

# The Oregon Legionnaire

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## Children & Youth They Are Our Future





LARRY WITTMAYER  
DEPT 1ST-VICE COMMANDER

in contact due to the great aspects of the internet.

As a recap of the past month, we are starting to ramp up for the Department Convention in June. Even though I visited Hawaii this month, I was always

I attended an outstanding memorial service in Prineville for our beloved Willy Williams. A fitting tribute. I also attended a budget meeting this past month. We must work harder to bring more income into our organization to maintain our level of service.

The most important subject I bring up is Membership.

**WITHOUT IMMEDIATE PARTICIPATION IN RENEWALS AND 114 TRANSFERS, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR LEVEL OF SERVICE.**

As you know, this year's goal is lower than last year. It is entirely up to the grassroots. That is the Posts I speak of. At the Spring DEC in Burns, you will receive a 114 and renewal list.

**PLEASE WORK ON THOSE LISTS AND SUBMIT THE RESULTS SOONEST.**

Please remember to continue your Buddy Checks. The most important way to maintain contact with our members. **SEE YOU AT THEN SPRING DEC BURNS.**

# Children & Youth Month



CORY BROCKMANN  
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Legionnaires, We are well into the season of nominating candidates for officer positions within our posts, which means elections are just around the corner! As we, collectively, seek to determine which individuals may constitute the vital leadership necessary within our Posts, I hope you also give due consideration to serving on any number of program committees within your post that are also in need of leadership. To successfully deliver our programs, it takes more than just a commander or adjutant or executive board – it takes all of us to help serve on committees and volunteer where help is needed. Find the one that is a good fit and enjoy supporting your post and community.

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Not quite certain on where to start? Check your post's constitution and bylaws for details on your post's committees, then visit with members of your current executive board along with a few of your fellow Legionnaires on where you can help. We need you... and you'll be glad to have served!

**2022 Washington Conference** – The Washington Conference concluded just a few weeks ago, and, like last year, it was a virtual conference due to the ongoing pandemic and social distancing constraints. I hope you were able to take in a few of the program briefings that were offered via live-streaming, and if not, they are posted at [Legion.org](https://legion.org) for you to peruse.

The capstone event of the Washington Conference was National Commander Paul E. Dillard, along with several commission chairmen, providing testimony before a joint hearing of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on March 8th. Key elements of testimony include the sig-

nificant contributions made by our American Legion posts across the country and globe; a recording of the testimony may be found at [Legion.org](https://legion.org).

*Noteworthy to Department of Oregon – Among the commission chairmen present for the National Commander's testimony on March 8th were Candidate for National Commander (2023-2024) Daniel Seehafer, Chairman of the Legislative Commission, who will be visiting the Department of Oregon for the Spring DEC. And Ralph Bozella, National Chairman of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission, will be a speaker at the 2022 Department Convention hosted by Aloha #104.*

Whether the Washington Conference is virtual or in-person, there remains a critical role each of us has the opportunity – rather a responsibility – to take part in, and that is to be self-empowered and directly contact our elected officials. Contacting our Sena-

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DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER

Congratulations to first-year Department Oratorical Chair Maria Tye, the department oratorical committee, as well as, all the post and district oratorical committees and volunteers that made for a successful program year! On the heels of last year's rebound from the pandemic, in which

we had three very good contestants, as of this writing, we were on track to have seven outstanding candidates vying for significant scholarships from our Department. Job well done!

The Legion business calendar quickly fills up from now until our 2022 Department Convention, it happens every year. The **Consolidated Post Report (CPR)** is now available to begin populating and is just one example of reports each post files every spring. The CPR is essential in collecting the data used in providing the aggregate numerical data, which fulfills our Federal Charter and describes our accomplishments when our National Commander testifies before Congress. For a listing of all the year-end reports, please visit [orlegion.org/media/resources/forms-publications/](http://orlegion.org/media/resources/forms-publications/) for a post forms packet.

Thank you for all you continue to do in support of our veterans. Veterans do strengthen America!



S. FLYNN PHILIPS  
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

# We are Dying

**REMINDER,** Since the beginning of April, when the new MyLeague change over began, the membership reports and getting people ac-

cess was incredibly challenging. Most adjutants are online now, with some still not getting online. This is the future Legionnaires, so if you are one of those Posts that say they don't use computers, you need to get some younger folks who will do the adjutant's hard work.

We have Posts that are unwilling to get someone to help them with the computer, which is killing us. We are missing our target dates because

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### *Need to Know Dates*

## April

Children & Youth  
Scouting Activities  
Boys State  
Elect New Officers  
American Legion Child  
Welfare Week

## May

St Louis Caucus Anniversary  
National Poppy Week  
Memorial Day  
Armed Forces Day  
Mother's Day  
Present School Awards  
Legion Baseball Kick Off  
Oratorical Contest, Boys State,  
School Awards and American  
Education Week

## June

Start Membership Drive  
14th Flag Day  
History of Old Glory  
Support Summer  
Youth Programs

## 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
Finance Officer	Bob Huff
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

As you read this article, we will be on our way to Burns and Hines for our Spring Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting at Harney County Post #63. Has this membership year gone fast? In two and a half months, we will meet for our Department Convention in Aloha? We met in February to work on the Proposed 2022-2023 Department Budget. We will present the outcomes at our Spring DEC and make recommended changes if required. We will then publish the proposed budget in the May edition of our Oregon Legionnaire as is required by our Constitution and By-Laws. Then the proposed budget will be presented to the Finance Convention Committee at our Department Convention. The Convention Committee will present their outcomes to the Convention Delegates on the floor of our Convention for discussion and acceptance.

As your Post is holding your Post Elections, remember to vote for your Post Delegates and Alternates to attend your District Caucus and Department Convention. Department

will send out Post Delegate Forms and new Officer Forms. Post Delegate Forms must be completed and sent to Department 45 days before the Department Convention with the completed Delegate Forms and \$15.00 for each Delegate and Alternate Delegate. When you receive your delegate forms, they will include a table indicating your authorized delegate strength for your Post membership. At your District Caucus, you will vote on your District Officers and Delegates for our National Convention. Those forms with your new District Officers and National Delegates need to be sent to Department once your election is completed. Along with the District Forms, any new officers and delegates that do not have their DD214 on file at Department; a copy must be sent to Department with the District Forms. All delegates attending the Department Convention must have their Post Delegate Forms with their Adjutant certification sent to Department.

It is Tax Time. Yes, if your Post has a Tax Filing Period of January 1st

through December 31st, it is time to put your financial records together to file taxes if you haven't, which are due for a 990, 990EZ, or 990N



PDC, Bob Huff by May DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER 16th, 2022. There are no exceptions. We, Department, and Posts are under the National Umbrella and are under Group Exemption Number 0925, which is our 501c19. Remember, every Post is a separate corporation. It is a business. You operate under the Corporate Laws of Oregon, and you pay a filing fee each year to the Secretary of State, Corporation Division.

Remember, the Oregon American Legion Foundation is a 501©3; contributions are tax-deductible, funds are used for our programs. There is a lot of information and grant requests on our Web Site.

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S. FLYNN PHILIPS DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT people are holding on to Membership and mailing them in at the last minute, causing us to miss Membership Targets. The Department and posts run on the revenue generated from Membership. So If you are not renewing your past members and not working the new ones, especially the 114 list, then Legionnaire **YOU** are the problem, for our Department is dying a slow death.

Yes, I'm speaking to you. **BE** part of the solution, dig down deep in your soul and remember why you joined

the legion. Was it to help other veterans and their families? Work the programs to mentor and give leadership to our youth who will be our future leaders? Well, fellow legionnaire, rekindle that spirit. **Stop** worrying about the other guy. **Stop** throwing your fellow Legionnaire under the bus. **Stop** the constant negativity and chaos. Negativity generates more negativity; the end is entropy.

On the other hand, Positive energy, that good old fashion **CANDO** Spirit generates enormous enthusiasm, and people want to be part of that. So, turn on the light switch, **change your atti-**

**tude**, and **BE the solution**. You are the Army of One.

**If you don't think you can do this, then put on the whole Armour of God-** Ephesians 6:11-1 King James Version. Ask the Lord, my friend, for help guiding your spirit and cast out that Devil that has a hold on you. Legionnaires, this is indeed spiritual warfare. Call me, and I'll get you pumped up in a microsecond. You and I and The Lord can surely save our Department.

