

The Oregon Legionnaire

The Voice of Oregon's Veterans Since 1919

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THE AMERICAN LEGION **FAMILY**



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Auxiliary, SAL,
Trivia and so much more...

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National Military Appreciation Month





LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPT 1ST-VICE COMMANDER

I have been making contacts to fulfill the 2022- 2023 commissions and committee assignments should I be elected Department

Commander.

I attended the virtual Washington conference for my area of responsibility, the VE&E council. Membership has a long way to go, but I could still make it by June 30th. Keep up the good work

The recent DEC in Burns was an eye-opener. We have a challenge and an opportunity to mold the future of

this department. I believe we need to begin and continue working as a team.

I also had the opportunity to travel with the entourage that invited NYC candidate national vice commander candidate Dan Seehafer to our DEC and around the state. He will make a great National Commander from 2023 to 2024.



CORY BROCKMANN
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Legionnaires,

We recognize the month of May offers much for us in remembering what we hold near and dear in our hearts.

Quickly upon our minds is *Mother's Day* and recognizing the special individual that has sacrificed much in their life, from bringing us into life to nurturing us throughout our lives. A heartfelt thank you to all our mothers and the love and prayers they shower upon us.

We also recognize May as *National Military Appreciation Month*. It is a month to honor those who serve and those who have served. And to never forget those that paid the ultimate price for our freedoms.

But why May? Because there are

more military-related observances during the month of May than any other month of the year. During May, we recognize Loyalty Day, V-E (Victory in Europe) Day, Armed Forces Day, Military Spouses Day, and one with our humbled, honored remembrance, Memorial Day. Honoring the sacrifices of the United States Armed Forces and their family members is worthy of celebration. And, honoring those that made the ultimate sacrifice truly, is worthy of reflection and remembrance.

100 Miles For Hope Spring has sprung! And there is no better time or reason to get back into shape than to help benefit your own health. Along with benefitting yourself, the 100 Miles For Hope program is also a fabulous way to benefit our veterans.

Already in a walking group or active in an exercise program, then all the better to enroll to further help others as proceeds from the nominal enrollment fee benefit Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF). For more information to get started, Go

to <https://www.legion.org/100miles>.

Mission Blue Post Assistance Program (PAP) Posts can still make an application for a grant, up to \$2,000 maximum, to assist, whereby the post's revenue has been negatively impacted by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Posts can make an application for the Mission Blue Post Assistance Program up to July 1, 2022. Please don't lose out! For more details, navigate to [https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/Mission Blue PAP Application 1.pdf](https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/Mission%20Blue%20PAP%20Application%201.pdf)

Consolidated Post Report (CPR) As mentioned last month, CPR reporting is now open. It is vital posts work with their membership to record all of the outstanding contributions made throughout the year in assisting our veterans as well as our youth and the communities where you live.

In closing, I offer my gratitude. Thank you for all you do in support of our veterans. Veterans do strengthen America!

As I write this article, we have just returned from our Spring Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting at Harney County Post #63 in Burns. A lot was discussed and voted on; your District Commanders should be discussing this information with you in your District Caucuses. In one and a half months, we will meet for our Department Convention in Aloha, and our Post delegates to the Department Convention will need to be prepared for the discussion there-on important topics.

Here has been considerable work accomplished on our Proposed 2022-2023 Department of Oregon Budget and a lot of discussion at our Spring DEC meeting as we have some big challenges for this next membership year. Some important decisions will have to be made for the future of our Department. A copy of our Proposed 2022-2023 Budget is included in this Legionnaire, and please review it. As income has reduced with declining membership and our other sources of income have reduced, and our expenses increase, we must make decisions for our future. The proposed budget will be presented to the Finance Convention Committee at our Department Convention, and the Convention Committee will present its outcomes to the Convention Delegates on the floor of our Convention for discussion and acceptance.

Our Posts are holding Post Elections and voting for Post Delegates and Alternates to attend your District Caucus and Department Convention. All Post Delegate Forms, New Officer Forms, District Forms, National Delegate Forms, and instructions are available on orlegion.org under Forms and Publications. 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.

With your Delegate Forms is the formula on a table with your authorized delegate strength **PDC, BOB HUFF** for your **DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER** Post membership. Your Post Forms, new officers, and contact information is due at Department NLT on May 15, 2022. 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 to National Convention 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. Remember, Posts that do not submit their Post Delegate Forms and Delegate Fees are not in good standing and cannot be admitted to the Department Convention once it has been called to order or have a vote on the business of the Department.

It is Tax Time, May 16, 2022, is the due date to file our 990 Tax filing for Posts that have a Tax Filing Period of January 1 through December 31, 21. District Commanders, this is on your Post assessment sheet. 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



Need to Know Dates

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

July

Host a community Fourth of
July celebration
Certify new officers with
Department Headquarters
Installation of officers
(makes an impressive
ceremony at a Post meeting)

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

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**PDC, KEVIN OWENS
NECMAN**

archive on the National website and was looking at The American Legion Weekly starting from the beginning. I find the articles by famous people who wrote for this newspaper most interesting. We must have mattered and were influential in 1919. The American Legion was still in the forming stage, with Posts starting to pop up in every State. The numbers of posts that were being Charted at a rate that may be unbelievable today.

What has happened today in Oregon? Posts were popping up all over the State, and today we are not forming new Posts but canceling Charters; the question is, why is this happening? We continue to drop an average of 1500 members over the past ten years. It's not the loss of our brothers and sisters to death. What is the reason we're not asking them why? Why don't you want to renew? Our renewal rates average around 87%, which we can reach 93% if we contact our members regularly and use Buddy Checks, which is not a membership tool but a way to make everyone feel that they matter.

