get out in front of people that we never would have gotten in front of before," Weber said. "I think the veteran support of racing overall brings a huge number of people here."

"It's a great target market."

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WWII Veteran, William (Bill) Trumm



William Andrew Trumm was born at home in Shaw, Oregon, on Thursday, February 12, 1920. "Bill" (as he is most commonly

known to family and friends) was the second of three children born to William H and Rosalie J Trumm. The Trumm family settled in Salem, Oregon. Bill attended parochial school in Salem. After graduating, Bill worked at the cannery and also helped his father with farming. It wasn't long before Bill got a letter in the mail from Franklin D Roosevelt, "Greetings William! You have been selected to serve your country - - - -"

Bill served in the United States Navy from 1941 to 1945. Most of his time serving was in the south pacific on Guadalcanal working as an aviation machinist repairing airplanes at Henderson Airfield. This airstrip was crucial to the American victory.

Bill shared some of his experiences about his time on Guadalcanal. During one of the times he was talking about his stay on Guadalcanal, he said that the Japanese would often come and drop bombs (Daisy Cutters) near their camp area, but mostly came to drop their bombs on the runway at Henderson airfield in hopes to slow down the US aircraft. Bill said that when the Japanese were bombing, everyone RAN for the foxholes. Bill said it was miserable, cold, and dark and further added, "there are no atheists in foxholes!"

Bill said that one of the local natives was very interested in his Commando Knife and was working hard to convince Bill to give him his knife and went so far as to offer his sister to Bill! Bill carefully explained that he needed to keep his knife and thanked him for his interest.

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Bill talked about how sometimes, when there was a bit of free time, the guys would enjoy a nice swim in the Lunga River. Bill said that he made a snare one time, and he and another guy went into the jungle to capture a wild boar. Dad said they did get one and that it smelled like heaven and home when it was cooking! But, the wild boar turned out quite the disappointment as it was so tough they could not eat it!

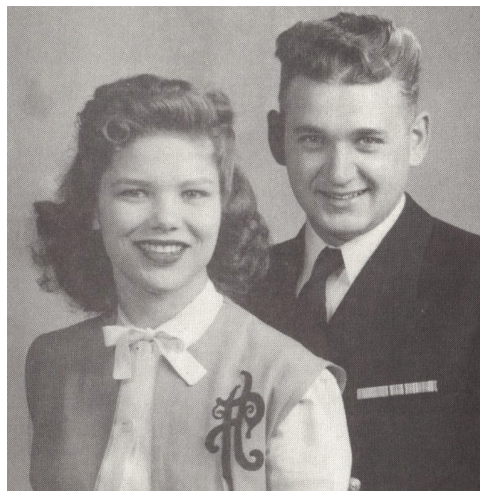


Bill often talked about when he was on Liberty and was going to come home for a visit. He said he sent a letter to his folks letting them know he was coming home for a bit. The letter never arrived. When Bill finally got home to Salem (his priority kept getting bumped), he realized that his parents had moved. He asked some neighborhood kids if they knew where the Trumm family had moved and got word that his family had moved by "some park." Dad went to the park on Union Street in Salem near what is now Marion Street Park. He said that he found his parents' home and when he knocked on the front door and when his mother opened the door, she about fainted!

William and Rosalie Trumm had three stars in the window. Both Bill's brothers, his older brother, Urban

(known as "Jack"), and his younger brother, John, served in the war. Dad commented once that there are no bonds stronger, more abiding, or more sincerely placed than those of people in combat. You're facing the great unknown, in which anything can happen at any moment.

Bill is Roman Catholic, and when he was home, of course, he went to Mass at St. Joseph Catholic church in Salem. Bill had his eye on a particularly beautiful young girl, Marie Nelke. Bill's parents and the Nelke family knew one another. Bill was good friends with Marie's older brother, Joe Nelke. Bill said that one time he was attending an event at the church. He spotted Marie in the kitchen doing dishes and went in to help. Bill said that he asked Marie if she would be his girlfriend, and she replied, "no!" That story led to many smiles and good laughs and memories for years to come! Bill persisted and wrote many letters to Marie. The two spent the next few years corresponding with one another and eventually fell in love together.



