

The Oregon Legionnaire

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The Voice of Oregon's Veterans Since 1919 January 2022



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

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DON WEBER
DEPT COMMANDER

contact with fellow Veterans. The Post activities show how much every one of you is embrac-

It is exciting to see activities picking up as we move through the virus blues. Reconnecting Veterans is much easier as we can

move around and make personal

ing connecting with fellow Veterans through Buddy Checks and checking in on each other.

We are receiving preliminary information on the National's ideas on reducing Veteran Suicide. When our Leading Candidate for National Commander, Jim Troiola, came to visit, he told us about upcoming training for all of us. In the meantime, continue to pay attention to your fellow Veterans, and if they are feeling down, talk with them and don't be afraid to make a referral. Jim's theme next year is "no Veteran left behind," which fits in with

our theme this year.

Continue to keep up the excellent work supporting programs. Working the programs will increase the visibility in the community and make every Veteran want to be a part of this great organization.

I would like to visit with every Post this year, so please send a note to Department if you have events coming up. I really enjoy the diverse ways every Post comes up to support the Programs and stay in touch with our members.

Prepare for Oratorical Contests and Initiation Ceremonies



LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPT 1ST-VICE COMMANDER

with a very great team. What an excellent opportunity.

I have attended Internal Affairs meetings on the District Seven and Eight proposed merger and will be attending leadership team meetings in the future. I am also planning on visiting District 3 and District 9 at their district meetings.

At the end of November, I had the opportunity to attend our National American Legion College to learn from our organization's brightest and work

In the words of our great National Commander Paul Dillard, we need to solicit smiles and do our buddy checks.

We will be fortunate to have National Vice Commander Higuera visit on the 5th through the 8th and attend our winter DEC which will be held in Wilsonville on the 8th of January through 9.

We all know that recruiting is a promise, and retention delivers that promise.

Our current membership status shows excellent progress. Our ranking is number 22 in the nation, with 70.75% of the goal met. This year's membership campaign is making great strides, congratulations everyone, for all the hard work.



CORY BROCKMANN
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER

Whether it was by cards, texts, phone calls, or in-person, each was appreciated more than you know or that I can express in words here, so I simply say, thank you!

It is now time to get rolling again!

The Department Oratorical Committee members have been busily preparing and supporting efforts for oratorical contests. Please continue to help support your post and district oratorical committees and, in turn, our youth. This is an outstanding program that leads high school students to a better understanding of our U.S. Constitution, responsibilities of citizenship, and in development of their

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CORY BROCKMANN leadership abilities.
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER
The youth that I have been fortunate to witness and participate in our oratorical program are exciting examples of our leaders of tomorrow.

Please, help however you can, be it recruiting students or helping conduct contests, you will not be disappointed! If you don't know where to start, begin with contacting your post or district commander and adjutant and let them know you're ready to help.

"No veteran left behind." Membership is always a present and ready task that needs our attention. Has your post developed a strategy to buddy check - **engage** - all of its members? The strategy doesn't have to be complex, nor is it too late to get started. Keep it simple. Develop a list of individuals to contact, be it by week or month, then share lists among members that can make calls, send emails, or make home visits. With just a little organization and coordination, you can be making a positive difference in the life of a veteran and their family. Buddy checks make a difference. You can help be that difference.

The Membership and Post-Activities Commission has been very active in regular communications to post and district leadership on membership status and, more importantly, their willingness to help support you. Contact your post commander and adjutant and let them know you want to help make a difference.

Lastly, my prayer for each of you, that you have a healthy and happy 2022! Thank you for your continued selfless service and sacrifice to our nation.

Department Officers

Commander	Don Weber
Imed. Past Cmdr	Steve Adams
1st Vice Cmdr	Larry Wittmayer
2nd Vice Cmdr	Cory Brockmann
Adjutant	S. Flynn Phillips
NECman	Kevin Owens
Alt NECman	Gene Hellickson
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Chaplain	Steve Shollenberg
Historian	Dick Winders
Judge Advocate	Gene Hellickson
Service Officer	Ed Van Dyke
Veterans Service Officer	Jody Marsh
Sgt-At-Arms	Phyllis York
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Mike Morris
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Ward Allen



S. FLYNN PHILLIPS DEPT ADJUTANT
Since the beginning of April when the new MyLegion change over began, the membership reports and getting people access was incredibly challenging. Most adjutants are online now with some out there still not getting online. This is the future so if you are one of those Post's that say they don't use computers, then you need to get some younger folks that will do the hard work of the adjutant.

We had a large Post send in a huge stack of memberships cards to process and they held on to them way to long, and that cost the department to miss its target goal, and this affects the Post as well, as they could have had a goal ribbon etc.

Hanging on to membership hurts everyone. The Legionnaire is expecting their membership card mailed to them as soon as possible so that per-

son can balance their checkbook. If you are a Post Adjutant that needs help getting online and help learning how to process membership the new way, please call and I will help you.

Need to Know Dates

January

Initiation Ceremonies
Prepare for Oratorical
MLK Day

February

Looking forward to Oratorical

March

Community Service
Legion Birthday
St Patricks Day
Boys State Selection

Our visit from the leading candidate for National Commander James Vincent Troiola was a tremendous success. He thoroughly enjoyed visiting all the posts we took him too.

The Wreaths across America event at Willamette National Cemetery was inspiring. The Department Commanders was asked by the event coordinator to join the event sponsors and help with next year's event. 2nd Vice Commander Cory Brockmann was instrumental in getting a group together to attend the event.

As part of next years' event, we can have the Cemetery rake the leaves in the section of where the wreaths are laid so the wreaths will not be overshadowed by the fallen leaves covering the grave markers. The scene would make a better picture of the event for sure, and possibly we get a battery operated loud speaker for the event speakers as no one could hear them speak.

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I am repeating this paragraph as it is important. We started our new Budget Year on October 1, 2021. Our Budget and Tax year is October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022. The Budget for 2021-2022, which was approved at our Department Convention, provides a Budget for our programs, our officers, our district commanders, all of which have responsibilities to perform in their office or function. We revisit the Budget monthly as the Budget is put together with all information that we have available; COVID did not help in our assumptions.

We have processes for when items that are budgeted or that are our duties are not performed that we must reduce the budget line for that function. As our new Budget started on October 1, 2021, I have reviewed the Oregon Legionnaire for October and November and now December 2021 and am alarmed at the number of district commanders and chairs that have not submitted articles for the Legionnaire.

I would like to congratulate and thank District 1 Commander Lou Neubecker, who always provides a Legionnaire Article of the activity in his

District and messages to his members. That is the purpose of placing articles in the Legionnaire.

For the Months of October, November, and December 2021, we will be reducing the budget line on those required to write articles in the Oregon Legionnaire that have not submitted articles. District Commanders, Chairs, this is your means of communicating to your Districts and Chairs information of your programs and what is going on in your programs. Also, all Officers, District Commanders, Chairs will be holding our Department Budget Meeting in February. You are required to submit your budget requests for your function; if not submitting Legionnaire Articles and Book of Reports, do you need Budget if nothing is going on? There is a lot going on in this Department.

As I asked all the District Commanders during our Fall DEC, when making their Post visitations and Post assessment, to verify that their Posts have filed their 990 Taxes. If the Post has not filed in three years, the IRS will revoke their EIN numbers, and they will lose their 501 c19 status. This is part of the District Commanders assessment of each Post in their District.

We took a lower membership quota for income for our 2021-2022 Budget year. As I reviewed our membership numbers in December, we are behind our membership at the same time last year. We cannot continue to reduce

our membership; we are holding our 2022-2023 Budget meeting in February; we will have to make some serious decisions on which direc-

tion to **PDC, BOB HUFF** go, which **DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER** will be presented to the DEC in our spring meeting. Lower membership will mean reducing expenses in our other operations, our programs. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. We have found that making Buddy Checks which is doing the right thing for our members, is providing positive outcomes in renewing our members. 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.

Remember, the Oregon American Legion Foundation is a 501©3, and 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 when safe, and we have plenty of opportunities for a great year.



On January 6, 1920, the Boston Red Sox sold this player to the New York Yankees, changing baseball history forever.

- A. Joe DiMaggio
- B. Babe Ruth
- C. Lou Gehrig
- D. Tony Lazzeri

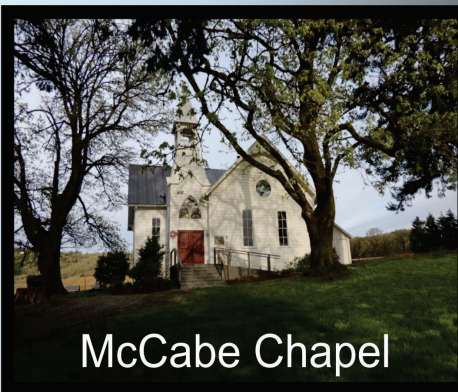


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S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPT ADJUTANT

We are presently preparing for Jim Higuera the National Vice Commander to visit the Department right before the DEC, and he will make a presentation on Saturday January 8th. His focus will be visiting Posts in the District 7 area.