In the early days of the American Legion, we did not have the youth activities we do today. Why would they join then, and with the tools we have today, why would someone not want to join today? No organization has more to offer the youth than the American Legion. We bring programs that shape lives, promote patriotism,

The **HISTORY** of the American Legion is something that we often look at, and why does it matter. I recently was in the digital

archive on the National website

and encourage sportsmanship.

Our programs sell the American Legion and what we offer not only for the youth but the most incredible Service Officers in the world, bar none. The dedication of the ones who help Veterans get the benefits they earned for their service to this Nation. As a department, we have the tools and ammunition to sign up new members in our great organization, and it's up to all of us to continue to be relative in our towns, counties, and states.



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corpora- **PDC, BOB HUFF**
tion. It **DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER**
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 taxdeductible, Funds are used for our programs. There is a lot of information and grant requests on our Web Site.

Account Name	2022-2023 PROPOSED
Membership Budget Based On:	11,000
Actual Membership	
Dues @ \$13.50 (per member)	\$ 148,500.00
Department Convention Income	
SAL Detachment Funds (1400 x \$15.00)	\$ 16,500.00
SAL Dues (1400 x \$5.00)	\$ 5,500.00
SAL Charitable Donations & Pins	\$ 8,050.00
ALA Postage Reimbursement	\$ 600.00
ALA Phone Reimbursement	\$ 600.00
ALA Copier	\$ 3,600.00
Emblem Sales Royalty	\$ 1,500.00
Boys State Income	\$ 70,000.00
AL Baseball Income	\$ 11,300.00
Law Enforcement Career Camp	\$ 8,000.00
Revenue Enhancement Program	\$ 25,000.00
AGIA Insurance	\$ 35,000.00
USAA Insurance	\$ 9,000.00
Other Income/Pass Throughs	\$ 92,069.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$435,219.00
Dedicated VA&R Income	
AGIA Insurance (Dedicated VA&R)	\$ 2,000.00
OALF Disbursement to VA&R/VE&E	\$ 61,398.00
ODVA Rehabilitation Grant	\$ 89,000.00
Donations	\$ 1,000.00
Total Dedicated VA&R Income	\$153,398.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$588,617.00
Boys State Expenses	\$ 70,000.00
Law Enforcement Career Camp	\$ 8,000.00
AL Baseball Expenses	\$ 11,300.00
Admin. Expenses - B-1	\$190,254.00
Officer & Conv Expenses - B-2	\$ 51,750.00
Other Activities Expenses - B-3	\$ 72,615.00
Rehabilitation Expenses - B-4	\$153,398.00
Publication Expenses - B-5	\$ 1,250.00
SAL Expenses- B-6	\$ 30,050.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$588,617.00

**HAVE
YOU**



**RENEWED
YET?**



LOU NEUBECKER

DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

Lunch will be served at 1130 until 1215. Meetings will start at 1300 (1PM). Per the District by-Laws I can not run for Commander. Our Vice Commander Susan will do a great job as our next District CMDR.

On May 7th several of us in District 1 are going to the Vietnam Gala dinner in Hillsboro. Our guest speaker is MAD DOG. Yes, General Mattis is the headliner. This fund raiser is for the Vietnam Memorial which is going to be built on the Capital grounds in Salem.

Most of our Post have held their 2022-2023 elections. Remember only the current District, Past District Commander or Past or current Department Commander can install the new Officers. Please get the paperwork filled out and into Department, with the proper information filled out.

Post Adjutant's please get your Post CSR report into Department/National. You can start them now. Your report will go to Department and National when you save them.

I want to thank all the Post CMDR's and Adjutant's for their support during the past 2 years.

Semper Fi

This is my second to last monthly note. We will be holding election for the 2022-2023 year at our District meeting in Seaside on May 14th.



DAN BURKS

DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER

Some of who have been around for a while, have found the desire to step up and take a seat to continue working programs and help build up their Posts. Along with new officers, some older have stepped out of their comfort zone and even attended the most recent DEC held in Burns, which they have never done before.

I attribute this to the dedication of the membership and leadership at each of our Posts. and their desire to further promote the American Legion, not just in their comfortable towns but across the board. Several members actively recruit weekly. Even with a limited number of veterans, they have successfully sought out new members.

Our membership numbers may not be the strongest in the Department of Oregon, but our members are among the most dedicated. If elected to the high office of Department 2nd Vice Commander, the only heartache I will have is not to be able to claim the title "District 10 Commander."

District 10 breathes new life as several new Post Officers emerge to run for Post positions this year. By continually working programs, new members,

Editors Notes

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Calendar of Events

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)
June	Summer Youth Programs 4 District 9 Caucus 12-18 Boys State 12-18 Girls State 20 Juneteenth Day 21-26 State Convention
July	Summer is on enjoy it 4 Independence Day

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

— UNKNOWN



AUXILIARY NEWS

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

Fill out registration on page 7

We look forward to seeing you!



DEBRA GODWIN
DEPT PRESIDENT

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 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 NEWS

Department of Oregon ALA President
2021-2022

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



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 1st cut off**

Team Players **Team Captain**

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____
GHIN# _____ Hndcp _____

Name _____
Address _____
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GHIN# _____ Hndcp _____

Name _____
Address _____
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Questions and info call, Kathi at 541-963-0787 or email kathikk56.kk@gmail.com



MIKE SOWLES
BASEBALL CHAIR

Area 2

Portland Eastside, Portland Post 6 Barbers, Hillsboro Digital Trends Surfers, Mt. Hood Select Post 1.

Area 3

Corvallis, Gerding Builders Marketmen, Salem Post #136 Withnell Dodgers, Post 58 Canyon Crushers

As of this writing, the Oregon Triple AAA registrations (4-2-2022). The following nineteen teams have registered.