**We Must We Can, and We will. Charge over that hill.....Be Victorious.**





## RULES OF MOTIONS

Motions approved by the Department Executive Committee remain valid

or action was taken as a result of the resolution being adopted.

6. A motion may be amended as a “friendly amendment” if both the first and second of the main motion agree to the amended language. If they do not, the amended motion is voted on and then the board returns to the main motion.

7. A motion to “postpone indefinitely” is a motion to kill the motion.

8. An Executive Committee member stating, “Point of order” is, in essence, contending parliamentary procedure hasn’t been followed.

9. Long or complex, motions should be submitted to the Commander in writing.

**S. FLYNN PHILLIPS**  
**DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT**

changes the resolution. If the members approve the resolution, it remains valid until they vote to change the resolution. Keep in mind that the Executive Committee does not have the right to create a resolution or motion that is in conflict with the Constitution or By-laws. They can approve resolutions or motions concerning operations or modify “fundamental” rules and regulations. No Executive Committee can create a resolution that binds or limits future boards. For example, an Executive Committee cannot create a resolution that limits future Executive Committees for spending. A future board can simply vote out the limits.

1. The motion is made, seconded, debated, and voted upon. The Commander announces the results of the vote.

2. Each Executive Committee member addresses the motion once until all members have been heard.

3. One question at a time and one speaker at a time.

4. The majority rules.

5. A resolution is basically a formal, written motion. Typically, a motion contains “whereas” clauses explaining why the resolution is needed and then the “therefore be it resolved”



What two states were hit by a tonadaw in April 1922?

- A. Louisiana & Mississippi
- B. Texas & Oklahoma
- C. Tennessee & Alabama
- D. Kansas & Nebraska

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# Calendar of Events

**April**      **Children & Youth**  
 1-3 DEC Burns  
 15 Good Friday (Nat'l Close)  
 15 Purple Up for Military Kids  
 23 District 4 Caucus

**May**      **National Poppy Week**  
 2-5 NEC Spring Meetings  
 7 District 5 Caucus  
 8 Mother's Day  
 14 District 1 Caucus  
 14 Districts 3, 6 & 10 Caucus  
 15 District 2 Caucus  
 17 District 7 & 8 Caucus  
 21 Armed Forces Day  
 30 Memorial Day (closed)

**April**      **Summer Youth Programs**  
 4 District 9 Caucus  
 12-18 Boys State  
 12-18 Girls State  
 20 Juneteenth Day  
 21-26 State Convention



**PDC, KEVIN OWENS  
 NECMAN**

man and Senators to ask them to support the agenda. It takes all of us to get our leaders to continue to support Veterans every day. More information is available on [legion.org](http://legion.org) under legislative.

Our National Commander testified to the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs, which is available to watch on video. The speech does two things, the first being getting the items we think are the most important for the current Congress, and two, this gets us in front of the lawmakers who make those decisions. It's also a time to allow them to ask questions to understand the bigger picture of what is going on in the Veteran community. On the 12th of March, I was honored to attend the Department Oratorical contest.

It truly amazes me that high school

Each year our organization puts out our Legislative agenda to Congress. I urge all of you to read them and contact your

Congressman and Senators

students take the time to memorize an 8-10-minute speech and then be prepared for a 3-5 minute one on one of four topics. It shows what the American Legion is to the youth of our country, providing scholarship money to further their education. If you have not attended a contest, I urge you to take part in one next year.

Spring is here, and we have another three more chances for you to be part of this. The first one is our Boys State program, and it's a week that changes a life forever. Be a sponsor or encourage your Post to participate if you have not before; you will not be sorry.

The next is American Legion Baseball, an excellent chance to get a hot dog and enjoy some great baseball in the fresh air. The last is the Jim Willis Law Enforcement Camp. This Camp is a newer program but provides opportunities to show areas of law enforcement that could encourage someone to want to be part of the law enforcement world.

We are very proud of these three great programs. Please take the time to be part of at least one of them, and you will not be disappointed as the outcome is what the American Legion is about, Children & Youth, one of our four pillars.

## Deadline

for the May issue  
 of the  
 Oregon Legionnaire  
 is April 5th, 2022

**HAVE  
 YOU**



**RENEWED  
 YET?**





DAN BURKS  
DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER

how and where some of our membership disappeared to, as well as Posts that were shut down appearing on our weekly report with membership, while showing no one in the Post is active, then disappearing, taking what appears to be chunks of our membership with them.

At our last District meeting, the District voted to endorse Dan Burks, District 10 Commander, for the high office of Department 2nd Vice Commander. Post 63 has been extremely busy preparing to host the Spring DEC while running their normal activities. The last of their Oratorical contestants was declared they were unable to contend late in the running, leaving the Post without a contestant, unfortunately.

The Post showed great support, however, for the program as many traveled to the District Contest, and several went on to Lebanon to witness District 10's Oratorical contestant perform. Post 67 has been busy internally, developing new leadership as the Post voted to endorse Dan Burks, Post Commander for the high office of Department 2nd Vice Commander.

We are finding new life as new members have declared they would like the roles of 1st Vice Commander and 2nd Vice Commander, understanding we need dedicated individuals to run programs and work on membership,

District 10 continues to soldier on within our communities and our Posts. Membership just broke 80% for the 2nd time this year. We struggle to understand

with an emphasis on retention. Post 77 has been very quiet, with only two active members currently; I am working with the Post Commander on a day where the District can show and support a revitalization. Post 79 Has been quiet; a training day for the Post and its members is in the works currently.

Post 96 is the story of the year so far. Post 96 has been well known for only having two members at its meetings for several years, predating even me. With John Recla being the Adjutant for 46 years now and Gino Silva continuing as Commander for 16 years, certain aspect has grown a bit stale. However, new members have created a bit of a buzz, one may be stepping into the Commanders' position, and the other may finally relieve John as the Adjutant.

Amongst this commotion, a young lady named Aliza Saunders called the Commander and asked to participate in the Oratorical Contest. For the 1st time known, 24 members of Post 96 showed up for a meeting to witness the contest. Seven members showed up to the following month's meeting. This young lady has gone on to win 1st place at the Department contest and is preparing for National and recently winning the state speech competition for FFA and will prepare to head to national for them as well.

Post 106 continues to be a front runner in the District, boasting 110% membership and being in the surrounding communities, helping with everything from holiday ceremonies to graveside honors.



CARL PAWLIK  
DETACHMENT COMMANDER

SAL  
Commanders  
Note

We have come through 2 years of disruption. Canceled meetings, events canceled, and at times our

Posts being closed. We followed the rules that were created and carried on. Being one of the last States to remove mandates, we have some catching up to do. The SAL has done a great job. Membership continues to be on goal, and hopefully, we will reach 100%. Our events can go on again, community service programs and everything else we were doing that was interrupted, a new start, a new time once again to show our importance, our place in the community.

Spring is on the way, and so are elections of new officers. Many officers have held office longer than expected due to covid disruptions. Now is the time to step up. Sign up for an officer position in the SAL. We need new blood fresh ideas, carry on what works, add new ideas/events, and move forward. This is at all levels of our organization. We must remember one thing. If we do not grow, we will die. It is up to us to make our organization one that individuals want to belong to because of what we do for our veterans and community.

I want to comment on social media and Facebook. My wife, an ALA member and past member of the year, worked hard to establish our Post presence on Facebook and all local media and NGO sites. This was destroyed by one email from a Post Officer who was unaware of all the infor-

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CARL PAWLIK DETACHMENT COMMANDER mation available concerning a specific issue but still needed to comment. His comment led to my wife leaving the ALA and my transfer from 83. My comment is this. Stay off social media/email if your comments are negative. Once on the internet, always on the internet.

On the lighter side, I am looking forward to transferring to a Squadron trying to reestablish itself. They've had some hard times, stayed together, and slowly grew. Great guys, and I hope I can be of help.

It is with great honor that we Glenn Morrison Unit #70 endorse Cindy Soria for Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon.

Cindy joined the American Legion Auxiliary under her husband Robert Soria who served in the Army from 1964 to 1966. In 1999 she joined Mission City Unit 564 in Santa Clara California. Within two years as a member she was voted in as president and served in that position for two years. Cindy also held offices of First Vice, Secretary, Treasure, Poppy chairman and Children and Youth. When her and Robert came to Oregon in 2008, they joined Glenn Morrison Post 70 in Cave Junction Oregon. Within a year she was voted in as the unit President. Cindy also held the office of Vice President and Membership as well Poppy Chairmen for unit 70 reaching 100% goal several times. She currently is Vice President and Treasurer of her unit.