The Fall DEC was well attended in spite of being all masked up for covid.



McCabe Chapel

The American Legion Department of Oregon Four Chaplains Memorial Service at McCabe Chapel

*Let us remember and honor these four brave WWII
Chaplains, and never let their memories die.*

Service will be at the McCabe Chapel

13150 McCabe Chapel Rd

McMinnville, Oregon 97128

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

12:00 noon: Documentary Movie

The Four Chaplains: Sacrifice at Sea

1:15 Four Chaplains Memorial Service

Contact Information: Chaplain Steven D. Shollenburg, 971-241-8925

Adjutant S. Flynn Phillips, 503-685-5009



The Holidays have passed, and I hope everyone took the time to cherish the most important people in your life.

As we move

PDC, KEVIN OWENS on to a new
NECMAN year, we need to

start thinking of the programs that are ahead of us. You might ask why so soon? It takes time to contact the schools, look for funding, and prep the youth and the program; this is what makes a program a success or failure.

Our programs are what make someone want to join our organization. The more visibility we have, the greater the chance is to increase each Post membership. Our National Commander has asked all of us to do Buddy Checks and look at the 2020 expired lists to get our members we don't hear from or hear from us engaged in the American Legions. Second, get those members who did not renew for one reason or another. If someone joined our ranks for a reason, they must have stopped for one also.

We all come from different walks of life and diverse backgrounds, but we all have one common bond, and that is our service to our Nation. We all bear the responsibility to ensure we just don't fade away as an organization. I encourage all of you to be signed up for the action alerts that come from National, which comes our voice with our Congressman and Senators on bills that affect Veterans. Also, I highly encourage you to read the news clips, weekly reports on VE&E, VA&R, and the Legislative reports that come out.

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Calendar of Events

January *Initiation Ceremonies*
01 Happy New Year
18 MLK Day (Nat'l Closed)

February *Oratorical Coming your way*
15 Preidents' Day (Nat'l Closed)
27-2 Washington Conference

March *Community Service Month*
2-4 Dept Officer School
12 District 1 Meeting
15-17 TAL Birthday
17 St Parick's Day

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Deadline

for the **December** issue
of the
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is **November 5th, 2021**

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PDC, KEVIN OWENS
NECMAN

The information is essential, and it shows the hard work the American Legion does each day, not just us but on behalf of all Veterans, members or not. I want to thank all of you for working so hard each day to make the lives better for someone who may be in need during their time of despair. Remember that each day, many Veterans choose to end their life, because they feel no hope. The American Legion can be their hope.



PNVC, PDC, ROB LIEBENOW
A & A COMMISSION CHAIR

Spending time at department headquarters, working membership, I see the office's day-to-day operations.

The most significant issues that they face are from post officers, commission, and committee chairs. Required paperwork not submitted in a timely manner or not at all. If the department commander is not communicating with the district commanders, in turn, they are not communicating with the post commanders, then we have a problem, and members ask, why is the department staff not getting the required work done. Simple, too many people are not turning in their reports. As you go through the Book of Reports, please notice how many reports are missing and from whom. Look at the membership report and see which posts are not submitting membership on a timely basis. It is not the department staff; it is you, the members, not doing your part in the operations of this department.



S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPT. ADJUTANT

Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Willamette National Cemetery

At 2nd Vice Commander Cory Brockmann's invitation, and Event Coordinator John Pierson, and

15 of us vol-

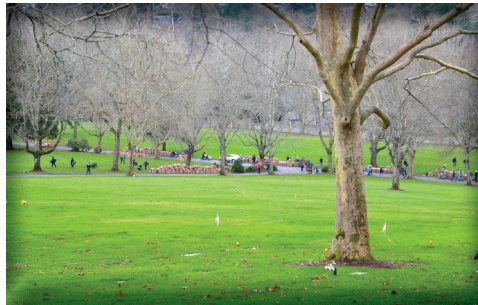
unteered to lay wreaths on the grave markers at the Cemetery on December 18th. Volunteers included Dept Commanders Don Weber, 1st Vice Larry Wittmayer, 2nd Vice Cory Brockmann along with District 1 President Kathryn Brockmann, Department Chaplain Steve Shollenburg along with Department President Debra Godwin, District 2 President Gregoria Hernandez, Department Administrative Assistant Mary Laudon and Lynn Newton, David Ostoja and son, Betty Fish-Ferguson, PNVC Rob Liebenow and Linda Liebenow along with their grandsons, and the man behind the camera Historian Dick Winders.

John Pierson invited the Department to join in with next year's planning of the event as He comes all they from Roseburg.

The Wreaths were assigned by the Cemetery for sections E and F. We will ask next year to have the sections freshly mowed and leaves removed to make a better photographic presentation, Volunteers need to remove the leaves at each marker to be able to read the person's name and then say their name aloud.



Cover Story





MIKE SOWLES
BASEBALL CHAIR

programs such as those provided to them without the help of the American Legion. Your American Legion Posts and donors/sponsors of legion programs bridge the gap of costs to the players and families involved.

The Oregon Baseball Committee consists of 13 members. The Committee is made up of four legion members and nine nonlegion members. All providing leadership and to this American Legion Program. Many of these members are managers, coaches, and staff of our teams and other high school and college teams. These members wish continued growth of Oregon Legion Baseball. These man-

The American Legion brings cost-effective programs to the youth of Oregon. Many of our youth would not be able to afford programs

such as those provided to

agers and coaches are the brain trusts and workers of the program. Without them, Oregon American Legion Baseball would not provide the leadership and opportunity to our 40 teams and 700 players in Oregon.

The Oregon Baseball Committee has had two planning meetings since the season ended in early August 2021.

The Committee has dealt with many issues, such as recruiting new teams, replacement of vital committee members, solving issues of Change to our program, due to National American Legion changes of our rules, Covid issues, public relations, scheduling events around and in between high school sports programs and other calendar conflicts, playing field usage for our teams. Including backup locations for our tournaments due to smoke, heat and other issues that may arise.

Online registration for American Legion Baseball teams begins January 1, 2022. Rule books will be online in February 2022.

The Committee has set up the Oregon Legion Baseball dates and locations for the 2022 summer Tournament.

The Single-A tournament will be played from July 20 through July 24 at Bob Brack Field in Aurora, Oregon (North Marion High School), followed up by the winning team being sent to Play their regional tournament in Price, Utah, from August 4 through August 9, 2022.

The Triple AAA tournament will be at Legion Field in Roseburg, Oregon. July 24 through July 28, 2022, with the Champion moving on to Gillette, Wyoming, with tournament dates of August 3 through August 7, 2022.

American Legion World Series at Shelby North Carolina, August 11 through August 16, 2022.



PDC, KEVIN OWENS
OALF PRESIDENT

veterans in your area. The process is simple, fill out the grant request that provides the amount needed and reason and send it to Department. Once

The American Legion Foundation. What can it do for your Post? The Foundation has funds that could help support one of your youth programs as well as helping

the grant is received, it is reviewed to ensure it falls under an American Legion program. If it meets the requirements, it is voted on by the Board. We hope to have approved grants done within 72 hours, but if the need arises, they could be processed within hours on emergencies. We see very few requests which make me wonder if the word is not getting out. I encourage all Posts not to let a chance to send that boy to Boys State, the opportunity to help a Veteran, or provide support to the Scouting Troop. The Oregon American Legion Foundation is a 501(c3) and is a way to get donations from your community to help your

Post. We are here to help in any way, but you need to ask. We can't help if we don't know. Please take time to educate yourself on this great opportunity you can't lose.

Thank you



P.O. Box 1730 Wilsonville, OR 97070-1730



CORY BROCKMANN

DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER

S. 544 / H.R. 3405.

In addition to making buddy checks of my own, I am proud to share I also took action by contacting my elected representative and sought their support of

Both bills seek to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one week each year as “Buddy Check Week” for the purpose of outreach

Help support S. 544 / H.R. 3405 - “Buddy Check” bills

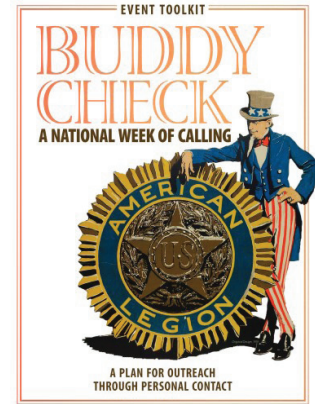
and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans. Additionally, the VA would also be tasked with developing a plan for handling the potential increase in calls that may occur during such week.

It’s not too late for you to take action and give your support!

The American Legion’s Legislative Action Center provides an outstanding resource for members, which provides ease of use to identify their elected officials, find legislation needing support, and even draft and transmit

responses to their elected officials.

Access the Legislative Action Center at <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/Campaigns>



Project Outreach: Helps engage Veterans and Public



Every day veterans struggle with mental health issues that significantly impact their lives, their family members, and the communities in which they live. In the worst cases, veterans that have already sacrificed so much in serving our country end up taking their own lives. Mental health treatment and veteran suicide prevention remain top priorities within The American Legion.