Oregon Baseball

(Stayton).

Area 4

Roseburg Doc Stewarts, Medford Lithia Dodge Mustangs

Single-A teams registered:

Area 1

Redmond Sunwest Black

Area 2

Portland Eastside Franklin, Portland

Eastside Roosevelt

Area 3

North Marion Berries(Aurora), Post 58 Silver Falls Bandits(Silverton)

Area 4

Cascade Christian Challengers, Central Point Comets, South Coos Nooks, North Coos Waterfront, West Lane Baseball Association (Florence). We have 16 background checks approved, 5 Abuse Awareness Training completed, nine registrations paid, and six insurance premiums paid. **Take special note:** The Single-A Northwest Cart tournament is located, and the dates have changed. The location is now at Vernal, Utah, games will be played at Uintah High School, the dates August 5-9th.



DAN BURKS
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

While we may be behind percentage-wise, we are not far behind in momentum. Every Legionnaire is a member of the membership team, and it will take a team to accomplish our goal.

Everyone should consider something; every veteran you do not offer the opportunity to join The American Legion is another veteran you deny the opportunity to have a voice, vote, and continue the legacy known as the

Legionnaires, membership this month shows promise while it has slowed some. We are a mere 1500 members away from

hitting our target goal for the

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

American Legion.

Things are tight right now, for many financially, for even more manpower at the Post. Membership solves a lot of this. Many in our Department have held their positions for an extended period because they have no one to replace them. Membership can solve this.

So let's get active in our Posts, do our Buddy checks, make sure we work our renewals, and never forget to invite new members to join us in creating a better community, state, and nation.

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we
lie in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow in Flanders fields.

--- John McCrae (1872-1918) ---



CORY BROCKMANN
DEPT 2ND-VICE COMMANDER

through education, development, and motivation. The curriculum challenges student leaders to think critically and creatively about issues confronting the Legion. Core subjects include mentoring, leadership styles and opportunities, time management, conflict resolution, legal issues, and com-

The National American Legion College (NALC) prepares Legionnaires for leadership positions in posts, districts, counties, and departments through

National Legion College

munication.

The 2022 NALC class is scheduled for December 11-16, 2022, and will be conducted at The American Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind. The 2022 student application may be downloaded at legion.org/college.

The prerequisites to apply for the National American Legion College are as follows: all candidates must be a member in good standing, be a member for a minimum of three continuous years, have completed Basic

Training online with a certificate dated after August 2016, and must be vetted and endorsed by their department leadership. The Basic Training course is completed online and can be found at legion.org/alei.

The Department of Oregon seeks to send 1-2 highly motivated candidates as well as begin developing a list of interested candidates for future years. Candidates should submit their completed applications to adjutant@legion.org as soon as possible so that leadership can vet applications in a timely fashion. All applications must then be submitted and endorsed by department leadership by July 31, 2022. Any applications received without the department's endorsement will not be accepted.

Birmingham, H.S. Junior Sweeps to Victory, Earns \$25K Scholarship in American Legion Oratorical Contest

INDIANAPOLIS (April 24, 2022)

A junior from Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham capped a busy weekend of competition in Indianapolis by earning a \$25,000 college scholarship and first place in The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – “A Constitutional Speech Contest.” Emma Noble’s winning prepared oration was titled “The Power of the Executive Order: Because I said so.”

Noble, who lives in Birmingham, started the weekend as one of 50 state or department champions in the 83rd annual contest. She advanced to the championship through three rounds of intense competition. Noble was sponsored by American Legion Post 555 in Pelham, Ala.

Ashley Tuell, a senior from Johnson City, Tenn., earned a \$22,500 college scholarship with a second-place finish, while Jackson Boone, a 12th grade

student from Calvert City, Ky., earned \$20,000 and third place in the competition. The scholarships account for a small portion of post-secondary scholarships that The American Legion, the nation’s largest veterans organization, awards annually.

In her prepared oration, Noble compared the use of presidential executive orders to the common parental admonishment of authority “because I said so.” She pointed out positive examples of its use, such as the Emancipation Proclamation and the desegregation of the military but also mentioned that it was used by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to establish Japanese American internment camps during World War II.

Noble encouraged people to consider the use of executive orders when they vote. “Executive orders are an extremely valuable tool because they are much faster than passing a law through the legislative branch; how-

ever, they are not trivial to undo so you must have confidence in the person making them. It is a citizen’s responsibility to vote. Not only that, but to vote for someone you trust with the power of executive orders. Because I said so.”

In each round of the weekend competition, orators delivered a rehearsed 8- to 10-minute address and a randomly assigned 3- to 5-minute oration on a constitutional topic, each without the benefit of notes and in front of a live audience, including the judges. The nearly 2-million-member American Legion developed the contest to encourage young people to improve their communications skills and to study the U.S. Constitution. More than \$3 million in scholarships have been awarded over the history of the contest.

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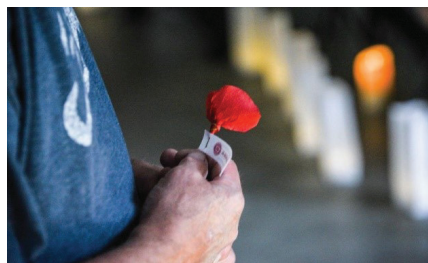
PNVC, ROB LIEBENOW
OALF MEMBER

The Foundation was formed as a 501c (3) to allow corporations to donate to the Legion programs. Not many posts or committee chairpersons have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Since the Foundations existence, Hillsboro Post #6 has received tens of thousands of dollars from Intel and Nike for their Cub Scout Pack. Just this year alone, they received over seven thousand dollars for the Pack. And are now receiving funds for their other children and youth programs.