Bill and Marie Trumm

When the war ended in the summer of 1945, Bill came home, and he asked

Marie for her hand in marriage. The two were married at St. Joseph Catholic church in Salem, Oregon, on Wednesday, November 28, 1945. Bill and Marie worked very hard and built their first home together on Wallace Road in West Salem. At first, Bill worked farming, and Marie worked as a secretary for the State Fire Marshall. Bill took on various other jobs and later worked as a claim investigator for SAIF corporation until retiring in 1977.

Bill and Marie have three daughters. Bill and Marie adopted Diane, then Karen, and last, Susan. Bill and Marie raised their three girls on a small farm in the outskirts of Oregon City on Forsythe Road.



In 1977 Bill and Marie moved to Canby. Bill has always had a passion for airplanes and flying. Bill got his private pilot's license shortly after he got married. Bill had several aircraft and said that his favorite plane was the Mooney! He loved that airplane. Bill's middle daughter, Karen, has always been Bill's flying buddy, and often, the two of them would fly all over the countryside together! Bill also has built several homebuilt airplanes ("Experimental" aircraft). Bill was a long-time member of the EAA – "Experimental Aircraft Association".

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Bill enjoyed his time with the local group of fly-boys known as the "lunch bunch". Bill spent hours of time helping his very good friend Larry Beck restore a 1944 Beechcraft G-17S Stag-gewing. The Stag-gewing, owned by Larry Beck in one of only six left in the world.



At 101 years old, Bill is one of few (if not the only one) that walk on a prosthetic leg a couple of times a week with the help of home health physical therapist Donna Parry!



Bill and Marie have been members of St. Patrick Catholic church for 45 years! Bill and Marie have enjoyed many happy years living in Canby in their own home on S. Grant Street. Bill and Marie were married for almost 75 years. Marie went to heaven on July 4, 2020. Bill is still living in his own home and enjoying his days. Bill's daughter Karen is dedicated to taking care of her parents in their own home. To date, at 101 ½ years old, Bill is happy, healthy, and home!! Bill is presently the oldest living WWII veteran in the state of Oregon.

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VA annual report shows decrease in Veteran suicides

WASHINGTON — New data included in the Department of Veterans Affairs [2021 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report](#) notably shows a decrease from 2018 to 2019 in the total number of Veteran suicide deaths and a decrease in the rate of Veteran suicides per 100,000.

This drop is noteworthy when compared to the generally rising rates observed in earlier years.

This latest report provides the most comprehensive data to date regarding suicide among U.S. Veterans from 2001-2019.

Key findings include:

- In 2019, there were 6,261 Veteran suicide deaths, 399 fewer than in 2018.
- In 2019, the Veteran suicide rate was 31.6 per 100,000, substantially higher than the rate among non-Veteran U.S. adults (16.8 per 100,000).
- Adjusting for age- and sex-differences, the suicide rate among Veterans in 2019 was 52.3% higher than for non-Veteran U.S. adults. The suicide rate difference between Veterans and the non-Veteran U.S. population was highest in 2017 at 66.3%.
- From 2018 to 2019, there was a 7.2% overall decrease in the age- and sex-adjusted Veteran suicide mortality rate in 2019, while among non-Veteran U.S. adults, the adjusted suicide mortality rate fell by 1.8%.
- The age-adjusted suicide rate for male Veterans decreased 3.8% in 2019 from 2018 while the age-adjusted suicide rate for female Veterans decreased 14.9% in 2019 from 2018.
- Firearms were more often involved in Veteran suicides in 2019 than in 2018 (among Veteran men who died from suicide: 69.6% in 2018, 70.2% in 2019; among Veteran women who died from suicide: 41.1% in 2018, 49.8% in 2019).

“Suicide prevention remains a top priority for VA, with the most significant amount of resources ever appropriated and apportioned to VA suicide prevention,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “Suicide is preventable, and everyone has a role to play in saving lives. VA continues to implement its 10-year strategy — as outlined in the 2018 [National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide](#) — to end Veteran suicide through a [public health](#)

[approach](#) combining both community-based and clinically-based strategies across prevention, intervention and postvention areas of focus.”

To date, VA has not observed increases in VHA documented suicide-related indicators during the COVID-19 pandemic. VA will examine suicide mortality when national death certificate data becomes available.