The ‘Buddy Check’ program plays a critical role in engagement as we contact our veterans to ensure they are doing well or to provide input on resources available to aid them.

Inspired to make a difference right here in Oregon, a project was undertaken to create marketing – engagement – packs that will further aid outreach opportunities on a number of different levels. The packs contain simple slipknot bracelets, typically two, in varying colors with an insert branded to help target key topics and conduct outreach.

Why slipknot bracelets?

That idea stems from conceptualizing a relatively low-cost product, easy to make, leverage help from volunteers, and be readily adapted to meet different objectives.

The initial idea arose in wanting to increase suicide prevention awareness with the public in conjunction with the Grand Prix of Portland IndyCar event in September, which the Depart-

ment of Oregon supported with a booth. September also happens to be proclaimed as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. In advance of that event,

a small grant was secured from The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF), in the amount of \$550 to assist in materials acquisition, to create 6,000 bracelets, approximately 3,000 engagement packs.

The suicide prevention awareness packs utilized primary colors of blue and gold (yellow) for the bracelets – blue and gold are colors associated with The American Legion’s emblem. In contrast, yellow is associated with suicide prevention campaigns. In ev-

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CORY BROCKMANN

DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER

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CORY BROCKMANN
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER



ery 7-10 packs, a red or purple bracelet was also included; red to symbolize the sacrifices of veterans and current service members, and purple for the support of family and loved ones.

The project then expanded to encompass 'Buddy Check' packs, which were branded and created enough in time for outreach activities associated with Veterans Day. With the buddy check packs also came the introduction of additional color bracelets, with red and purple still being popular add-ins to packs.

The project thus far has been hugely successful and popular on many levels!

Volunteers have included Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members from posts, department officers and staff, and even Legion baseball players. Each has contributed significantly in different ways, from helping supply materials to making bracelets to adding inserts, bagging, and packing, to those that have conducted outreach and engagement.

Outreach opportunities are everywhere, and packs have been shared at district meetings, during post visits, at the national convention, bazaars, veteran outreach events, and even across state lines.

At this time, the packs aren't being sold; however, donations are gladly accepted and greatly appreciated. All

funds received are directed to The Oregon American Legion Foundation, a non-profit organization with 501c3 status, which is then used in further supporting veteran and youth programs.

The author gratefully acknowledges and thanks, The Oregon American Legion Foundation for the grant to support this endeavor and volunteers Cindy Hillyard, Mary Loudan, Catherine Brockmann, and Flynn Phillips for their gracious time and support.

Project Outreach - How can you help?

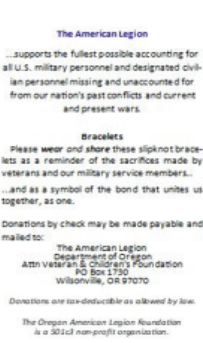
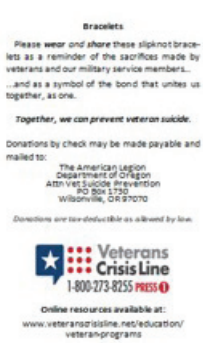
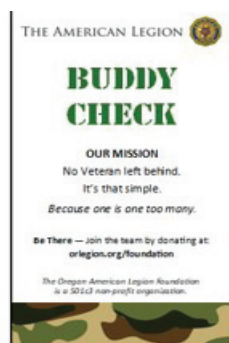
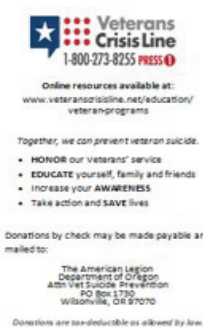
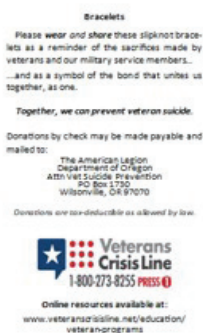
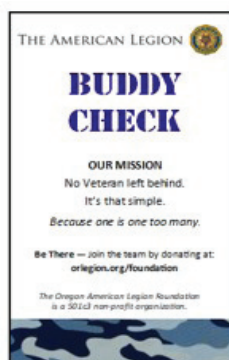
We want you! Key outreach events are being targeted in 2022 to increase our visibility and expand our efforts to help make a difference in the lives of our veterans. Potential targeted events include Vietnam War Memorial Day, Memorial Day, Rose Festival, Department Convention, IndyCar at PIR, and Veterans Day. Your help is essential to our success, and we welcome you to join in!

Events - If you are planning or attending an outreach event and would

like engagement packs, please contact Department Headquarters or Cory Brockmann for the availability of engagement packs and support.

Volunteers - If you, or a group of friends, would like to volunteer to make bracelets and engagement packs, don't hesitate to contact Cory Brockmann to coordinate activities needed and a date and location for instruction and materials.

Donations - Please join the effort by donating directly to TOALF, a non-profit 501c3 organization, to support veterans and youth programs. Donations are also needed to help defray the costs of making additional engagement packs. Contact Department Headquarters or a TOALF member for assistance on donations.





DAN BURKS
DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

Membership continues to be challenging on several fronts. Obviously, our numbers are quite important; however, our reporting system leaves a lot desired. It is understood we as a team will continue to push membership and activities from each of the District Commanders; however, from a more strategic standpoint, it is hard to understand the numbers when it is impossible to decipher the reports. This will only chalk up to be an excuse end of the year, so we will continue to march forward as expected.

The other front would be communication. While I have sent numerous emails and made several phone calls, it has triggered very little to no response. Based on the responses I have

received it would be my belief that with only a handful of exceptions, we have not been conducting Buddy Checks across the Department of Oregon. Also, based on the number of responses I have received, none of our Posts in the Department of Oregon are conducting any activities, reaching out to any veterans, helping out any veterans, or doing much of anything this entire year. I don't believe this to be an accurate assessment of the Department but solely basing this observation on the level of response received.

This level of communication has also contributed to the confusion in our reports, as without proper levels of communication, it is challenging to gauge where a District is at. While our percentages are up, our overall numbers are down, which we need to focus on to grow the Department.

Membership

In order to facilitate growth and assist our Districts,

I have sent numerous emails attempting to set up events that the membership team can assist with and again have received no response. I will continue to work with members of our membership team to comprise a plan to engage the Districts to meet and exceed our goals.



Oregon American Legion Foundation



THE OREGON AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION FUNRAISING RAFFLE

Help support our American Legion Veteran and Youth programs by purchasing raffle tickets!

Raffle Prize: "Legacy & Vision" The American Legion 100th Anniversary lithograph print, wood-framed and matted with the American Legion Centennial Silver Dollar

Ticket Price: \$10 each (Limited ticket availability.)

Contact: Department Headquarters or members of the TOALF committee





MARIA TYE
ORATORICAL CHAIR

are looking forward to the upcoming Department Oratorical contest scheduled on March 12, 2021 at the Santiam Post 51 located at 480 S. Main Street in Lebanon, Oregon 97355. We thank them for hosting this great endeavor.

<https://www.legion.org/oratorical/resources>

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/nsda-local-contact-request/>

The Department of Oregon, Oratorical Scholarship Contest: The Oratorical Scholarship Contest members

have all worked diligently and

Greetings, Comrades – As we move into the new calendar year, we should quickly note two key items. First, our business year is already half over, and second, the Mid-winter Department Executive Committee meeting is upon us. Both items are significant as we look to ensure that our programs and program delivery are in good alignment with our approved budgets. As such, now is a very good time for all budget-holders to be reviewing budgets with your commission and committee members. And, yes, this includes department officers and district commanders, as well.

If you find you are going to be met with challenges holding to your budget, do not exceed the approved budget, and do not delay in taking action to address the issue before it occurs.

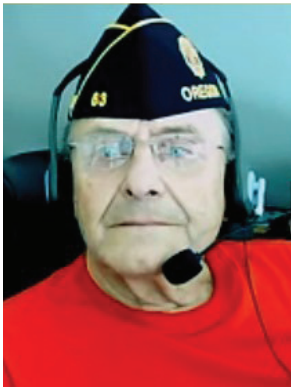
Take action by requesting an increase or change in the amount budgeted, which was approved by the general membership at the annual

department convention. The request must be submitted to the Permanent Finance Commission a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the Department Executive Committee meeting at which the final approval is addressed. A failure to comply will mean there is no consideration or recommendation to be made by the Permanent Finance Commission until its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Timely action is part of the due diligence of fiscal responsibility and ensuring our programs and their delivery remain strong components of our department.