It might take a little work, but it is well worth the effort. There is money available, and a lot of corporations are willing to donate to organizations like ours. You just need to spend a little time and effort, and you can be bringing in the kind of money that Hillsboro Post #6 is receiving.

National Poppy Day May 27, 2022



The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

American Legion Family members will be in action once again, distributing the symbolic flowers that honor military sacrifices and raise funds to help disabled veterans and support organizations' programs. Resources are now available for local use and education about Poppy Day at www.legion.org/honor/255324/national-poppy-day.

An updated web platform features a brief history of Poppy Day; a Poppy Shop to purchase pins, supplies for posts, units, squadrons, and chapters; videos, including stirring recitations of "In Flanders Fields", and "We Shall Keep the Faith;" guidance on how everyone can help, including a communications toolkit that has download-

able ads, posters, flyers, and other media, along with sample press releases and other documents that can be used locally; a link to #poppyday social media hashtag images; and links to make online donations to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation and American Legion Charities as part of Poppy Day activities.



PNC, CHARLES SCHMIDT
PR CHAIR

On Sept. 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion and was led largely by the American Legion Auxiliary, and it has since become an annual tradition. Congress has yet to act on the advocacy of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary (American Legion Resolution No. 4, October 12-13, 2016) to establish a National Poppy Week around Memorial Day to bring greater significance to the poppy as a symbol of the sacrifice our veterans made for our freedom. Let's wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.



What is the most publicized event in May 1922?

- A. Lincoln Memorial
- B. Outlaw of War
- C. Womens Right to Vote
- D. The Great Serum Run



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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





PNC, CHARLES SCHMIDT
PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

membership declining in two major veteran organizations because the newest generation of veterans is not joining the VFW and The American Legion. Has anyone mentioned membership decline to you? Or said we have five-year plans to grow membership, but they do not seem to be working? Why? The plans contain all the essential elements for growth; brand

The month of May is a reminder that two months remain in the 2022 membership campaign. In a recent veteran publication, a reporter shared his views on


awareness, education, post creation, recruitment, retention, and “A Veteran is a Veteran.” What is missing?

The American Legion was born in March 1919 in Paris, France, after which the St. Louis caucus was held. Chartered in September 1919, the Legion’s first convention was in Minneapolis in November of 1919. And it was an unknown organization throughout the entire world due to its infancy. Yet, by the end of the first year, the Legion had 843,016 dues-paying members. That is without the internet, television, radios, telephones, and Direct Mailing Solicitation (DMS).

Transportation was limited at that time. And we must remember, this was even before the interstate highway system that we have now. Most people lived, in those days, their en-

tire life and never went more than a hundred miles away from where they were born, and yet, in the first year, the Legion grew to 843,016 members. Over the years, The American Legion grew to become the largest veteran’s organization, strengthening its voice and credibility on Capitol Hill while advocating for all veterans.

From 1984 to 1994, the Legion enjoyed a membership that exceeded three million. From 1919, fast forward past four major wars to a culture today that has given us so many avenues available to us that they did not have “back in the day” through technology and transportation advances along with a continued sizeable veteran population. Today, our organization is losing close to 65-75,000 members a year, and our Department loses approximately 1,500 members a year.

 <p>THE OREGON AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION RAFFLE</p> <p>AMERICAN LEGION PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Drawing at 2022 Oregon Department Convention</p> <p>Must be present at drawing to win.*</p> <p>No cost raffle. * See official rules for details on eligibility and prize award. 0001</p>		<p>Please print legibly.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>No cost raffle. 0001</p>
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I keep asking myself, why? Could the answer lie in a quote by author Elijah Wood, “*Safety and comfort come from complacency, and that is never a good place to be working from?*” World War I veterans who fought the war to end all wars came home not satisfied but determined that no veteran, no widow, no orphan would do without the care and comfort of a grateful nation because of the sacrifices that they had made.

SAVE PAPER.
SAVE POSTAGE.
SAVE TIME.



QUICKLY AND EASILY RENEW ONLINE
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Yes, they could have become complacent once home, but they had a missionary zeal to make sure that no veteran was left behind, to make sure that no veteran lacked the medical care that he or she needed. No veteran’s widow went without food or shelter. No veteran’s orphan went without clothing and education. They wanted to make sure that no person who had served in the Great War would miss the opportunity to be a member of The American Legion. They did not care about the cost of the membership;

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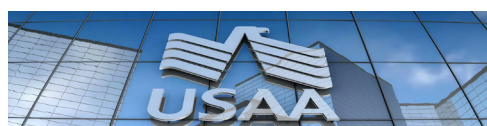
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PNC, CHARLES SCHMIDT all they cared about was the price that was paid to be eligible for membership in The American Legion.

Could the missing link in our plans be a sincere urgency to ensure that we carry forward the great legacy that The American Legion has built? Are we exhibiting the enthusiasm for The American Legion and all it has done, is doing, and will be doing tomorrow that enables us to share what we have with another veteran who has earned it? If we do not give every veteran an opportunity to be part of The American Legion, then we are failing every veteran with the opportunity to help those who are not as fortunate as we and to continue the bond that brings us together as people who have served in the armed forces of our nation since Pearl Harbor.

Three hundred twenty-six thousand (326,000) veterans live in Oregon today. Currently, there are approximately 2,048 Legionnaires in our Department's Holding Post #114 awaiting our invitations to transfer their memberships into a Post like yours and mine. Our Department's current membership is 12,706.