For additional Veteran suicide mortality data, see the report’s [accompanying state data sheets](#).

VA continues to implement its 10-year vision specifically through the department’s strategic plan focused on efforts such as the Suicide Prevention 2.0 initiative; Suicide Prevention Now initiative; the President’s Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS); 988 and Veterans Crisis Line expansion.

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive free, confidential support and crisis intervention available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, text 838255 or chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](#).

Reporters covering this issue can download [VA’s Safe Messaging Best Practices](#) fact sheet or visit [www.ReportingOnSuicide.org](#) for important guidance on how to communicate about suicide.

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(Lt-Rt) Angel Mendoza, Gerald Price, Robert Thompson, Bob Zeeck, Dept. Commander, Don Weber, Mary Jo Dial



(Lt-Rt) Color Guard Angel Mendoza, Gerald Price, Robert Thompson, Bob Zeeck, on stage with Elaina Rae Stuppler singing National Anthem and Chuck Lessick, INDYCAR Ministries Chaplain

INDY CAR SPECIAL MOMENTS



Tyler Rees, Crew Chief, explains the steering wheel, Dept. President, Debra Godwin, Dept Commander's Daughter, Rachel, Dept Chaplain, Steve Shollenburg



Engineer, Tyler Rees, looks over the shoulder of one of the engineer's as he was explaining all the drivers' gear. Rachel, Dept Commander Don Weber



Charlie and Linda Schmidt with Don Weber and his daughter Rachel as an engineer explaining the complex Steering wheel as our leadership looks on,



Justin with Jimmy Johnson Car# 48 Driver, Dick Winders, Dept Commander, Don Weber and daughter, Rachel



NECman, Kevin Owens scores some tires for raffles



Dept Commander, Don Weber is trying to get in the Carvana #48 Car

James T. Higuera of Downey, Calif., was born in Los Angeles and enlisted in the Army in 1963. Upon completing his training and security clearances, he was assigned to the U.S. Army Security Agency, 12th Special Operations Unit Kuma Station, Japan. He was honorably discharged from the service in January 1966 as a specialist five.

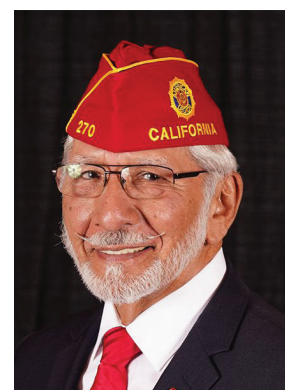
Higuera has been a member of The American Legion since 1966. He is a Paid Up for Life member of Downey Post 270, where he has served as commander. Higuera has served his district as chairman of various committees, elected and appointed offices, and was elected commander in 1994 and followed by his election as commander of the Los Angeles County Council of The American Legion in 1999.

He was elected department vice commander in 1996. He has served as department chairman of many commissions and committees and serves as the Ritual Chairman. In 2015, he was inducted into Pasadena Post 13 Hall of Fame for the Sons of The American Legion.

At the national level, Higuera has served on the Trophies, Awards, and Ceremonial Committee and since 2008 has served on the National Convention Commission. In 2005 he served as president of the former National American Legion Press Association. Higuera also served as a national historian in 2010.

Higuera has two daughters, Valerie and Hilary, and six grandchildren. Jim's number one sweetheart Denise Conrad is a past Department of Ohio

American Legion Auxiliary President, and is currently ALA National Community Service chairman 2021-22.



JAMES T. HIGUERA
NATIONAL VICE CMDR

Higuera's hobbies include woodworking, photography, and collecting American Legion memorabilia.



Oratorical Contest on the Horizon

The 2022 National Finals will be April 22-24 in Indianapolis at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46241, (317) 248-2481. Quarter-final and semifinal contests are scheduled for Saturday, April 23 with the

finals scheduled for Sunday, April 24.

All contestants and chaperones will arrive the Friday of the contest weekend. All contestants and chaperones will stay at the official contest hotel.

A mandatory pre- **MARIA TYE** contest orientation **ORATORICAL CHAIR** session for all contestants will take place the Friday evening of the contest weekend. A banquet honoring all contestants will be Sunday afternoon, following the national championship contest. All contestants and chaperones will depart for home later that afternoon.

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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.

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Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

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

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

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

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