CORY BROCKMANN
PERMANENT FINANCE MEMBER



PNC, CHARLES SCHMIDT
PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

want to share, through your Public Relations program, information with your members and your community. February is Americanism Month; February 6 is Four Chaplains Sunday; March 15 is The American Legion's 103 Birthday and Buddy Check Week; March 29 is Vietnam War Vet

Happy 2022!! As we begin a new year, there are several American Legion programs on the horizon that many Posts will be participating in and that you will

erans Day; April is Children & Youth Month; and the National Oratorical Contest is April 22-24, 2022. Informational publications for these programs and others are found at

www.legion.org/media/publications



Military installations are excellent venues to reach military members to share The American Legion story. As a coastal state, Oregon hosts Coast

Guard Stations in addition to the Ore-

gon National and Air Guards. Sometimes it is difficult to gain access to these installations and service members. American Legion encourages Departments, Districts, and Posts to use the "Access Granted" booklet as a resource for working with military installations to help troops ease the transition from military to civilian life. The booklet is available at

www.legion.org/media/americanism





LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTING CHAIR

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All Post Commanders, Adjutants and Scoutmasters,

and applications. If your Eagle Scout does not have the religious award, that person is still eligible for the Department of Oregon scholarship. If that Eagle Scout does have the religious award and is selected, Their application can be forwarded to national for competition. See this link for the Eagle Scout of the year nomination form; <https://orlegion.org/programs/boy-scouts/>

Scouting is well and active, waiting for further developments on the new COVID strain.

If your post is interested in chartering a scout unit, please get in touch with Larry Wittmayer at 503 970 4944

Do you know an Eagle Scout who could use a \$2500 educational scholarship upon graduation from high school? That person could be eligible for the Department of Oregon Eagle Scout of the Year scholarship. Please check the department website for the requirements



BETTY FISH-FERGUSON
TRAINING CHAIR

long event to prepare Legionnaires in the next steps to holding office in this organization. I want to give Post 16 Commander Terry Macrae a great

Training and Development Team hits the Road. The event will be held on January 29 at Post 16 in Roseburg, Oregon. This training is another day-

deal of thanks for all his assistance in this effort.

Topics include:

Legion History
The Role of the Post Commander
The Role of the Vice Commanders
The Role of the Adjutant
Veteran Suicide Reduction speaker from the Roseburg VA
Leadership Panel for Q&A

Lunch provided. No mileage will be paid for this event.

For questions give me a call. Thanks for the encouragement.

Council events

Cascade Pacific council

Super weekend at camp Meriwether for scouts and Butte Creek for cub scouts

Annual horse trek lottery now open closes January 22nd

Oregon trail council

1/28 to 30 annual Klondike Derby at Lemolo lake sand sheds

Blue Mountain council

1/16 ham radio testing
1/29 merit badge extravaganza

Mountain West council

1/8 commissioner basic training



Interesting things to make you say

Hmmm.....



Kleenex tissues were

originally intended for gas masks

When there was a cotton shortage during World War I, Kimberly-Clark developed a thin, flat cotton substitute that the army tried to use as a filter in gas masks. The war ended before scientists perfected the material for gas masks, so the company redeveloped it to be smoother and softer, then marketed Kleenex as facial tissue instead.



PDC, BOB HUFF
VA&R CHAIRPERSON

Our Commission and Department Service Officers (DSO) have met virtually, and we are again, offices are still closed with COVID restrictions and telephone contact, and virtual meetings have been successful. As virtual hearings have started up again, our DSOs are supporting veterans in their hearings. Virtual meetings have proven to allow more access and quicker response to some of our Veterans' claims and appeals and have filled in a void with our rural Veterans population. Our Department Veterans Service Office is doing a great job supporting our Veterans during a very difficult time and has adjusted to new means in supporting our veterans.

With the Oregon National Guard discussing possibly starting to plan

VA & R

for Yellow Ribbon events soon in-person, we will be supporting those events. 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.

With VAVS Volunteer opportunities opening, the VA will not allow anyone to fill volunteer positions without being completely on their COVID shoots by Federal direction. The Commission and our VAVS Arm also participate in the System Worth Sayings Activity at our Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Facilities with our National VA&R Commission. The VAVS arm also supports the National Cemetery Administration (NCS) with activity at our National Cemeteries.

We have additional responsibility at the VA SORCC and Eagle Point

National Cemetery as we have more face-to-face contact, Employment and Education, and VSO activity at these facilities. 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.

We have held our first in-person event and continue to participate in virtual meetings and some face-to-face meetings to support some of this effort. Making plans a year out has changed to sometimes, day by day as the rules change. If you hear of events that VA&R and VE&E Commission can support, please email huffe4@aol.com or (541) 826-4916 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.

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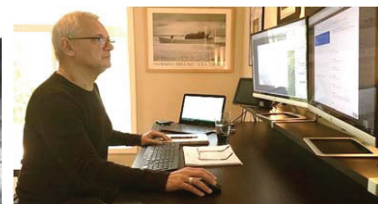
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VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS



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December 4, 2021, at the VA SORCC in White City. The Employment and Education event was held complying with all Mask, Social Distancing, and Oregon and VA rules for a number of participants, all rules were followed for everyone's safety. The employment portion was for VA SORCC Jobs with critical shortages, each position advertised was held in a different area, two check-in points outside before entry into a separate building with HR reviewing each applicant prior to an escort accompanying the applicant to each interview area, yes it was fogging and cold outside, and we transported applicants to some of the areas.

The Veterans Employment, Education, and Homelessness Commission held our first in-person event on Saturday,

December 4, 2021, at the VA SORCC in

We had our partners DVOP's and Easter Seals working with Veterans that needed help with their Resumes or USA Jobs along with County Service Officers assisting Veterans with questions or requiring claims help and representatives from Southern Oregon University (SOU) and Rogue Community College (RCC) providing help with information on education programs. We also had our Veterans Homeless Program present for any assistance or questions. All our partners participated.

With everyone hiring right now and a shortage of candidates, we were expecting fifteen to twenty candidates for employment. We had ninety-four candidates for employment, and it was a very successful event. In addition to the ninety-four employment candidates, we had questions answered by our VSO's and claims filed, interested Veterans and Employees for education, and assisted homeless and at-risk veterans, a very successful event. We had to extend the time of the event as there were still interviews taking place and employment app-

licants when we were going to break down. I will admit that it was nice after we broke down all our equipment, tables, chairs, pop-ups that it was nice getting in my car and turning on the heater, it was cold, but very productive and great to have an in-person event, following the new rules. Most of our partners participated, and all are asking when we can do it again. A new way of doing business, but it is a start. We still need some face-to-face Veteran Stand Downs. We are gathering equipment, clothing, and I have met with one of the VA Directors for a venue. Everything is in the planning stages; the venue is still not open. 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. As always, veterans' and participants' safety remain our focus. I hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas, and here is hoping we all have a positive, wonderful New Year and please stay safe.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Holiday

Date
The third Monday in January



A federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

Also called MLK Day, King Day, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MLK Day

Martin Luther King Jr.

January 17th

Martin Luther King Jr. got a C in public speaking

Everyone remembers Dr. King as a leader of the Civil Rights Movement and often quotes his “I Have a Dream” speech that he delivered in 1963. However, over a decade before his legendary speech, while attending Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, he earned a C in public speaking during his first and second term.

King’s mother was also slain by a bullet

On June 30, 1974, as 69-year-old Alberta Williams King played the organ at a Sunday service inside Ebenezer Baptist Church, Marcus Wayne Chenault Jr. rose from the front pew, drew two pistols and began to fire shots. One of the bullets struck and killed King, who died steps from where her son had preached non-violence. The deranged gunman said that Christians were his enemy and that although he had received divine instructions to kill King’s father, who was in the congregation, he killed King’s mother instead because she was closer. The shooting also left a church deacon dead. Chenault received a death penalty sentence that was later changed to life imprisonment, in part due to the King family’s opposition to capital punishment.

King’s last public speech foretold his death

King had come to Memphis in April 1968 to support the strike of the city’s black garbage workers, and in a speech on the night before his assassination, he told an audience at Mason Temple Church: “Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I’m not concerned about that now ... I’ve seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. And I’m happy tonight. I’m not worried about anything. I’m not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.”

Members of King’s family did not believe James Earl Ray acted alone

Ray, a career criminal, pled guilty to King’s assassination but later recanted. King’s son Dexter met publicly with Ray in 1997 and argued for the case to be reopened. King’s widow, Coretta, believed the Mafia and local, state and federal government agencies were deeply involved in the murder. She praised the result of a 1999 civil trial in which a Memphis jury decided the assassination was the result of a conspiracy and that Ray was set up to take the blame. A U.S. Department of Justice investigation released in 2000 reported no evidence of a conspiracy.

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New American Legion brand mark ready for market

(INDIANAPOLIS—December 9, 2021)—A new era of American Legion identity has begun.

The American Legion brand mark is now available for a variety of promotional uses – from social media channels to membership drives – and can be downloaded at www.Legion.org/brand. The logo does not replace the 1919-patented official emblem of the organization, which remains in use for official documents, memorial observances, uniforms and post signage.

"The American Legion brand mark was created to modernize our image to appeal to a new generation of veterans," American Legion Chief Marketing Officer Dean Kessel said. "We launched this vivid new design on the American Legion-sponsored 48 car during the 2021 NTT INDYCAR Racing Series, and millions of fans got to see it every race. It's clear, sharp and effective, even at 225 mph. The design has gotten rave reviews, and now we are ready to advance it to all levels of The American Legion."

The American Legion Marketing Division has established guidance to help departments and posts choose when to use the brand mark and when the official emblem is more appropriate.