Where could our Department membership be if every current member recruited just one new member or transferred a Post #114 member into a Post? Membership is a responsibility of every Legionnaire and about who we are. Mark Twain suggested, *"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."* Now is time for each of us to act with doughboy urgency, enthusiasm, and determination to grow membership. The future of our Department depends on what we achieve today.



LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTING CHAIR

To date, more than 85% of the abuse survivors favor the Boy Scouts of America plan to reorganize the Girl Scouts USA lawsuit on trademark infringement against the Boy Scouts of America has been won by the Boy Scouts of America.

Council Events:

Cascade Pacific Council

PH: 503-225-5777

4/29-5/1 District Camporees
4/29-5/1 2022 Territory 1 Northwest Regatta
5/6-7 OA Vigil induction
5/13-15 Outdoor skills institute



BETTY FISH-FERGUSON
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

level training event and an introduction to District leadership. The Post is enthusiastic for visitors to come to District 6 and is eager to hear expanded information on leadership roles.

Our guest speaker for the event will

The Boy Scouts of America have now introduced a new merit badge citizenship in society

5/20 OA inductions
5/21 Alaska Airlines aviation day
5/26 cub comer with Deb

Oregon Trail Council

PH: 541-485- 4433

4/29-5/1 Fun with scouts
5/21-22 Wilderness First Aid

Training Blue Mountain Council

PH: 509-735-7306

4/23-24 BSA Fun days - Skeet shoot
4/29-5/1 Council Camporee
5/13-15 & 5/21-22 Wood badge
5/14 Pushcart Derby
5/15 Ham Radio Testing
5/20-22 OA Spring Induction

Mountain West Council

PH: 208-376-4411

5/7 Council Eagle Recognition day
5/8 Wilderness
First Aid
training
5/21 Family
Scouting
Fun Day



The last road trip for Training and Development will have occurred right before the May Legionnaire comes out. Lagrande Post #43 will have hosted a day-long Post

not be a stranger to Post #43. Union County VSO Brian Blais, Veteran and Post #43 member, will be speaking about the National Commander's project of reducing Veteran Suicides.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have supported and made these road trips a success:

Commander Don Weber
1st Vice Commander Larry Whitmayer

Dept. Adjutant Flynn Phillips
Dept. Chaplain Steve Shullenberg
PDC Steve Adams

Guest speakers: Craig Meaders, Doug Sheehan, Joe Bertagnoll, Asst. Dept. VSO Jody Marsh, District Adjutants

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PDC, BOB HUFF
VA&R CHAIRPERSON

Our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission, members PDC Jon Marsh, Ann Everetts, and PDC Bob

Huff (Chair)

have oversight over VA&R activities for our Department. If interested in joining this elite team and being part of our future, please submit your name to our First Vice Commander Larry Wittmayer at Department Headquarters for consideration. Our Department of Veterans Service Officers, hands down, do an excellent job. They work virtually and in person and support our Veterans and their families. During this Pandemic over the past two years, they have adapted and adjusted to support our family of veterans during this critical time.

They continue to support the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Traveling Boards and fill a void when our Veterans with appeals need computers and support that we can support that need. When you see one of them, Ed VanDyke and Jody Marsh, thank them, they are our first team. The Commission also has oversight of our Department VAVS Program, which has representatives at our VA Facilities in Oregon, which all need more volunteers. With changes in our Veterans Health Administration (VHA), here in the Department of Oregon, that is our Portland VA, Roseburg VA, White City VA SORCC, and all our Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC).

With recommendations for the ten-year plan for the Missions Act, The Asset and Infrastructure Review

VA & R

(AIR) Commission, which some recommendations are taking place now, realigning the CBOCs to VA's that are closer to the rural communities, closing Compensation and Pension in Roseburg and White City with staffing issues and reassigning clinical staff to higher priority assignments and moving patient needs to community care. The VHA is working very hard to support Veteran's needs.

The VAVS is in desperate need of more volunteers to support needs. If interested, if you have some extra time and want to help and support Veteran's needs, please contact your local VA or CBOC as there are lots of vacancies. You will meet new people, help veterans and their families, our first pillar, and make a difference. As with all Medical Care, staffing is an issue. Issues that are being discussed and worked on are transportation, rural area support, and an aging Veteran population. As recommendations are approved and planned, we will forward the information to our members. The VA will not allow anyone to fill volunteer positions without being completely on their COVID shoots by Federal direction. Face mask requirements continue at all Federal facilities. If going to a VA or Federal Building, you must 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 and recognize our VSO and Volunteers that do so much in our Department of Oregon Legion Family.

The VAVS arm also supports the National Cemetery Administration (NCS) with activity at our National Cemeteries. We have additional responsibility at the VA SORCC and Eagle Point National Cemetery as we have more face-to-face contact, Employment and Education, and VSO activity at these facilities.

The Commission also represents our Department along with the Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness (VE&E) Commission at Veterans Stand-Downs, Benefit and Employment and Education Events, Woman Veterans Events, Mobilization, and Yellow Ribbon Events in The Department of Oregon. If your District is holding its meeting and would like more information or support with our Pillar I Veterans activities, please get in touch with me, and we will be happy to support you.

Thank you

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BETTY FISH-FERGUSON

Steve Bergadine and Richard Ramey.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

I will remain on the Training and Development Committee but have asked to step down as Chairman to devote time to new duties as District 2 Commander should I be elected.

It has been my pleasure to carry on the training for the Legion of tomorrow.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS



PDC, BOB HUFF
VEE & H CHAIRPERSON

The Veterans Employment, Education, and Homelessness Commission supported two in-person Employment Events at the VA SORCC. The demand

for critical clinical needs to support the Veteran population is crucial, and the demand continues to grow.

We still have some COVID protocols, which has impacted our holding events but not planning events.