As our Vice President and Membership chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oregon she has done a fantastic job keeping her district presidents engaged on

# AUXILIARY NEWS



DEBRA GODWIN  
DEPT PRESIDENT

Department of Oregon  
ALA President  
2021-2022



**My motto is:**  
**A Year of Learning, With  
Positive Communication!!!**

We the Auxiliary Unit #21 of Post #21, McMinnville OR are proud to endorse Debra Godwin, current Department President, for a second term 2022/2023.

Debra is eligible through her Father Jarold J. Jennings, who served in the USAF during the Korean War era. Debra joined our Unit in 2015, and immediately became very active. She became our Unit President for the 2016/2017, and District #2 President and held the position until she became Department VP 2020/2021, and at that time she led our department in membership.

Debra is dedicated to learning and expanding her knowledge of the

their membership goals. She continues to have open communication with her Department President Debra Godwin, District Presidents and units. In 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 she was awarded the UD&R District President award. She also has been Department Poppy Chairman. These are great accomplishment that she is very proud of. Cindy is very personable to everyone. Always willing to be at call anytime.

Prior to joining the American Legion

American Legion Auxiliary and the Legion Family as a whole. Her enthusiasm is contagious, and she is always reaching for the positive in any situation.

Debra has a deep passion for our homeless Veterans, membership, Family, and community.

Debra was elected as Department President of Oregon in June 2021 in Canyonville Oregon. She quickly hit the ground running. Debra is a force to be reckoned with and we've all had to step up our game just to keep up with her.

Glena Smith, Unit #21 President

Gregoria Hernandez Unit #21 VP

Auxiliary, she belonged to the Peninsula Insurance Women's Association while being a licensed Property & Casualty agent for 30 years. Over the last 12 years she worked for Three Rivers School District as a Multi-Handicap Educational Assistant. She retired in October of 2021.

Cindy never excludes anyone from being acknowledged of their hard work in our organization, no matter how big or small. Cindy believes that

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we are all one and serve for the same purposes, to help our veterans, children and communities.

Because of Cindy's experience this last year as your First Vice President /Membership Chairman Cindy is ready to continue on as your Vice President/Membership for the 2022-2023 year. We ask you to join us in nominating Cindy Soria to the position of Vice President/Membership Department of Oregon.

Sincerely,  
Linda Holloman President  
Glenn Morrison Unit 70

## Hermiston's American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 37



Sergeant at Arms, Linda Anderson (left) and President Cathy Stolz wheeled in a sparkling Birthday Cake and led the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members (approximately 30 together) in singing Happy Birthday after both groups finished their monthly business meetings, Monday, March 7, 2022. We presented Post Commander Wetterling (who took this pic) with a homemade Birthday card, signed by our 13 Aux meeting attendees.

Immediately, Legionnaire Fred Sheely gave an interesting 10-minute account of how the American Legion was born 103 years ago. He even brought it forward to 2014 when the mishandling of veterans' health-care

and benefits was exposed to the world. He pointed out that our AL leaders kept pressing for the entire overhauling of the veterans' commission. Doctors and department heads were fired and the current VA was established. Very interesting.

The cake, donated by Hermiston's Walmart, was decorated with edible icing: a stylized flag, TAL's logo and the inscription "103 years Strong! Happy Birthday, Legionnaires!"

I bought the sparklers at the Post's Fourth of July Fireworks fundraising tent and saved them for this. Since we couldn't COVID Blow out candles on the cake, these worked well. After

we elevated the cake on a decorated, wheeled cart, a helmet was placed beside it. We also presented a Birthday Card signed by our 13 Auxiliary meeting attendees.

*Blessings, Cathy Stolz*



**103 YEARS STRONG**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICAN LEGION**

Top View of the sparkling American Legion Birthday cake for their 103rd birthday.

# AUXILIARY NEWS

March 3, 2022

Aloha Unit 104 is proud to endorse Catherine Brockmann for Department of Oregon, Vice President for the 2022-2023 membership year. Catherine gained her eligibility for the American Legion Auxiliary through her father, Arvis Cannon, deceased, who served in the US Air Force during the Korean War, and through her husband, Cory Brockmann, who served in the US Army and US Air Force during the Cold War and Lebanon/Grenada era.

Catherine has been an active member of Aloha Unit 104 since joining in 2014. She began her Auxiliary service by being the Children & Youth Chairman, 2015-2016, organizing all the children's holiday parties. Catherine was elected Unit #104 President, 2018-2019, where she exhibited her leadership skills and increased attendance at meetings and Unit-led functions. She has served as the First Vice and Membership Chairman since 2019 and has a vital role in our Unit reaching goal this year. Catherine is dedicated to the mission of the ALA and has led many efforts to assist our veterans. She has organized groups to make greeting cards to be taken to the local VA hospital; support a District 1 service project that resulted in our Aloha #104 Legion Family making over 500+ ornaments for the National Christmas Tree; coordinated goodie bag assembly for stand-downs; and spearheaded a drive to collect care-goods which resulted in 12 boxes that were shipped to Oregon National Guard troops deployed in Qatar.

Catherine is currently serving as District 1 President, a position she has held for 3 years. In this time, she has worked with all Units in the District to increase reporting of accomplishments. Catherine has also increased her knowledge on the inner-workings of the Department by being a member of the Department Executive Committee. She actively participates and asks questions during meetings, provides valuable input during discussions, and has been assisting with the proofreading of minutes before distribution.

As Department Page at National Conventions in Indianapolis, 2019, and Phoenix, 2021, Catherine has shown her willingness to serve, her ability to stay focused and organized, and increased her knowledge of workings at all levels of the organization.

Catherine has shown she possesses the skills, drive, and dedication to be successful as Department Vice President. Please join our Unit in supporting Catherine Brockmann for First Vice President, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon for the 2022-2023 year.

Respectfully,

*Stacey Gettmann*

Stacey Gettmann  
Unit 104 President

*Michelle Fellows*

Michelle Fellows  
Unit 104 Secretary

# AUXILIARY NEWS



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## The Jerry Gibson Memorial Golf "Fore" a Vet Tournament

Buffalo Peak Golf Course  
Union, OR

**June 4, 2022**

Sponsored by

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 43  
Legion Family Post 43  
La Grande, OR



4 Person Scramble  
\$85 per player/  
\$340 per team



Registration at  
9am  
Shotgun Start at  
10am

Entry fee includes greens, cart, lunch, refreshments, range balls and tee prize.

Mulligans to be sold the day of tournament

**\*\* Silent Auction Items \*\***

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### A Benefit for Veteran's Programs

- Cross the Divide, Joseph
- VA Clinic Snacks, La Grande
- VA Transplant Unit, Portland
- Veterans' Home Gift Shop, The Dalles
- Eastern Oregon Military Support Fund



MIKE SOWLES

BASEBALL CHAIR

Oregon Baseball has just started at the High School level, and many of our coaches and managers are involved. Many of our Oregon high school teams will take time out during Spring Break to head to Arizona and Southern California for a week of baseball.

We opened the Oregon American Legion Registration process in January and team insurance purchase in February. To this date, we have 43 teams interested in playing Summer American Legion Baseball.

Teams can Register and purchase insurance for about \$600. American Legion Posts are encouraged to invest in this amount to sponsor a Post team. Teams can also get private or business and industry to sponsor a player or team. The participating youth and or family can sponsor or donate a player's fee. Teams establish players' fees independently.

Additional team costs are uniforms, umpires, baseballs, travel and lodging, and field costs. The home team pays for the umpires, baseballs, and their field.

Many teams have scheduled their two-month slate of league and non-league games and tournaments. But open dates are available if you wish to establish a team.

Practice and games will start June 1, 2022. The last day to register and purchase insurance is 5-15-2022. Team try-outs can be in late May or early June. *Continued on page 11*

*Fill out registration on page 11*

*We look forward to seeing you!*



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MIKE SOWLES  
BASEBALL CHAIR

Many teams have a schedule of 40 games or more, playing numerous double-headers. Games are usually seven innings long. Pitch counts are kept on each pitcher for the players' health and safety.

Coaches, Managers, and staff are required to complete a background check and take an Adult Abuse Training online course.

The Oregon American Legion Single A Tournament will be held at North Marion High School in Aurora, Oregon, from July 20-24, 2022.