The brand mark is to be displayed in all marketing communications, such as:

- Advertising
- Lifestyle apparel (such as polo shirts and ball caps)
- Community service activities
- Fundraising
- Sponsorships
- Membership recruitment materials
- Digital media
- Social media
- Updated post signage
- Event announcements
- E-mail signature lines

The American Legion emblem is reserved for official organization communications, such as:

- Legal documents
- Policy statements
- Official reports
- Press releases
- Business cards
- Traditional post signage
- Financial documents
- Official letterhead

Kessel explained that brand marks are often successfully used to promote organizations and institutions that similarly have, and keep, time-honored seals, including all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The American Legion Marketing Division studied the effectiveness of those brand marks during a three-month design-development process that involved focus group input earlier in 2021.

"When it comes to communications for events, recruitment and other marketing functions, the brand marks of the military branches are most familiar and positively recognized by the public, the official seals less so," Kessel said. "This is fast proving true for The American Legion brand mark, which now appears on the national American Legion website, social media, e-newsletters and a growing number of promotional materials."

Like the emblem, the brand mark is legally protected property of The American Legion National Headquarters. Any use outside of the organization – such as merchandising, marketing by groups unaffiliated with The American Legion or at political events – is legally restricted and requires authorization from the national adjutant.

The same rules of permission to use the official emblem apply to the brand mark. Those rules, along with an online application form, can be found at www.legion.org/emblem/request on the national American Legion website.

"Just like the emblem, the new brand mark should never be used in political rallies for candidates or to promote organizations and events unassociated with The American Legion, without prior written authorization," Kessel said.

In the months ahead, new apparel, flags, signs and other materials adorned with the new brand mark will be available and promoted through Emblem Sales. The national portfolio of membership-recruitment media is also now being refreshed to display the new mark.

<https://www.legion.org/membership/254232/new-american-legion-brand-mark-ready-market>

Mt. Angel Towers - Veterans Day Celebration



From Representative Lewis' newsletter to "Thank you, Veterans." November 12th.

November 11th each year we pause to honor our veterans for their service to our nation. It was my honor to speak at the Mt. Angel Towers Veterans Day Ceremony. **A big thank you to Jim Kosel of the Mt. Angel American Legion Post #89 for the invitation and for coordinating the event.**

The Mt. Angel Towers has 33 veteran men and women residents from nearly all branches of the military, including two WW II veterans. These fine men and women have one thing in common. Whether they enlisted in the military or were drafted into military service, each and everyone answered the call of duty when called upon to serve their country, joining the ranks of more than 360,000 Oregonians still living who have served in our nation's armed forces and National Guard. Whether in times of war or time of peace, they served our country, upholding the finest traditions in placing country and freedom above self and family. If you ask them, they do not consider themselves heroes. They will tell you the true heroes are those who never made it home. Many bear the scars of sacrifice, some physical and some not so easily seen. But they share a common bond. They know they are brothers and sisters in service to their country. They are heroes and that heroism has been demonstrated time and again, dating all the way back to the American Revolution and as recently as Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and the continued fight in the Global War on Terrorism. Quite often, that heroism, that

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Jimmie Johnson gets new crew chief for INDYCAR

By **BRUCE MARTIN**
DEC 22, 2021P

When Jimmie Johnson of The American Legion reports for full-time duty in the 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES, the driver of the No. 48 Honda will have a new “Commander.”

It’s Mike Le Gallic, a Canadian with experience in both Formula One, the NASCAR Cup Series and most recently with Scott Dixon on the No. 9 PNC Bank Honda at Chip Ganassi Racing.

Le Gallic is Johnson’s new crew chief on the No. 48 Carvana/The American Legion Honda.

“Mike grew up around motor racing as a young guy,” Chip Ganassi Racing Managing Director Mike Hull told The American Legion. “He went to work in England for BAR Formula 1 and was there for quite a while. He came back to the United States and went to work for Ray Evernham’s Dodge team in NASCAR. He was a car chief there for quite a while.

“When that ceased to be a team in terms of Ray’s tenure there, we hired him to work in Indianapolis. He’s been around the Scott Dixon program for quite a while and has held different jobs on that car. He has also sup-



ported the building and looking after the race cars in terms of hardware, development and durability. He had been on the back end of Scott Dixon’s car for a long time as a rear end mechanic.”

Shuffling the troops is a common practice at Chip Ganassi Racing as Hull oversees the entire four-car INDYCAR operation and the new IMSA Cadillac effort that begins in 2022.

“Traditionally, what we have done is move people around to create fresh thinking and a fresh approach and revitalize the communication among team members by moving them from area to area on the car,” Hull explained. “Mike is a good choice for Jimmie’s car and that is what we have done.

“Jimmie was part of the decision, so it wasn’t a blind decision by any stretch of the imagination. We move people around and that is what we decided to do.”

By strengthening the troops, Hull and Chip Ganassi Racing are confident that Johnson and his squad will be better prepared for the battles on



the track in 2022.”

Just as the military and The American Legion is all about teamwork, so is Chip Ganassi Racing in INDYCAR. The driver may be the fighter pilot in the high-speed INDYCAR, but it takes an entire crew of mechanics and engineers to help that pilot reach for the stars.

“Chip Ganassi Racing is all about team members,” Hull said. “It’s teammates. We work together on everything we do. Jimmie’s program isn’t out there on an island. It’s well supported by the engineering group, by the management group, by the mechanical group, by each group in the building. It isn’t just Jimmie’s program and Scott’s program and Marcus’ program and Alex’s program. They are one group that works together.

“From the outside it appears that it affects that. There is so much support in our system, that it probably strengthens what we are doing because the guys that are on Jimmie’s program realize it’s a team effort. The core group is still together. They will remain that way and continue to grow.


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“The upside for Jimmie is the fact he has one year under his belt, and he understands more fully what he needs to do and how he needs to rely on people like Mike, which he will, to continue to enhance his progress as a race driver.”

Johnson is a **NASCAR** legend after winning seven Cup Series championships and 83 races in his career. After retiring as a full-time **NASCAR** Cup Series driver following the 2020 season, Johnson enlisted as an **NTT INDYCAR SERIES** rookie with Chip Ganassi Racing.

With funding from Carvana and The American Legion, Johnson passed his “Basic Training” as a street and road course rookie in 2021. Just last week, Johnson and the team announced that Johnson is ready for full-time status and will compete in every **INDYCAR** race in 2022.

“I’m excited Jimmie and Carvana and The American Legion have made the decision for this whole thing to weld itself together like we are going to see it this year,” Hull said. “Jimmie had two terrific oval tests, one at Texas and one at Indianapolis, and that certainly helped him make the decision that he had made. We will race Iowa twice the same weekend, we will race at Texas, we will race at Gateway and the Indianapolis 500. That’s four more races on his calendar.

“It’s the growth of where he is as a race driver. It follows along with the way Chip runs a race team. You build your team one building block at a time. Jimmie has under his belt now, road and street races and now he is adding ovals and I think it’s exciting we are doing that.”

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desire to serve the cause of freedom, goes unnoticed by those who take freedom and our way of life for granted. Our debt to those who have served and those who have gone before us can never be repaid. But our respect and our gratitude must go on forever.

Some veterans in the audience served in Vietnam or during the Vietnam era. Sadly, they did not receive a warm welcome home during that time in our history. They were unfairly blamed and criticized for our nation’s policies and public sentiment against the war. Those times have changed, thankfully. Today’s veterans returning from overseas military deployments have a great deal more support from our citizens. To those veterans of military service during the Vietnam era, we wish you a very belated welcome home and thank you for your service.

Plans are currently underway to construct a Vietnam War memorial on the Capitol grounds in Salem adjacent to the World War 2 memorial. I proudly serve as a member of the Steering Committee overseeing that project.

The American Legion Praises Congress for NDAA Provisions

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The head of the nation’s largest veterans organization praised Congress for several provisions passed yesterday in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2022.

“There are a number of important initiatives in the NDAA that The American Legion supports,” said American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard. “First, no military servicemember will receive a dishonorable discharge solely on the basis of COVID-19 vaccine refusal. While we are supportive of the vaccines, we do not believe a veteran’s military service should be characterized as ‘dishonorable’ simply because he or she disagrees.

“The NDAA will also provide for a robust national defense and establish the long overdue Global War on Terrorism Memorial,” Dillard added. “There is renewed funding for the Troops for Teachers program, which is not only a win for our transitioning veterans but for students in classrooms across the country. The legis-

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sexual assault and establish a commission that will examine every aspect of the Afghanistan war. We are also pleased that this law makes it easier to preserve and update Arlington National Cemetery memorials to military chaplains. The NDAA is a bipartisan example of lawmakers coming together and putting our country first. The American Legion is looking forward to the president signing it into law.”



Highway to be named after Vietnam-era Clackamas County soldier

Memorial highway sign for Medal of Honor recipient to be dedicated in Oregon City

Raymond Rendleman PMG
November 26, 2021



COURTESY PHOTO: COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS & REMEMBRANCE –

Born June 10, 1949, in Oregon City, where he attended elementary school, Larry Dahl enlisted in the Army in 1969.