We are currently planning our first Veterans Stand Down, Employment and Benefits Event. As more is defined and event restrictions for in-person events are allowed, we will publish dates and times and locations on flyers and place them in this Legionnaire and circulate them through our department email chain. Each event will still require complying with that area rules and VA rules for the number of participants; all rules are followed for everyone's safety.

All our partners are participating. Face-to-face Veteran Stand Downs have become more critical and are needed. We are gathering equipment and clothing and have met with the VA Directors for a venue. We are getting closer with in-person events starting. If you are interested in being a member of this Commission or Committee, which is a very rewarding and good development and helping Veterans and their families, please forward your name and contact information to our First Vice Commander Larry Wittmayer through our Department Headquarters.

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for Legionnaires

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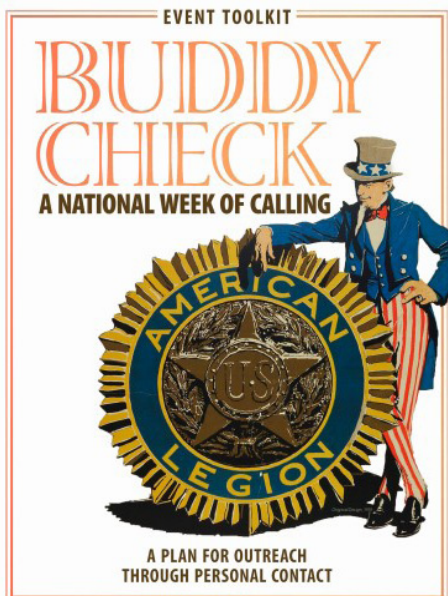


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PhoneNumber: _____
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Please Email to: Office@orlegion.org
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For Department Commander



My name is Larry Wittmayer. I am an- of Department Commander for the Department my eligibility as a member of our American United States Navy and retired as a Chief

nouncing my candidacy for the high office ment of Oregon 2022-2023. I have earned can Legion from 21 years of serving in the Petty Officer.

I am a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, the 40/8, and 60 +year members of the Boy Scouts of America. As a Paid-up for Life (PUFL) member, I have served my home post, Wilsonville Post 65, as the co-founder, Post Commander, and presently Post Adjutant.

My District and Department service include District 8 Commander, Department membership chair - 2 years, Department Scouting Committee chair, and presently Department 2nd vice commander - 2 years Department 1st Vice Commander. Currently, my American Legion education includes certificates from the American Legion extension institute. The Department of Oregon Legion College, the American Legion National Basic Training Course, The American Legion National legion College, Class of 2020

I know we are all aware of the dire condition of our department with regards to membership engagement, poor communication, leadership accountability, and extreme fiscal status. My goal for the next year will be to help this department to start working together as a team, and with that effort as a team, we will be successful.

As Henry Ford said, “coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is a success. From the top-down, we must start with accountability in our leadership which is the commitment we make when we accept a position and change our hats.

Training is an essential part of being accountable in our position. I am committed to providing quality on-site Oregon Legion College. One that will make our members proud to attend. The Chairs of our commissions and committees must hold regular meetings and report the results of those meetings in the form of Minutes and Legionnaire Articles. Communication is our tool to shout out our successes.

Our District Commanders have made a commitment to their posts. In our team, they are the coach. Your team will gain strength and success while visiting and communicating with your posts. You will report your visits regularly and let our overall membership know how successful your district is through regular Legionnaire articles. I am proposing bi-monthly meetings to include the Department Commander and the District Commanders.

I will hold a quarterly ‘fireside chat’ virtually where any legion member can give their views, ideas and complaints. I am sure the membership team will be holding monthly meetings to include the department commander and the district commanders to discuss the progress of the membership campaign.

Finally, success will come as our team works together, working the Four Pillars. It will come in the form of healthy programs and increased, engaged membership, which will grow. That growth will also help with fiscal stability.

As your Department Commander, I will commit to supporting this department and its executive committee, and our Legion Family. With that promise of commitment, I am asking for your support and vote for the high office as your Department Commander for 2022-2023. Thank you for your consideration.

Greetings, fellow Legionnaires!

My name is Cory Brockmann, and I am a candidate for the high office of Department 1st Vice Commander, 2022-2023.

I earned my eligibility for membership within The American Legion with nearly seven years of honorable active-duty service during the Cold War and Lebanon/Grenada eras.

My home post is Aloha #104, where I am a nine-year, Paid Up For Life member. And I am proud to have received the endorsements of both Aloha #104 and District 1's general memberships for the high office I seek.

I have held numerous officer and leadership positions at the post-, district-, and department levels. And in addition to serving as your Department's 2nd Vice Commander this year, I also serve on the Permanent Finance Commission and The Oregon American Legion Foundation.

Previously, I have chaired the Americanism Commission and the Media and Communications Commission, and I have served on numerous committees, all of which further strengthen my qualifications to serve you as Department 1st Vice Commander.

I have completed the American Legion Extension Institute Course, the Basic Training course, and Oregon Legion College. I am a graduate of the National American Legion College – (Rohan) Class of 2017.

In addition to The American Legion, I am a member of ANAVICUS - the Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada - United States Unit. I am also a Lifetime Member of the Air Force Association and a member of their Wings Society, which provides aid and support to airmen and their families. I am a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy Foundation's Sabre Society, whose mission includes developing innovative leaders of character for the nation, supporting graduate programs and services, and other operational strategies.

In looking to the 2022-2023 year ahead...and beyond that...

My friends, we are at a critical crossroads within our Department of Oregon. The pandemic caused a significant impact on our lives and a huge disruption in the delivery of our Legion programs, no doubt. But, to be honest, and direct...*our Department* has been experiencing a decline in membership numbers, in participation, and in support of many of our programs for quite some time.