The triple AAA Tournament will be held in Roseburg, Oregon, at Legion field from July 23-27, 2022. Play-in games for this tournament may be played on Friday, July 22, in Roseburg.

The Oregon Single A Tournament Champion moves on to Price, Utah, August 3-7, 2022, for a season-ending tournament of NW States.

The Oregon Triple AAA Tournament Champion moves on to Gillette, Wyoming, August 3-7, 2022, for a Western Regional Tournament.

The winner of the AAA Regional Tournament moves on to Shelby, North Carolina, for the American Legion World Series August 11-16th, 2022.

The American Legion Baseball registration, insurance purchase, and Rule book are online as well as resources and forms for the team registration and other processes. Oregon teams are located on the national website. <https://www.legion.org/baseball> and <https://www.legion.org/baseball/participate>

# AUXILIARY NEWS



The  
Jerry Gibson  
Memorial  
Tournament



## GOLF "FORE" A VET TEAM REGISTRATION

hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit #43 & Legion Family La Grande, Oregon

**June 4, 2022, at Buffalo Peak Golf Course in Union, Oregon**

### Benefit 4 Person Golf Scramble

(Amateurs only) for:  
Divide Camp in Joseph, Oregon,  
VA Transplant Unit,  
The Dalles Veterans Home Gift Shop  
Eastern Oregon Military Support Funds

Cost: **\$85 per player**  
**\$340 per team**

### Early Bird full Team entry

by April 30th is eligible for a cash  
drawing of **\$100**

**Registration starts at 9 am, Shotgun start at 10 am**

Entry fee includes greens, cart, lunch,  
refreshments, range balls and tee prize.

**Mulligans to be sold the day of tournament**

**\*\* Silent Auction Items \*\***

**Raffle prizes to be determined later**

Submit payment and entry to:

**ALA-GFAV Unit #43**

**P.O. Box 1652**

**La Grande, OR 97850** or drop off at

Post #43, 301 Fir Street, La Grande **June 1<sup>st</sup> cut off**

### Team Players **Team Captain**

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Questions and info call, Kathi at 541-963-0787 or email [kathikk56.kk@gmail.com](mailto:kathikk56.kk@gmail.com)





**THE OREGON AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION RAFFLE**

**AMERICAN LEGION  
PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL)  
MEMBERSHIP**

Drawing at 2022 Oregon Department Convention

Must be present at drawing to win.\*

No cost raffle.    \* See official rules for details on eligibility and prize award.    0001

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No cost raffle.    0001



**PDC, KEVIN OWENS**  
**TOALF PRESIDENT**

including a cornhole tournament and a silent auction. Last year the tremendous support by our members made the event a success. The hope is more members from our American Legion Family will participate again this year for fun, but more importantly, to get to know each other.

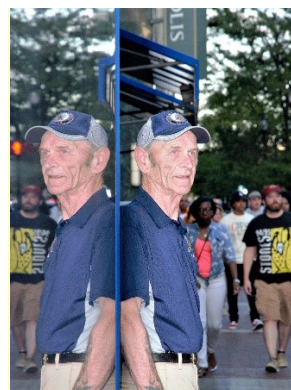
The Oregon American Legion Foundation has been very busy over the last few months. We are planning another event at the Department

Convention, including a cornhole tournament and a silent auction. Last year the tremendous support by our members made the event a success. The hope is more members from our American Legion Family will participate again this year for fun, but more importantly, to get to know each other.

for the 100-year poster. Please buy a ticket and, better yet, get two. The money raised helps support the programs of the American Legion. This year at the convention, each registered delegate and alternate will receive a raffle ticket for free for a paid-up-for-life membership in our organization. It's a great way never to have to pay dues again. Information will be in the Legionnaire. Lastly, the goal of the Foundation is to fund programs and events that help support programs that support our four pillars. Please take advantage of the things we can offer, and it's yours for the asking.



The Foundation will be having a raf- Thank you



**PDC, STEVE ADAMS**  
**INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

I want to thank all of the committees under Internal Affairs Commission for having their Book of Reports submitted on time.

American Legion Riders have been active in supporting the Legion family throughout the Department, supporting Veterans in their communities, and providing public awareness of what the Legion does.

Sons of the American Legion committee has been busy with Son's Detachment and is assisting them with communications and encouraging them to work with Posts and review their Constitution & Bylaws.

The Training and Development Committee has been involved in training events all around the state and is active in creating more training events. They also encourage individuals to get online and get involved in many classes and programs.

Resolution Assignment Committee has been busy reviewing various resolutions, including the resolution to merge Districts 7/8 along with others.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee has been bust working with Districts and Pots to answer questions about Constitution and Bylaws.

Over the last few months, there have been several issues referred to Department from Posts. Post. Post issues need to be resolved at the Post level. If it cannot be, then it can be referred to District. Department cannot get in-

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## Are you moving?

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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Wilsonville, OR 97070-1730





February 1, 2022

## 2022 DEPARTMENT OF OREGON – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

### American Legion Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Membership No Cost Raffle

#### OFFICIAL RULES

**Prize Description:** One American Legion Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership for a current non-PUFL member that meets the eligibility criteria and is in further accordance with the details contained within this Official Rules document. The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) will pay the American Legion PUFL membership dues based upon the member's age and membership dues rate of the winning raffle member's current assigned post at the time of the raffle drawing. The Oregon American Legion department adjutant will submit the membership application and payment on behalf of the winner and TOALF.

If the raffle number drawn belongs to a current American Legion PUFL member, the winner will be awarded an in-lieu cash-value prize in the amount of 50% of the American Legion PUFL membership dues based upon the member's age and membership dues-rate of the winning raffle member's current assigned post as of the time of the raffle drawing. TOALF will make payment of the in-lieu cash-value prize.

Neither the PUFL membership nor the in-lieu cash-value prize is transferrable. The PUFL membership cannot be substituted/exchanged for an in-lieu cash-value prize.

**Date of Drawing:** June 24, 2022

**Location of Drawing:** 2022 Oregon Department Convention Banquet – Aloha, Oregon

**Ticket Cost:** No cost.

**Odds of Winning:** Dependent upon the number of participating registered attendees at the department convention.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Must be a current member in good standing of The American Legion Department of Oregon. Must be a registered member and participant of the 2022 Oregon Department Convention, in possession of 2022 convention credentials, and in possession of their 2022 American Legion membership identification card. Members of The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) committee are not eligible to participate.

**Rules:** Must be present to win. One American Legion Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Membership numbered raffle ticket will be provided to each eligible member, at no cost, as described in this Official Rules document. A PUFL Membership numbered raffle ticket, herein referred to as 'numbered raffle ticket', will be provided to the member during his/her convention registration during convention registration hours; registration hours will be as published in the convention program and/or as posted at the registration table; if registration hours change, updated hours posted at the registration table take precedent. Member must legibly complete the numbered raffle ticket stub, remove the raffle ticket stub from the raffle ticket, deposit the completed stub in the receptacle provided, and maintain possession of the numbered raffle ticket for the drawing. Participating convention-registered members should only be in possession of one numbered raffle ticket; one member, one numbered raffle ticket. The Raffle Judges must be able to legibly read the name and phone number of the numbered raffle ticket stub; otherwise, the stub is disqualified, and another stub will be drawn. At the time of the drawing, upon announcement of the winning raffle number, the convention-registered member must provide proof of his/her 2022 American Legion membership identification card and the numbered raffle ticket with the corresponding matching number for verification by the Raffle Judges. The winner will complete the winner certification/verification form for the Raffle Judges at the conclusion of the drawing. Verification of member 2022 American Legion membership identification card, winning numbered raffle ticket, and online membership verification shall be completed by the Raffle Judges within 72 hours, and the raffle officially closed. The Oregon American Legion department adjutant will submit the PUFL membership application and payment on behalf of the winner if a non-PUFL member. TOALF will remit an in-lieu cash-value prize if the winner is already a PUFL member. Members of The TOALF committee are not eligible to participate. All decisions rendered by the Raffle Judges are final.

**Raffle Judges:** The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) committee



## THE OREGON AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION

### American Legion Paid Up For Life (PUFL)

#### Membership Raffle

In support of our Department of Oregon membership, The Oregon American Legion Foundation is proudly offering a no cost Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership raffle, which will be conducted at the 2022 Oregon Department Convention!

**Raffle Prize:** One American Legion Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership\*  
(\* An in-lieu cash-value prize will be awarded if already a PUFL member.)