Clackamas County’s only Medal of Honor recipient, and just one of 13 from Oregon in U.S. history, is receiving another honor in the form of a memorial highway.

A dedication ceremony for Larry Gilbert Dahl’s Fallen Hero Memorial Highway sign will take place at 2 p.m.,

Dec. 8, in the auditorium of the Clackamas County Development Services Building, 150 Beaver Creek Road, in Oregon City. The sign will be installed on Highway 99E (McLoughlin Boulevard) at milepost 14, near the “Welcome to Oregon City” sign at the southern entrance to town in Canemah.

Army Specialist Larry Dahl threw himself on a grenade that landed in a gun truck during combat in Vietnam in 1971. Dahl’s action cost him his life but saved his three crewmates and earned him the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest military award.

Steve Bates, chair of the Committee on Memorials & Remembrance, in affiliation with the Vietnam Veterans of America, worked with the state legislature and the Oregon Department of Transportation and to dedicate a memorial highway for Dahl. Bates credited fellow Clackamas County resident Jim Riggle with approaching the committee about two years ago asking why there was not a Fallen Hero

Memorial Highway for Dahl. Riggle helped edit the document for the Oregon Legislature to approve, and he paid the standard fee is \$600 charged by ODOT to cover the cost of the Memorial Highway sign.



**PMG
PHOTO:
PETER
WONG**

Larry Dahl’s memorial is now in the Circle of Honor at the Red

Soils Complex of Clackamas County.

To qualify Dahl to be honored with a Memorial Highway sign during the 2021 session of the Oregon Legislature, State Rep. Christine Drazan, R-Canby, and Rep. Mark Meek, D-Gladstone, co-sponsored the resolution recognizing Dahl for his service, bravery and selfless devotion to his

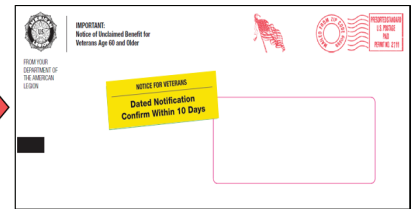
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WHAT'S MAILING THIS MONTH?



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



We mailed Travel Accident on December 29th

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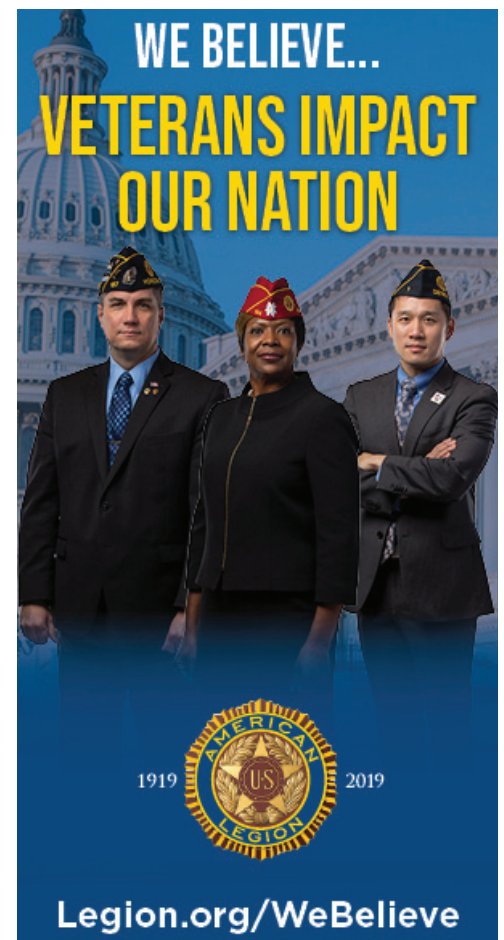
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Raymond Rendleman PMG c o m -
November 26, 2021 r a d e s .

After the bill unanimously passed the House of Representatives, State Sen. Bill Kennemer, R-Canby, carried it to the Senate floor, where it also passed unanimously.

Bates, the committee chair, said the highway said is an appropriate honor for Dahl.

PMG PHOTO: PETER WONG

Army Sgt. Michael Dahl, after speaking about his father, Specialist Larry Dahl, at a November 2016 ceremony in Oregon City, rededicating a memorial to the only Medal of Honor winner from Clackamas County (and only one of 13 from Oregon)



Dahl was born June 10, 1949, in Oregon City, where he attended elementary school. Enlisting in the Army in 1969, he trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, became a heavy-truck driver and mechanic — and after volunteering three times, finally ended up in Vietnam.

Assigned to the 359th Transportation Company, he and three others were the backup crew for a gun truck that escorted fuel and supply convoys across South Vietnam's Central Highlands to U.S. bases.

The crew was called into action

on February 23, 1971, when Dahl manned one of the .50-caliber machine guns on the armor-plated truck nicknamed "Brutus."

The convoy was caught in an ambush at An Khe Pass, and after things seemingly settled down, the truck was proceeding when enemy soldiers attacked it. Footage of the attack shows the yellow flash of the grenade that Dahl smothered with his body to protect his fellow soldiers.

Then-Vice President Gerald Ford presented the Medal of Honor on August 8, 1974, only hours before Richard Nixon announced he would resign the presidency and Ford became president.

The United States had more than 58,000 military deaths in the Vietnam War, and thousands more served during what retired Maj. Gen. Tom Mattson described as "one of the most painful chapters in our history, most particularly how we treated our troops."

Mattson counts Vietnam War service in his 32 years in the Army.

Dahl is buried at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Among his other honors is a place in the Oregon Military Museum, which is at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas.

The December 8 sign dedication ceremony will include participation by Kennemer, Meek and Steve Carr, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America's local chapter. All of the Clackamas County VFW and American Legion posts will also be represented. The ceremony is open to the public.



JAMES MORIARTY
DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER

Guests included Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners Tootie Smith and Mark Shull, Three Rivers VFW Post

#1324, Oregon Representative Mark Meeks, Oregon Senator Bill Kennemer, Steve Bates, Chair of Committee on Memorials and Remembrance.



Photo by Dick Winders

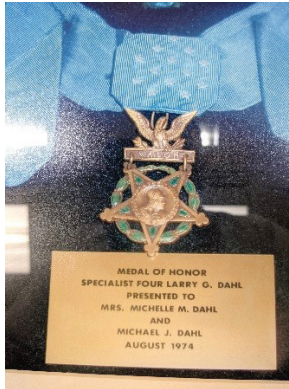
The American Legion Department Commander Don Webber, Department Adjutant Flynn Phillips, Department 2nd Vice Commander Cory Brockman, Department Historian Dick Winders and District 7 Commander Jim Moriarty were in attendance.

VFW Three Rivers Post #1324, Post Commander Greg Arnold and Steven Prowart provided the Honor Guard. Bert Key, Past VFW State Chief of Staff and a member of VFW Post 4273, was in attendance alongside Allen Anderson, VFW State Vice Commander. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 392 President Steve Carr gave some remarks.

His Fallen Hero Memorial sign will be placed on Highway 99E Northbound at Mile Post #14 near the

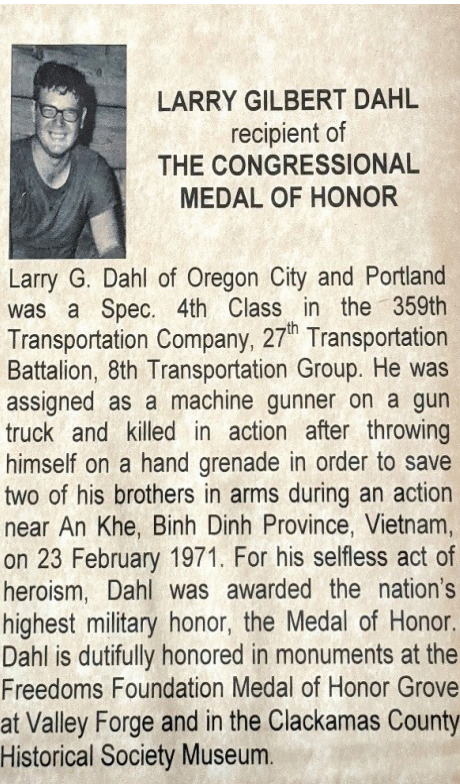
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Welcome to Oregon City sign.



Citation

SPC4 Dahl distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a machine Gunner in a gun truck near An Khe, Binh Dinh Province. The gun truck in which he was riding was sent with two other gun trucks to assist in the defense of a convoy that had been ambushed by an enemy force. The gun trucks entered the battle zone and engaged the attacking enemy troops with a heavy volume of machine-gun fire, causing a large number of casualties. After a brief period of intense fighting the attack subsided. As the gun trucks were preparing to return to their normal escort duties, an enemy hand grenade was thrown into the truck in which SPC4 Dahl was riding. Instantly realizing the great danger, he called a warning to his companions and threw himself directly into the grenade. Through his indomitable courage, complete disregard for his safety, and profound concern for his fellow soldiers, SPC4 Dahl saved the lives of the other members of the truck crew while sacrificing his own. SPC4 Dahl's conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the cost of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on himself, his unit, and the United States Army.