We must look strategically at how we can position our Department to support our members – and all Oregonian veterans – in the years to come. And most importantly, we must then be decisive in taking the strategic steps necessary to improve and ensure our ability to deliver on our four pillars of service.

There is serious work to be done in our Department. Having said that, let me be clear...in no way do I believe our best days are behind us. Not at all. We do, however, need to critically address how we are organized and function.

I see five critical areas needing attention; those are leadership accountability, improved communications, membership engagement, fiscal resourcefulness, and a strategic plan for organizational change.

Latent leadership is deteriorating our organization. It proliferates throughout, from elected officers at all levels, to appointed positions, to individual members.

As just one example, we began this past year with greater than 25% vacancies on our commissions and committees' roster. And beyond that, many roster members are cross-listed on multiple committees. We must strive for better accountability when taking on a position, regardless of the position.



Foundationally, it begins with an improved Oregon Legion College framework that gets back to teaching the basics of how we are organized and function, roles and responsibilities, and rebuild our foundation.

Good **communication** doesn't just happen. It's intentional, and there is a framework to it regardless of the medium. Good communication applies to each of us, be it establishing meeting dates and times, sending errant emails, accuracy in messages or letters, or taking up inordinate staff time in the office – we all must strive to communicate more thoroughly, more transparently, and more effectively. Effective communication also leads to *positive visibility*.

As for **membership** – it's not just a numbers game, it's also a matter of caring for our members, for each other. However, the added challenges of a decreasing membership further compound the diminishing effect on our ability to successfully deliver our programs.

Buddy Checks aren't really new nor is renewing members. However, we do need to better educate posts on the 'how-to' of developing a systematic framework for conducting 'Buddy Checks' which support renewals. Again, foundationally, an Oregon Legion College that gets back to the basics can help improve resources for members.

Our **fiscal resourcefulness** is linked to our need for a **strategic plan**...one that gets implemented. We can no longer put off making changes within our organization in hopes of magically making membership goals. Change is inevitable. If we continue to do nothing, the resultant 'change' will continue – membership will keep dropping, participation will keep diminishing, and support will squander. Our membership numbers have a direct impact and consequence – decreasing membership equates to decreased budgets, it is that simple.

As example, at this time, our Permanent Finance Commission is working to address a projected **\$93,000 budget-deficit** for operating next year, which begins 1-October. Work continues and it's not easy. The Administration & Advisory Commission, along with our department leadership, has extremely difficult decisions to make but, together, we will seek the means to provide a zero-deficit budget to our membership at convention. And, frankly, it may be a short-term fix over a long-term solution.

Thus, we need a **strategic plan** that will address organizational and functional utility that strives to realistically meet our ability to deliver on our four pillars. It requires significant changes to how we have historically functioned. In a broader vision, as a department, we need to develop the means to further minimize nearly all paper processes. This includes membership cards. And, it includes using technologies available for Department to conduct *direct renewal solicitation* to members throughout the Department in further supporting posts.

We must improve efficiencies by leveraging the investments on technology, and drive overhead and routine business costs down. This includes actions such as: increased virtual meetings; shorter headquarters' office hours; teleworking; web-serviced business center operations; substantially decreasing travel budgets or shifting to stipend-only; significantly cutting down copy and print services; reorganizing downward from 10 districts; and, more. While some of these actions may seem new, they really are not. They are industry standards in the private sector and in government.

I will support the department commander and will work to achieve strategic leadership improvements that strengthen our Department. I look forward to working with our Department and American Legion Family leadership, and with *you*, in moving our Department forward.

As a Legionnaire I serve *as one of you!* I ask for your support – **and vote** – in electing me to the high office of Department 1st Vice Commander, 2022-2023.



The cardiac surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired and replaced anything damaged and then put everything back in, and when

I finished, it worked just like new.

So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7 million when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiac surgeon paused, leaned over and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."

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.



District 1 proudly endorses Cory E. Brockmann for the high office of Department 1st Vice Commander, 2022-2023.

- Commander Brockmann leads by example.
- He is a proven leader and his commitment to service before self is demonstrated daily.
- The American Legion - and all veterans - are better served by his leadership.

Elect a leader. *Elect Commander Brockmann!*



VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICAN

*Interesting things to make
you say*

Hmmm.....



Coca-Cola's first polar bear print advertisement appeared in France in 1922.

Dillard pushes Senate on PACT Act during national tour



By John Raughter
APR 13, 2022

In the midst of a multi-state tour, American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard is focused on increasing Senate support for a comprehensive bill that will provide needed care and relief for veterans sickened by exposure to burn pits, atomic radiation and other toxic substances during military service. Before the anticipated vote at the end of May, he will travel to seven different states, ranging from Alaska to Georgia, to meet with Legionnaires and build support for this once in a generation piece of legislation.

“The Honoring Our Pact Act is aptly named because it is a solemn promise that we must honor,” Dillard said. “It took far too long for the government to recognize the high cost that the men and women of my generation paid because of Agent Orange. This bill will provide VA health care for more than 3.5 million contaminant-exposed veterans who served in the Global War on Terrorism. It also includes benefits for atomic vets and others who have been exposed to dangerous substances and have gone decades without government accountability or rightful treatment for diseases they contracted because of it. This bill has passed the House. I’m calling on every member of the U.S. Senate to support it. We have called for a vote before Memorial Day, and I can think of no better way to honor

the fallen than taking care of their brothers- and sisters-in arms.”

Dillard and his team of national vice commanders have been carrying this message to Legionnaires across the country. Dillard has already given several media interviews in Minnesota and is scheduled to visit Georgia, Alaska, South Dakota, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois in the weeks leading up to Memorial Day.