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a current member in good standing of The American Legion Department of Oregon.
- Be a registered member and participant of the 2022 Oregon Department Convention.
- Be in possession of 2022 convention credentials.
- Be in possession of his/her 2022 American Legion membership identification card.

**Official Rules:** Must be present to win. See official rules for details.



## 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





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**PDC, STEVE ADAMS** involved in Post issues until it has been processed thru the Post, then District, then Department. We need to adhere to Constitution & Bylaws and follow the rules.

The Committee on the District 7/8 merger is progressing and is following the rules & guidelines to present it at Convention.



**PDC, KEVIN OWENS**  
**PERMANENT FINANCE** Each year in February, the Commission sits down to address the budget for the next year. Like any other year, the process does not get any easier to ensure that we can fund what we need to in our department. Membership is our primary source of income, and the continued decline forces the budget to compensate for those losses. The answer is, what can each one of us do to help continue fund those things? It really comes down to one thing, sign up one new member. If each one could do that, we would double in membership. I know that is a stretch, but we should consider this as we would get our renewal rate up to 92%, a goal set by our National Commander, and get 25% of our goal in new members which would be 3500 new members the cash value would be close to \$48k in revenue to our department. In the end, we would see growth each year. The American Legion was relevant 100 years ago but is even more relevant today, as we see our benefits being chipped away each day. I am asking that we all band together and continue to be the greatest Veterans organization in the world.



**DAN BURKS**  
**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Membership continues to struggle. We are not on pace to match last year, and it isn't easy to pinpoint the needs of each District as communication is delivered, but only in one direction. I have tried to invite myself to the Districts but have not been received to date. I have several attempts to open a dialogue in which we can create a solution to current dilemmas surrounding membership. To date, I have received zero District membership plans.

Membership hit the 80% target date with the extension from National. However, even with the extension, we failed to meet the 85% target. This failed target could only mean the Department membership transmittals have slowed, and we are far too early

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in the membership year to stall at this pace. I have distributed an email to all PDCs asking for their assistance in ensuring we have as much participation from the District Commanders down to the Posts in actively recruiting and transmitting membership.

Changing tactics, the M&PA has begun holding virtual monthly meetings with District Commanders and Membership Chairs, with questions distributed well in advance to streamline the meeting, receive the same information, and distribute the same suggestions uniformly. Staying in constant contact with the Department 1st Vice Commander and ensuring he is kept up to speed on all accords, he has proven an asset on all fronts assisting on every occasion.

Membership may have a Commission, but the membership team is every member top to bottom. We need to remind everyone of this and ask for everyone's assistance in rebuilding our Department.



**PNC, CHARLES SCHMIDT**  
**PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR**

single occurrences; a campaign is a series of operations with a goal in mind. Public awareness and fundraising can be goals of both a campaign and an event.

Pursuing our Legion Publication Relations (PR) Toolkit publication, you can find a lot of tips to enhance your PR program and initiatives. "Events are usually

planning. The first task undertaken by the campaign committee should be crafting a mission statement. It needs to answer two questions: 1) What is the purpose of this campaign? 2) What do we want to accomplish? When planning a campaign, remember to "start SMART." A SMART campaign objective is Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound. An example could be supporting veterans and their families by increasing District 4 donations to the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation by 20% over this calendar year.

The **specific** change in behavior that this objective addresses is an increase

Like an event, campaigns require

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**PNC, CHARLES SCHMIDT** in District 4 **PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR** donations to the Veterans and Children Foundation by 20% this year. It includes the 5 Ws: who, what, when, where, and why. The **measurable** aspect is the 20% objective. The final district fundraising results should be compared with the previous year to see if the objective was met.

**Achievable** objectives are essential. Goals should be ambitious but realistic.

It is unlikely that any district could raise \$1 billion, but a 20% donation increase over the previous year is certainly achievable through awareness, challenging work, and the generosity of the community. Increasing donations to the Veterans and Children Foundation is also **relevant** because it supports veterans and their families – a founding pillar of The American Legion. Finally, the campaign is **time-bound**, with a start point and end-point – this calendar year.”

To find more information and examples of news releases, media advisories, public service announcements, networking, social media, podcasts, internal/external media, interviews, and more, download The American Legion’s Public Relations Toolkit at [www.legion.org/publications](http://www.legion.org/publications) under the Media & Communications tab. The Toolkit is our guide to establish and maintain lines of communications between our Posts, Districts, and the Department with our Publics.



**LARRY WITTMAYER**  
**SCOUTING CHAIR**

The Department has received no applications for Department Eagle Scout of the Year as of this date. National Cub-ChatLive is on Friday’s 2 pm CT on Facebook. Scouting salutes Female Scouters on Women’s History Month.

Scouting explores its ties with Yellowstone’s 150th Anniversary. Scouts at Scouting’s Seabase in Florida work to rescue coral reefs.

## Council Events

### *Cascade Pacific Council*

111 Days to Summer camp  
3/19 SM,ASM,DL Training  
3/24 Cub Corner with Deb  
3/30 Council Court of Honor  
4/1 Super weekend at Camp Meriwether  
4/2 Leave No Trace Trainer Course  
4/2 Baloo Training  
4/2 Outdoor Leader Training Camp Meriwether

4/8 OA WICC  
4/9 Merit badge University  
4/28 Cub Corner with Deb  
4/29 2022 Territory 1 Norwest Sea Scout Regatta Camp Rilea  
4/30 Cuboree

### *Oregon Trail Council*

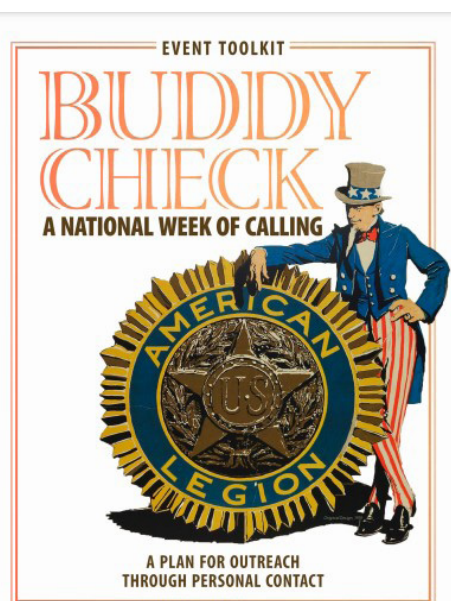
3/26 Camp Mooney Service Day  
4/8 Outdoor Leader Training  
4/22 OA Service Weekend  
4/29 Fun with Scouts at Camp Baker

### *Blue Mountain Council*

3/19-20 Fishing Clinic  
3/230 Ham Radio Testing  
4/8-10 75 Year Anniversary of OA Lodge Walamootkin  
4/16 Badger Mountain Adventure Race  
4/23-24 BSA Fun Days Skeet Shoot

### *Mountain West Council*

3/19 Council Recognition Event  
4/9 National Commissioner College  
4/9 Wilderness  
First aid Training  
4/16 National Commissioner Training



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**PDC, BOB HUFF**  
**VA&R CHAIRPERSON**

As of the writing of this article, the plan is for our Veterans Service Office at the Portland Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) to reopen at the end of March.

This will support the VBA's Traveling Boards and fill a void when our Veterans with appeals need computers and support that we can support that need. We are currently assessing the impacts and how we can support our go-forward plan to best support our Veteran community. The Commission also has oversight of our Department VAVS Program, which has representatives at our VA Facilities in Oregon.

On Thursday, March 3rd, I attended a virtual meeting with the VA Directors from Portland VA, Roseburg VA, and the VA SORCC in White City. The meeting was to learn about the Oregon VA's recommendation to the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission. This is a Mission Act-required initiative to study the current and future health care needs of Veterans across the country. Oregon VA is the Southern Cascade,

# VA & R

which includes the Portland VA, Roseburg VA, and Eugene and VA SORCC in White City and all Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) in Oregon. The recommendations which will be submitted on the 14th, some have started already to better support rural areas, will be moving some CBOCs from Portland to Roseburg/Eugene and some from Roseburg to VA SORCC in White City. Some of the recommendations will be recommended for implementation over the next ten years to support rural areas and an aging Veteran population.

A lot of good questions were asked about transportation for Veterans, where services will be available for Veterans, and those services that are being addressed at this time with an immediate need. As recommendations are approved and planned, we will forward the information to our members.