POST #89 MT ANGEL DONATIONS TO THE VA HOME/LEBANON

JIM KOSEL

POST #89 ADJUTANT

In November our Post 89 donated about \$447 to purchase male/female body wash, seven cases of Gatorade, loads of soft sweets (Ding Dongs), microwave popcorn, etc., plus 13 stocking caps knitted by a local resident, plus \$200 in gift cards by the Auxiliary Unit 89 for the vets to buy medical prescriptions at Walmart, plus handmade Christmas and greeting cards.



My wife Martha, an Army veteran and I shopping for Lebanon VA Home



(Right) a staff member receiving donations at the VA Home/Lebanon

VOLUNTEERS!

(Right) Connie Miller, ALA President and TAL Adjutant, Jim Kosel of Post/Unit #89

Customs, Courtesies, and Protocol: Where does the Space Force Go?



BY JOSEPH REAGAN,
DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AND
VETERAN OUTREACH,
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

In October Wreaths Across America announced the addition of an 8th ceremonial wreath representing the U.S. Space Force. This caused a great amount of excitement

At its core, protocol, and associated etiquette, customs, and courtesies, are actions or procedures that define how we show respect. In the U.S. the basis for our protocol is written in Title 4, Chapter 1 of the U.S. Code, commonly referred to as “The Flag Code” which Congress adopted on June 22, 1942. The Flag Code was the result of a collaborative effort of about 70 different organizations who came together in 1923 to develop a community standard for rendering honors to our flag.

As we get closer to Wreaths Across America Day on December 18th you may find yourself becoming overwhelmed with questions surrounding protocol as it relates to your ceremony – it’s challenging and often confusing. In addition to the Flag Code – the

Military, and subsequently each branch of service, has their own manuals on protocol, customs, and courtesies. Veterans Organizations such as the American Legion, have their own guides on protocol. So, who’s right? Here’s the truth, I’ve presided over countless parades and Military ceremonies at each one inevitably a protocol question arises and I’m not alone. From Boy Scout troops to the State Department, to the Supreme Court of the U.S. there’s always questions about protocol. The answer falls under the first amendment to the Constitution and our freedom of expression. At the end of the day, as individuals, and as a community the constitution guarantees us the right to express our love for our country in whatever way we want. You’re probably thinking “that is the

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Customs, Courtesies, and Protocol: Where does the Space Force Go?

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BY JOSEPH REAGAN, least helpful answer ever!" My point is this, our mission is to **Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach our children the value of freedom**, as long as your ceremony is an expression of that mission, you're doing it right!

That said, I also have some more practical advice for you on this topic as well. Earlier this week I sat down with a former colleague who is currently serving with the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard," which is the Army's official Ceremonial Unit (read – this guy knows protocol). The first thing he said was that the commander of troops has considerable leeway in the protocol used during ceremonies. Fun Fact – the facing maneuver executed by Sentinels at the Tomb of the Unknown is not a standard facing maneuver. As a Location Coordinator, you too will have some leeway in determining the appropriate protocol to use, but you also have a responsibility of ensuring your choices are a clear expression of our mission.

When building a plan for your ceremony the best thing you can do is your homework. A simple web search will provide you with many resources to help answer any protocol questions. Just like the team that wrote the Flag Code, find a team to help you – I recommend engaging with representatives from local Veterans Organizations, or a recruiting station – these folks are well versed in standard protocol that most people will be familiar with and having consensus around your protocol decisions is always

helpful. Try and identify the senior ranking person who will be attending your ceremony in advance and let this person know your protocol plan. This can serve as a final check to ensure your protocol is consistent with best practices. You'll also want to be sure your master of Ceremonies is aware of the proper protocol and that your script communicates to attendees how they are expected to act – Julie and I worked together to put some of those audience prompts into the generic script we provide to all our locations.



Finally, to answer the original question, where does the Space Force go? It goes after Air Force and before Coast Guard. In fact, the consensus on how to order flags and or ceremonial wreaths (especially if you are choosing to add to the 8 ceremonial wreaths we provide), when looking at your display from left to right:

- U.S. flag
- Foreign flags (optional) note: display alphabetically using the English spelling
- State flags (optional) note: can be either alphabetical or by order of admission to the union
- Territorial flags (e.g., Guam, Puerto Rico) (optional) note: can be either alphabetical or by order of recognition as a territory
- Army

- Marine Corps
- Navy
- Air Force
- Space Force
- Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (optional)
- Reserve flags (optional) note: ordered by service in same order as parent service
- National Guard flags (optional) note: ordered by service in same order as parent service
- Military organization (unit) flags (optional) note: ordered by service and echelon
- POW / MIA (optional)
- Individual flags (Service Secretaries, Flag Officers, Senior Executive Service members) (used only when ranking person is present) note: displayed by seniority
- Other flags (e.g., City or town flags, Scouts, CAP)

Some useful resources that I have used in the past (remember I was Army, so my understanding of protocol comes from the Army each service has its own manuals):

- Wreaths Across America (<https://learn.wreathsacrossamerica.org/location-group-resources>)
- The American Legion (<https://www.legion.org/flag>)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (<https://www.vfw.org/community/flag-etiquette>)
- Army Field Manual 7-21-13
- Department of the Army Pamphlet 600-60
- Army Officers Guide (there's one for each service and an NCO handbook as well)
- Betsy Ross and the American Flag (<https://www.ushistory.org/betsy/faq2.htm>)

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By JOSEPH REAGAN,
DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AND
VETERAN OUTREACH,
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Your commitment to our mission is what makes your events, and Wreaths Across America, a meaningful experience for so many people. Your dedication and passion to our mission, along with your attention to detail while planning these ceremonies is a wonderful expression of your personal, and your communities, love for our country and respect for our Service Members, Veterans, and their families. In addition to your local volunteer resources, always remember that your regional liaisons, HQ staff, and I are all here to support you in creating a dignified, and meaningful ceremony that expresses our collective commitment to our mission to **Remember, Honor and Teach.**



Pete Wall / Tools4Troops PBC



S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPT. ADJUTANT

Since 2014, Tools4Troops has supplied tools to over 4,000 veterans.

There is a real need for tools and supplies for veterans leaving the military and entering the job force. According to Pete, there is a great demand for carpentry tools. The basic build-out of a tool kit is necessary to begin any construction or other trade jobs, and Tools4Troops can fill the gaps that a

Pete Wall, a retired sustainable construction specialist, is on a mission to deliver donated tools to both active duty and discharged veterans.

Since 2014, Tool-

s4Troops has supplied tools to over

4,000 veterans.

veteran may otherwise not be able to afford.

Just a note of thanks for the intro to James Moriarty / Estacada Post 74 and confirmation that we met up and dropped off a load of tools for local Veterans Saturday, adding in effect to recent tool drop-offs at AL Albany, COVO, SOVO and, AL Vancouver WA.

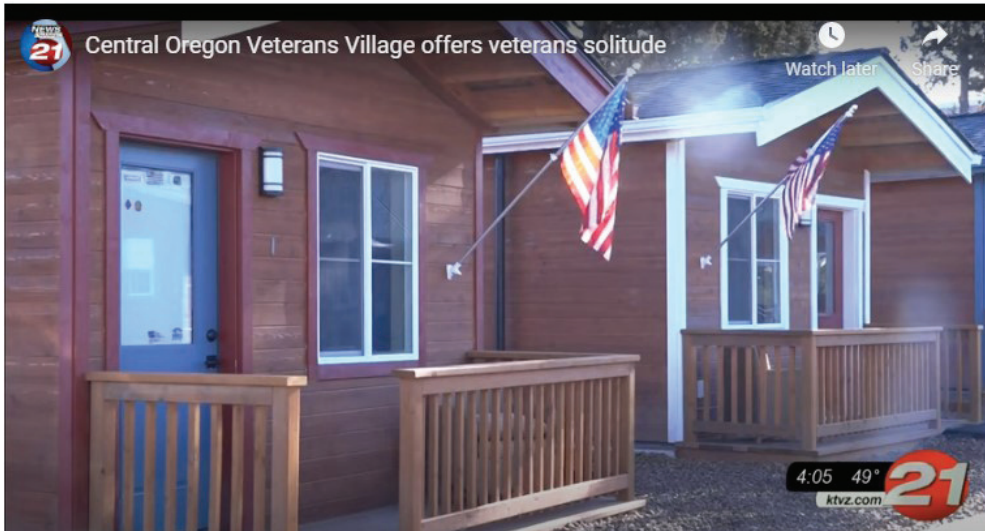
Specifically related to AL Oregon Posts - alert folks to the availability

of T4T delivering similar tool loads for local distribution in their hands with masking and social distancing clearly in mind.

Contact Pete Wall at 503-387-5844, or pete@tools4troops.org



Veterans share first experiences in newly opened Central Oregon Veterans Village



"This is a new beginning for me," former veteran Matthew Hockin said.

BY BOLA GBADEBO

PUBLISHED DECEMBER 7, 2021

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/E8U-sHYAXSE0](https://youtu.be/E8U-sHYAXSE0)

From work- ing in digital marketing and having the financial security to finding himself displaced during Covid, veteran Matthew Hockin is glad to have found a place of refuge at the Central Oregon Veterans Village on the north end of Bend.