Both our Department Service Office and VAVS Program have been impacted by positive COVID cases and have continued to support with reduced in-person support and continued to support with virtual support. The VA will not allow anyone to fill volunteer positions without being

completed on their COVID shots by Federal direction. Face mask requirements continue at all Federal facilities. If going to a VA or Federal Building, you are required to wear a face mask.

We are currently participating in meetings with recommendations to start the VA&R Meetings at our Department Convention to include speakers from our National Organization. Our National VA&R Chair has accepted our invitation to speak at our Department Convention this year. We are looking at inviting representatives from our Local VA, Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, and National Cemetery Administration and recognize our VSO and Volunteers that do so much in our Department of Oregon Legion Family. We will be supporting and speaking at the March 29th Vietnam Era Veterans Day Ceremony for our Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans and pin ceremony.

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 and 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, The Department of Oregon. If your District is holding their meeting and would like more information or support with our Pillar I Veterans activities, please contact me, and we will be happy to support you.

*Thank you*

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# VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS



PDC, BOB HUFF  
VEE & H CHAIRPERSON

The Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness Commission supported the VA SORCC and held our second in-person Employment Event on Saturday, February 5th, 2022, which was a success. The demand for critical clinical needs to support the Veteran population is crucial, and the demand continues to grow.

We are still held to COVID protocols which have impacted our holding events. In our last two events, we held part inside and part outside. As a critical need exists at all our VAs, more events are in the works. As events are planned, and flyers are put together for the events, we will place them in this Legionnaire and circulate them through our department email chain. Each event is held complying with all Mask, Social Distancing, and common-sense and Oregon and VA rules for a number of participants; all rules are followed for everyone's safety.

All employment opportunities for these scheduled events are for critical

jobs at VA facilities. All our partners participated. With a shortage of candidates, we have to work out of the box to find new ways to support them. Our goal is for Veterans and Spouse employment and support where the needs of the VA to support our Veterans needs are met. Yes, it is a new way of doing business.

We are looking for new ways to support Pillar One. We still need some face-to-face Veteran Stand Downs which has become more critical and is needed. We are gathering equipment, clothing and have met with the VA Directors for a venue. We are getting closer with in-person events starting.

## NATIONAL VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS



PDC, BOB HUFF  
NATIONAL VEE & H  
MEMBER

At 8:30 am EST (5:30 am PST) on Saturday, March 5th, we attended the Washington Conference Virtually. This year because of COVID, the Conference was held on ZOOM. The meeting was held until 5 pm EST (2 pm PST). The Conference was very informative in addition to being presented with three proposed resolutions.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) took a large part in the Confer

ence. Veterans are part of the underserved community. A new goal is to ensure 15% of Federal Contracts go to Service-Disabled Businesses. Fewer Veterans Businesses are entering into Government Contracts. The Tier was discussed, a lot of good information has the potential to be used by our Veterans community.

The PowerPoint discussion used in these presentations will be sent out after this article is printed in the first part of April. The SBA is looking to reverse the trend and have more Veteran Business Owners participate. Of note, The American Legion is the only partner, a Veterans Group that is participating in the Education, Employment, and Credentialing with our Partners.

We were sent the resolutions before the meeting; a lot of discussions was held, and all three were approved at the commission level without being numbered and forwarded to National after the meeting to the National Resolution Committee for their action.

The 1st Proposed Resolution is to amend Title 38, United States Code, to provide GI Bill Education Benefits for Veterans Receiving a General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions. Currently, all other V.A. Benefits are afforded Veterans receiving a General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions except the GI Bill Education Benefits, which we approved at the Commission level.

The 2nd Resolution is to increase the  
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# NATIONAL VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS

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**PDC, BOB HUFF** Federal Pro-  
**NATIONAL VEE & H** curements and  
**COMMISSION** Contracts for  
Veterans-Owned Business from the  
current rate of 3% to 5%, which we  
approved at the Commission level.  
The 2nd Resolution was approved by  
NEC action in 2008. We are returning  
it for action at this time.

The 3rd Proposed Resolution is to  
Support the Transfer of the Duties  
and Responsibilities of the Center of  
Verification and Evaluation from the  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
to the Small Business Administration.

Currently, Veterans Small Business  
must apply through both systems  
to two different criteria, additional  
documentation. The American Le-  
gion recommends one system and  
supports the SBA. The 3rd Resolu-  
tion was approved at the Commission  
Level.

In the afternoon session, there were  
three different panels, three break-out  
sessions, each very informative with  
each hosting panel speaker, all experts  
in their field. In the 1st Session, “Re-  
building the Veteran-Owned Small

Business,” the number of Veteran  
Owned Small businesses has been  
declining, and the Session was dedi-  
cated to increasing Veteran-Owned  
Small businesses. The 2nd Session,  
“New Initiatives and Opportunities to  
Ensure Veteran Success in Education  
and Training,” was eye-opening with  
the issues that still exist for Veterans.

Before the Pandemic Covid, several  
Education Institutions were on the  
verge of closing, For-Profit, Not for  
Profit, and Public. In addition, only  
20% of tuition payments were going  
toward the education of the students.  
The verification and review of Educa-  
tion Institutions that Veterans are at-  
tending, Education Oversight are still  
being held as other Institutions are  
still taking advantage of Veterans and  
are financially unstable.

This panel also discussed the educa-  
tion, cost, and what income can be ex-  
pected after graduation, a lot of charts  
which will be sent out over the next  
couple of months email through  
Department. The 3rd Session was  
“Bolstering Veteran Federal Labor  
Market Competitiveness: How to In-  
crease Veteran Hiring in the Federal  
Workforce.”

There is a downward trend of hiring  
Veterans in Government. 12 Federal  
Agencies hire lower than 15% Veter-  
ans at this time. Government hiring  
was 40% nine years ago, DOD now  
22%, VA 25%, Homeland Security  
12%. If a veteran is 30% disabled, they  
qualify for a quicker hiring process,  
and there are changes taking place  
now for Federal Hiring.

Previously all employment required  
using US Jobs and filling out your ap-  
plication for the position you were ap-  
plying. Now, several of those jobs only  
require your resume and an interview  
which can be accomplished virtually.  
There is a lot of good information that  
applies to our Department, members,  
veterans in our communities, and  
a lot that will be used by our VE&E  
Team here in our Department. More  
to come.

We had speakers from Homeland  
Security, TSA, which is not just Trans-  
portation Security Officers (TSO), but  
also I.T., Finance, Administration,  
several positions, and speakers from  
U.S. Agency for International Devel-  
opment (USAID). Both groups are  
looking for employees, Veterans, and  
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From Your  
American Legion  
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# 2nd Vice Commander Candidacy Announcement

Legionnaires, I respectfully announce my candidacy for the high office of 2nd Vice Commander within the Department of Oregon.

My eligibility comes from my honorable service in the world's greatest Navy from January 2001 until July 2007, serving in both Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom Campaigns.

I am a five-year Paid Up For Life member in the American Legion and have held a number of leadership positions within the Post, District, Department, and National Organization. This includes but is not limited to National Veterans Preference Committee, National Legislative Council, Department Membership and Post Activities Commission Chair, Department Sons of the American Legion Committee Chair, Department Vice-Chair for the Internal Affairs Commission, and I have served as an Officer for five years in District 10, four of which as District 10 Commander, and five years as Post Commander of Ontario Post 67.

I have completed the American Legion Education Institute Basic Training Course as well as numerous other training sessions conducted by the Department of Oregon and virtually by National Staff.

As a member of this great organization, I believe our greatest asset is our membership, and I make it my mission to reach out and assist as many



members – *and veterans* – as possible. With this position, that mindset does not falter, but rather, it will amplify. Additionally, as Department 2nd Vice Commander, I will have oversight of your Department's programs. We must continue to work together in order to rebound from the pandemic and develop our next generation of member-volunteers who will follow on behind us. Our programs are vital to a healthy America and our youth and can only be successful with our continued teamwork and dedication.

I am a dual member of the Sons of the American Legion, a life member of the VFW, and a member of the Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada-United States Unit (ANAVICUS) proudly support educational

opportunities for the youth of veterans. I am a supporter of veteran advocacy and other patriotic endeavors that embrace a strong America. I routinely teach U.S. Flag history and etiquette to elementary-age school children and recently supported our District's first oratorical contest in well over a decade.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and an Associate's degree in Computer Networking. I have owned and operated a small business since 2018 and have managed several other companies, including national companies that achieved honors in Forbes Fortune 5000. I have a consistent history since I was eighteen years old of responsibility, leadership, and accomplishments, both in my personal growth and business.

As Legionnaires, we have a visibility that allows us to reach out to other Veterans and our communities. I desire to do so across the Department of Oregon.

With that, I ask that you join me on my mission to grow our Department reach out to our members, veterans, our communities, and our youth across the state. I ask for your support– *and your vote* – in electing me to the high office of 2nd Vice Commander, Department of Oregon, 2022-2023.





# Oakridge, Post 64



Herald photo Left to right: American Legion Post 64 Commander Skip Baker, Allen DeBuhr, David Borton, John Milandin, and Oakridge Disc Golf Club President Jason Nehmer gather around a disc golf basket on the Old Mill Disc Golf Course in Oakridge.

By GEORGE CUSTER/President/The Herald

After settling up all the bills and allowing the dust to settle, the Oakridge Disc Golf Club felt proud. Their pride came knowing that they could now donate their recent tournament proceeds to The American Legion, Post 64, Oakridge.

The club gave a check for \$1,250 to the Post. Legionnaires Skip Baker, current commander of the local Post, John Milandin, Allen DeBuhr, and David Borton were on hand.

## Veterans for Vets tournament held earlier

Jason Nehmer, president of the disc golf club, met the group on the course and presented Skip with the check.

The club held its second annual fundraiser, the “Veterans for Vets” disc golf tournament, earlier in January. Players came from all points of Or-

egon for the event. Last year the event netted \$1,100 that was also donated to the Oakridge American Legion Post. The mission of The American Legion is: “To enhance the well-being of America’s veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

## A second disc golf course in Westfir

Jason reminded me of the addition of a second certified course in Westfir. This additional course will, Jason believes, bring additional status to the area for championship-level tournaments. This should equate to more tourists coming to, and staying, in our lodging and shopping our stores.

Post 64 holds its monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Westridge middle school in Westfir at 11 a.m. All veterans are always welcome.



ADAM GETTMANN  
POST 104 COMMANDER

## From the Deck plates

What does the Legion need to do to attract and keep younger veterans and their families? That is a question I have been asking myself for several months now, and I do not have an answer. Is it a lack of interest, is it a lack of knowledge about what we do? Is it something else? Is this a generational problem? Do other benevolent organizations have the same issues? Or is it something else entirely?

Do they not care about the community, state, and Nation? Or is it our stigma as an “old man’s drinking club”?

I have asked several veterans that I know, who are not members, this very question, and the answers are mixed, everything from “I don’t know” to “I don’t have enough time.”

Maybe start with explaining what we do for the local community and how we can help them.

We have legionaries, who are members of my post, whose parents pay for their membership, and they have never walked through the door. Yes, that keeps our membership numbers up, but if they live in a different state or town, they have no interest in community outreach at their home post and may not even know they are a member. We also have members who feel just the annual membership is enough, and that is all they will do to support the post. A post can’t survive on memberships alone. We need to show the community that we are here and what we do, hopefully ensuring that Posts are here well into the future. The

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ADAM GETTMANN more people  
POST 104 COMMANDER who see us active in the community, the more people will be at least curious and look into the American Legion. Buddy checks can only help bring people in if they answer the phone; how many of us ignore calls from unknown numbers?

Buddy Checks and show them the Esprit de corps they once knew while serving is still here.

We need to recruit quality members who are willing to get involved, even just a little bit, and not be so focused on the numbers for this organization to move forward into the future. Remember, this is not just an “old man’s drinking club” that sits around and tells war stories; we are a family of veterans and veteran advocates who help veterans and their families and our local communities. We help homeless shelters and clean up trash along local roads and beaches. We have service officers who can assist in navigating the VA healthcare system. National Commander Paul Dillard’s “No Veteran Left Behind” platform means our members and our younger veterans, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, and War on Terror. They don’t like to ask for help any more than any other veteran does, but we need to reach out to them and show them that the American Legion is not just an “old man’s drinking club.”

Everyone is a recruiter. Get those fliers out there, ensure your post has plenty of literature to hand out to curious walk-ins and for your members to take with them to hand out to other potential members they meet. There is plenty available on legion.org.

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## Interesting things to make you say



**Hmmm.....**

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long Railway  
Shopmen's Strike of 1922 be-  
gan, affecting 400,000 work-  
ers.**

# Duties and Responsibilities of Officers

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

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

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

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

the activities of the members and other leaders. This is a position that can change year over year, but at the Post level, it is more effective to have some continuity, and past commanders are the strong mentors for tomorrow's commanders.

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

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

First Vice Commander (typically elected or appointed via succession) – is primarily responsible for membership and retention. This role reaches out to delinquent members, participates in DMS activities, performs Buddy Checks, and reports to the commander on the current and future of Post membership.

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## WHAT'S MAILING THIS MONTH?



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## Duties and Responsibilities of Officers

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

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



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Twenty people die each day in the United States waiting for an organ transplant. Another person is added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes. One organ donor can save eight lives. April is National Donate Life Month and COTA is asking everyone within The American Legion Family to go to [www.RegisterMe.org](http://www.RegisterMe.org) and register to be a designated organ and/or tissue donor.

**You can become a COTA Miracle Maker.** Find out how your Post, Unit, Squadron or Legion Riders can help a COTA transplant family near you by visiting [COTA.org/Legion](http://COTA.org/Legion).

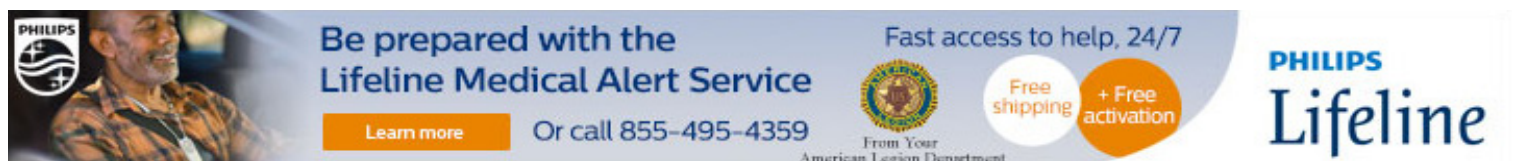
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Rick Lofgren, President  
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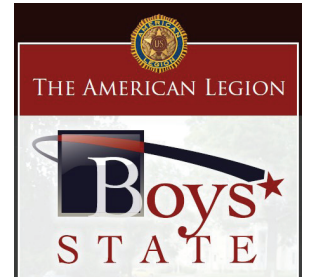
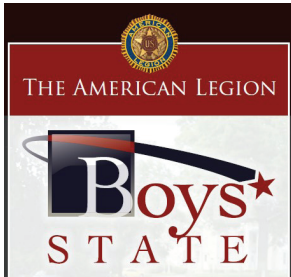
From Your American Legion Department

# Boys State seeks candidates and sponsors for June event

American Legion Post #17 in Keizer is seeking sponsors for attendees of the 2022 Boys State, to be held in June. Applications to be considered for Boys State are available from Kim Connelly at McNary High School or at American Legion's website.

LYNDON ZAITZ

March 11, 2022 at 10:00am



American Legion Post #17 in Keizer is seeking sponsors for attendees of the 2022 Boys State, to be held in June.

Boys State is a summertime education program for high school juniors and seniors that focuses on participation and personal experience in a model state.

At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county, and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses, and recreational programs.

Legion posts select high school juniors to attend the program. In most cases, individual expenses are paid by a sponsoring post, a local business or another community-based organization.

Oregon's Boys State will be held at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, June 12-18. The cost is \$350 for each participant. American Legion Post #17 is seeking businesses and individuals who want to help young men learn about civics. The deadline for sponsorships is May 13. Contact Fred Broadwater at 503-686-4193 to get more information.

Boys State programs currently exist in all Legion departments in the United States except Hawaii. As separate

corporations, Boys State programs vary in content and method of procedure, but each adheres to the same basic concept: teaching government from the township to the state level.

To be eligible for Boys State, males need to have successfully completed their junior year of high school. Qualities sought in potential attendees include leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty, and service to their school.

Applications to be considered for Boys State are available from Kim Connelly at McNary High School or at American Legion's website: [orlegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2022-Oregon-Boys-State-Application-Certification-Form-350.00.pdf](http://orlegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2022-Oregon-Boys-State-Application-Certification-Form-350.00.pdf).