"I ended up living in a Chevy Suburban for five months and seven days," Hockin said Tuesday. "This is a new beginning for me. It just enables me to recuperate and start again."

Hockin served in the Navy as a machinist mate on the aircraft carrier USS America from 1987 to 1989. He is one of five veterans who have settled into Veterans Village so far.

The [Central Oregon Veterans Village](#), a community of 15 transitional shelters, opened on Veterans Day.

The community provides shelter and important services for homeless veterans. The services include health services (behavioral and physical), social service programs (geared toward self-

BEND, Ore., (KTVZ) --

From work- ing in digital marketing and

sufficiency), employment training and skill building, and housing placement.

Veteran Robert Jarner said he had been searching for places to live, to no avail. Similar to Hockin, he lived out of his car for a few months.

But with the bitter cold of winter coming, and his health concerns, he needed something more.

"The lease came up, and I tried to get another place to go, and I couldn't get anybody to even respond to an email," Jarner said. "I had enough money to rent a room, but trying to get an apartment around here is like pulling teeth."

Jarner served in the Air Force as a munition system specialist from 1985 to 1989. He still works five days a week, doing laundry service at a hotel, but no longer with the burden of wondering where to lay his head at night.

The Veterans Village project is a collaboration between the Bend Heroes Foundation and Central Oregon Veterans Outreach.

It's being managed as a public-private partnership with the City of Bend, Deschutes County and the State of Oregon.

David Nieradka, the Central Oregon Veterans Village coordinator, said COVO has a history of housing homeless veterans. They have 28 housing units across Central Oregon.

"The way I see it, if we have a veteran that spends one night on the street or one night in the car, that's one night too many," Nieradka said.

Jarner added, "You can't forget, especially for the veterans. I mean, there are other people out there that still need help, too. But the veterans -- they did a service for you. Why can't you do something for them?"

American Legion to Congress: 'Keep Government Open'

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INDIANAPOLIS
(Dec. 1, 2021) --

The head of the nation's largest veterans organization has a blunt message for Congress. "Our troops are doing their job, now lawmakers need to do theirs," American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard said today about another potential government shutdown that could occur if Congress doesn't reach a budget agreement by a Dec. 3 deadline.

"The American Legion is no fan of continuing resolutions, but keeping the government open must be a

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prior-ity," Dillard said. "We recall the shutdown of 2019, in which the Coast Guard continued to defend our shores while their pay was delayed. The American Legion stepped up and provided more than \$1 million in grants to Coast Guard families in need. Two years later, Congress still has not passed legislation to guarantee that this essential branch be funded. Moreover, the Department of Defense and our national security are also endangered by prolonged shutdowns. Millions of Americans rely on Social Security to survive. I could go on and on about essential government services and programs. The bottom line is that Congress needs to put the American people ahead of partisan politics."



**WE BELIEVE...
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Your why is what keeps you in The American Legion



Past National Commander David Rehbein and National Legion College chancellor speaks to the 2020 class at National Headquarters in Indianapolis on Monday, Nov.15. Photo by Ben Mikesell/The American Legion

THE AMERICAN LEGION Upon his return home from deployment to Germany in 1971, David Rehbein walked into a café dressed in his Army uniform. His appearance garnered little respect or appreciation, as unfortunately common to military servicemembers during the Vietnam War. He then made the decision to put his military service behind him.

But then, "I was missing something. What I was missing was that spirit of camaraderie," the American Legion past national commander and National Legion College chancellor shared with the 2020 class during his remarks Nov. 15 at National Headquarters in Indianapolis. "But the day I walked into that American Legion post (because of his wife, Ann, who grew up in the Legion Family) and joined, I found that spirit of camaraderie. You could feel the same feeling you had back there in that Army unit.

"And that's my why (for remaining a member in The American Legion). Because it doesn't matter what I do, it doesn't matter where I go, what hat I wear, it's that feeling that has kept me

in The American Legion. Because of what the organization did for me to restore that feeling of family, besides my spouse and children, this other family. That's what's motivated me in The American Legion all these years."

Rehbein turned the opportunity over to the Legion College class to share their why. "Because it's that why that keeps you as a member," he said. "It's not what you do ... it's why you do it."

Joseph Schmidt passed his grandfather's American Legion cap every day growing up as it laid in his parents' four season front porch. He never knew his grandfather, as he had passed before Schmidt was born. In 2012, Schmidt was injured while deployed to Afghanistan and left service two years later. "But my service wasn't done yet, I didn't know what else to do," he shared. "I figured if The American Legion was good enough for (my grandfather), it was probably good enough for me. I walked into a Legion post, signed up and found my place of service where I can continue to serve

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THE AMERICAN LEGION my community
NOV 17, 2021 ... serve veterans
and soldiers."

"To this day I thank my father for just leaving my grandfather's (American Legion) cap out there to define my place here in The American Legion," he said.

Randy Olson's cousin was shot and injured during a deployment to Afghanistan. "I thought what can I do for him? He has little to none (VA) disability rating since he didn't lose a limb. I am going to fight for this veteran," said Olson, a member of American Legion Post 82 in Winnebago, Minn. "One of my whys is that I want to be the one that makes a difference. It gives me more of a drive every day to keep doing more for veterans."

For Brenda Hokenson of American Legion Post 6 in Moscow, Idaho, her why is "giving back. How can as a veteran I assist other veterans, and this (membership in The American Legion) has given me that chance to help. It's given me a home, a chance to help others and branch out into the community more."

After listening to several Legion College students share their why, Rehbein said what he heard, and expected to hear, is that "your why is connected very strongly to your emotional attachment to the organization." Then he laid out a challenge to them.

"Our challenge is to help the younger folks that we're recruiting into the organization to understand and develop that same kind of emotional attachment to The American Legion," he said. "And that's a challenge that we all have to handle individually because every person we approach is an individual. We won't know what their why is until they find out what it is."

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HELPING A HERO

Changing Lives, One Veteran at a Time



CORY BROCKMANN
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER

I want to step back, just briefly, and take a moment to say thank you to each of the districts and posts that helped to make leading candidate

Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola's visit to the Department of Oregon both enjoyable and memorable.

First, however, just what did we learn about PNVC Jim Troiola?

His campaign platform, quite simply, has everything to do with caring for our veterans and ensuring a strong, healthy American Legion Family prevails. Key elements to his campaign and remarks to posts included:

* VETS – *Veterans, Engagement, Training, and Service* – was a key-note in his address to all post visits he made. Veterans, it's what we're all about; we support all current and former service members. Engagement, engaging our veterans and their families to ensure wellness and training to continually develop our current and future leadership, those who will be

Leading Candidate Trip Re-visited

taking our places. And Service, giving back by delivering our programs to veterans, youth, and our communities.

* Membership – our membership wellness really is tied to buddy checks being accomplished in a timely manner. Buddy checks should be an organized effort to ensure every member is contacted.

* MyLegion / Personify – as it relates to membership reporting and status, it continues to have issues needing resolution. Additional training is forthcoming, and anticipate word on it soon from your department leadership.

* Oratorical program - is a favorite youth program of his - he's a former oratorical committee member – and feels the program has great opportunity and value for our youth as well as the future of America.

To District 1: John Kalmbach #90 (Banks), Aloha #104, Vernonia #119; District 2: McMinnville #21; District 7: Carl Douglas #74 (Estacada); and District 8: Wilsonville #65, Oregon Trail #150 (Portland), Milwaukie #180, and all who had a part in representing our Department – well done!

I commend you, and I thank you!

There is a significant amount of logistical planning and coordination that goes into these visits, and they just don't happen on their own. We couldn't have done it successfully without Public Relations Chairman PNC Charles Schmidt as well as the outstanding support from our Department Headquarters staff, the district commanders, post commanders, and you - our members - that came out and participated in the visit. Our appreciation and thanks to each of you.

Please, re-visit the December edition of Oregon Legionnaire for a wonderful pictorial tour of the leading candidate's visit, with special thanks to Department Historian Dick Winders and Department Adjutant Flynn Phillips.

The Department will have an opportunity later in the spring and summer to host the next leading candidate, Rev. Daniel J. Seehafer, Department of Wisconsin, and National Commander Paul E. Dillard, Department of Texas. Team Oregon will, again, have the opportunity to share how we support our veterans, youth, and communities. Stay tuned for more details as arrangements become known.

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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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THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (Date of Birth) _____

Mailing Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (ZIP) _____

(Phone) _____ (Email) _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
(Gender) _____ (Post #) _____ (Dues) _____

☐ I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts | |

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____ Name of Recruiter _____

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department/state address, go to www.legion.org.

ALA 08/2019

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

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



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (ZIP) _____ (Phone) _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and

Email Address _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit www.legion.org.

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Squadron No. _____
Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

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

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

Veteran Served:

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII |
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| <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 _____

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Date _____
Received From _____
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Recruiter's Name _____
Recruiter's Signature _____
Recruiter's Phone # _____