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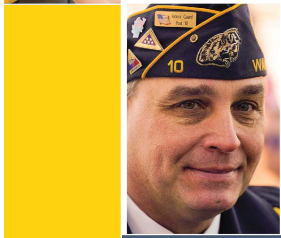
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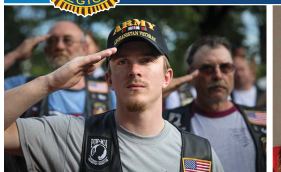




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Each local post has its own unique identity, but they are all connected by common core values. A post in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for instance, provides care for children with cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome and other serious diseases. The American Legion in Wyoming coordinates the state high school rodeo championships. An American Legion post in central

California operates a multi-county ambulance service. Another, in Alabama, offers after-school mentorship for students seeking direction. A post in Connecticut built, owns and operates a housing facility to help homeless veterans restart their lives. Local examples of The American Legion's highest values are found worldwide, where differences are made daily for individuals, communities, states and the nation.

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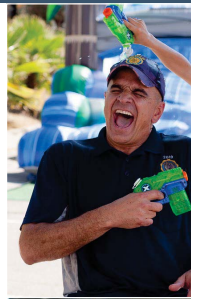
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- Establishment of a U.S. Flag Code and standard rules of respect and display

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**Awarding college scholarships** to children of U.S. servicemembers killed or disabled while on active duty since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

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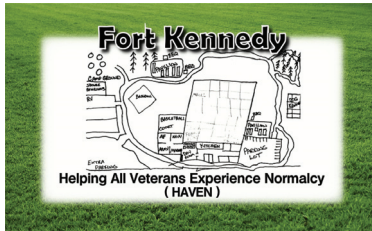
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### Hours:

9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

**Closed Saturday and Sunday**



### ~ Services available ~

\* Housing assistance \* Help with VA claims (VSO) \* Legal assistance \* PTSD classes \* AA meeting \* Food pantry \* Clothing closet \* Baby closet \* Hair cuts & shaves \* Laundry services \* Pet food & supplies \*

★ Fellowship: a place where people care! ★

★ A place where you will feel welcomed and comfortable! ★

### ~ People we partner with ~

\* American Legion VSO \* CVMA \* Clackamas County \* DAV \* Fido Project \* Gold Star Wives \* Houseless Veteran Programs \* In-Country \* Legion Riders \* Multnomah County \* Do Good Multnomah \* Teamster Horsemen \* VFW#1324 \* VVA#392 \* Washington County \*



## A Word About Legionnaire Insurance Trust

### Over Five Decades of Partnership for a Healthy America

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

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

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

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

More Than **50** Years Of Service To The Legion Family

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# Milwaukie Post 180



Honor Guard Missions  
Willamette National Cemetery



This March 15, 2022 my son-in-law, SSgt Matthew Keith was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery. A representative from American Legion Post 180 was there, expressing condolences to my daughter, Victoria Keith, and presenting her with the brass from the 3-gun salute. We were all moved by the ceremony, and by the presence of the representative, whose name we did not get, and whom we were not able to thank for the honor. It has been a difficult time for us, as Matthew died in June 2020, and we were not able to have a ceremony due to Covid until now.

SSgt Keith wished to be interred at Willamette National because my parents are there, CWO Richard F Webb, wife Yvonne Mary Higginbotham Webb, veteran of the Australian Military Forces, and wife Mary Elizabeth Stallard Webb. It's an anomaly that when my mother died in 1961, graves were side by side, and when my father and step-mother died in 1966, policy had changed to placing one above the other. Matthew found it interesting, and a bit humorous.

Again, thank you for being there that day with us.

*Ila Webb Fetterly, Marine mother and mother-in-law  
to two of the best people I have ever known.*





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# HELPING A HERO

Changing Lives, One Veteran at a Time

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### YOUR SUMMARY OF AMERICAN LEGION BENEFITS Reserved for Members

#### BENEFITS FOR THE HOME

**Office DEPOT** **OFFICE DEPOT/OFFICE MAX** - Members receive up to 80% off of over 93,000 items online or in-store with a purchasing card printable online. Next day delivery is free on purchase of \$50 or more for American Legion members.

**LifeStation** **LIFESTATION** - Members can receive special discounted rates on a medical alert system and a free extra item.

**OMAHA STEAKS** **OMAHA STEAKS**® - Members can enjoy free shipping on exclusive combos and an additional 10% off entire order with Omaha Steaks.

#### ADDED MEDICAL BENEFITS

**CVS/caremark** **DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM** - Members and dependants can save up to 20% or more through CVS/caremark.

**amplifon** **DISCOUNTS ON HEARING AIDS** - Members, family and extended family are eligible for hearing care discounts from Amplifon Hearing Health Care. Benefits include: hearing aid low-price guarantee; convenient locations nationwide; risk-free 60-day trial period; 1-year free follow-up care; free 2-year supply of batteries (160 cells).

#### INSURANCE

**LIFE INSURANCE THROUGH MUTUAL OF OMAHA** - Members aged 45-85 are eligible for **guaranteed issue** whole life policies. (May not be available in all states).

**USAA** - Provides a full range of financial products including: insurance, banking, investments, and financial advice. As an American Legion member, you are eligible to join. There are no membership fees to join USAA and when you sign up, your eligible family members can join USAA as well.

#### ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR VETERAN BENEFITS

**BENEFIT ASSISTANCE** - The American Legion helps all veterans obtain full medical, career and education benefits, as well as assistance in preparing VA claims applications.

**VETERANS' REPRESENTATION** - The American Legion is the nation's largest and most effective advocate in Washington D.C. for veterans, troops and their families. The American Legion fights every day on Capitol Hill and across the country for a quality VA health-care system, improved benefits processing and a decent quality of life for active-duty military personnel.

**ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICERS** - The American Legion has nearly 3,000 trained experts in veteran benefits nationwide. Visitors of [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) can search online for the service officer nearest to them.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS** - The American Legion works closely with numerous employers, lenders and agencies, including the Department of Labor and the Small Business Administration, to produce hundreds of career events across the country each year. The Legion is also the nation's leading advocate for veteran entrepreneurs and job candidates who have service-connected disabilities.

**TOP-RANKED MEMBER MAGAZINE** - You'll receive a full year's subscription to *The American Legion Magazine*, the nation's most widely circulated publication for veterans and top-ranked magazine, among all titles, for readership. Each issue is packed with features, commentaries, interviews, military history, photos and more of interest to America's veterans.

The American Legion ★ P.O. Box 7017 ★ Indianapolis, IN 46207

NOTE: These discount offers are valid at participating locations and are not valid with any other discounts or special prices. The American Legion does not guarantee any discounts.

#### AUTO RENTAL, RELOCATION, AND TRAVEL

**Alamo** **AUTO RENTALS** - Members can receive special discounts with ALAMO, NATIONAL, and ENTERPRISE. Note: These discount offers are valid at participating locations and are not valid with any other discounts or special prices in the U.S.

**NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES AND ALLIED VAN LINES** - Preferred savings of 50% or more on interstate (state-to-state) moving and in-transit storage.

**Gov VACATION REWARDS** - Members can get the best discount available on travel including airfare, hotel, car rental, vacation packages, cruises, and more.

**VETERANS HOLIDAYS** - This program offers members the opportunity to rent a furnished condominium for 2-8 people, for an entire week, for less than they would pay for a single hotel room.

**MOTEL 6** - Members receive a 15% discount at any of the 1,100 pet-friendly Motel 6 locations in the U.S. and Canada.

**BEST WESTERN** - American Legion members can save 10% or more at more than 2,100 North American Best Western locations. Members are also eligible for free enrollment in Best Western Service Rewards®.

**WYNDHAM HOTEL GROUP** - Save up to 20% off the best available rate at thousands of participating hotels throughout the world!



## MAKE SURE YOU ARE RECEIVING ALL THE BENEFITS AS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION!



A Blue Star Banner displayed in the window of a home is an American tradition. The banner lets others know that someone in the home is proudly serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Order your Blue Star Banner from The American Legion National Emblem Sales. Call toll-free 1-888-453-4466 or order online at [www.emblem.legion.org](http://www.emblem.legion.org).



## THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female (Gender) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:**

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

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

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

ALA 12/2013

### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Received From \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues  
Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Department of \_\_\_\_\_



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Previous Unit City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

If Living: American Legion Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Veteran Served:**

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

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

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

**Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:**

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

**To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer**

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

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ALA 09/2019

### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

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