“People are dying,” Dillard said. “This bill establishes a service connection for 23 illnesses and cancers linked to these exposures. I would like to ask any member of Congress who opposes this legislation, which veterans do you want to leave behind? Those with Gulf War Illness? Camp Lejeune vets? Those with stage 3 cancer? I call on all Americans to contact their U.S. senators and insist that they vote for the Honoring Our Pact Act. These benefits were earned by our veterans who put their lives on the line for America and suffer today due only to their willingness to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces.”



Legion, Ganassi leading effort to reduce veteran suicides through 'Be the One'

By Steven B. Brooks
APR 20, 2022

With the most famed track in motor racing as the backdrop, The American Legion joined with others to address one of the most critical issues facing veterans today: a high suicide rate that a new campaign will address, starting on one of motorsports biggest stages.

With the unveiling of 2013 Indianapolis 500 champion Tony Kanaan's livery for this year's "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" came the unveiling of an effort spearheaded by The American Legion and Chip Ganassi Racing that calls on the public to become involved.

Kanaan was given the OK from teammate Alex Palou – the 2021 INDYCAR Series champ – to use the No. 1 for the race – an honor bestowed each race on the previous year's series champ. On Kanaan's No. 1 American Legion Honda is the phrase "Be the One", the name for the campaign to address veteran suicides. It's a cause that Kanaan, who finished 10th in the Legion car at the 500 in 2021, believes in strongly.

"It's such a good cause – 'Be the One,'" Kanaan said during the April 20 press event outside of the pagoda at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "I made the pledge to the veterans to advocate that ... if you need help, ask. Voice it up. I've learned that 17 veterans take their lives every day. We're here for that. Hopefully we'll get the word out."

During the event Kanaan was joined
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by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb and American Legion Chief Marketing Officer Dean Kessel, who called the number of daily suicides “the biggest issue facing this generation of veterans.” He said the challenge behind the “Be the One” campaign is that that “if you can save the life of one veteran today, would you be the one to do it? You’re going to be hearing that from us a lot, what we’re going to be doing and how we’re going to be doing it.”

At the start of the press conference, a group of veterans symbolically stood behind the No. 1 Honda, a mix of American Legion Riders and Ganassi employees. “That was 17 veterans to represent the 17 veterans that take their lives daily,” Kessel said. “That’s got to stop. That’s this generation (of veterans’) biggest challenge, and we have to do something about it. And there’s no organization more poised than The American Legion to do that. With our political capital on Capitol Hill. With our 1.8 million members across the country, our peer-to-peer network is unrivaled.

“This is not just a campaign. It’s a generational lift. The primary goal of our ‘Be the One’ campaign is eliminating the stigma involved with asking for help. That is the No. 1 hurdle for veterans seeking mental help. We want to de-stigmatize that.”

Holcomb, a U.S. Navy veteran and member of Historic Fort Benjamin Harrison American Legion Post 510 in Indianapolis, drove from the Statehouse to IMS with Kanaan.

“There couldn’t be a better reason why we started the day today together than this cause at this time on this hallowed ground,” Holcomb said. “I think it’s our duty, as citizens of this nation and state, for those (service-members) fortunate to make it back,

to be there for them. To understand the burdens that they bring back with the orders they’ve received, going to some hairy and scary places in this world. We’re there to help them de-stigmatize and help them get through the days ahead because of the burdens they bear for us. They stepped forward.”

Holcomb said Indiana will be a part of the ‘Be the One’ campaign. “We could not be prouder to align all of our state efforts on mental health alongside (The American Legion),” he said. “I would just encourage everyone to be the one. You could be the one. If you don’t know how to help but you want to, get them connected with the Legion. Get them connected with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs. Not only can they help, they want to help. It’s their mission.”

For CGR team owner Chip Ganassi, the issue of veteran suicides “is something that needs attention brought to it, first and foremost. When you’re losing 17 veterans a day to suicide, that’s something you can almost see with your bare eyes. How do you make the awareness of such an issue? How do you bring it to light? There is no better place to do it than in Indianapolis on Memorial Day – the day that we have put aside to honor veterans. And these guys need honored, believe me. They’ve seen things that none of us will ever see in our lifetime.”

Ganassi said partnering with The American Legion – an [official charity of INDYCAR](#) – opened his eyes to the issue he and the Legion are addressing with “Be the One.”

“It just brought a new awareness to me personally, I guess, being involved with the Legion here on Memorial Day in Indianapolis,” Ganassi said. “I just want to help.”

Among the group of American Legion Riders that escorted Kanaan and Holcomb from downtown Indianapolis to the track were ALR National Advisory Committee Chairman Mark Clark.

“The fact that the Chip Ganassi Racing team has partnered with The American Legion ... to help us fight the veteran suicide crisis that’s occurring in our country today, to be a part of that is humbling,” Clark said. “I know veterans that have taken their own life. I’m hopeful that this campaign will bring awareness to the challenge (and) help folks understand it’s the right thing to seek out help. But more importantly, to bring attention to the resources that are available to veterans. I really think this campaign can open a lot of doors for us.”

Kessel said the campaign is focused on making an incremental change that will long-term continue to grow. “We want to stop talking about the 17 and focus on the one,” he said. “If we can save one a day, that number will come down, and that’s the goal of everything that we’re doing here.”



MAY 8TH 2022



It is with great sadness that we announce that Robert "Bob" Ayers was transferred to Post Everlasting on April 7, 2022. Bob was a recognizable face around Legion events, as even in his retirement, he would attend conferences on behalf of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust. His great sense of humor and smiling

face will be missed.

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The next mailing is ID Resolve on June 8th and Travel Accident on June 22nd

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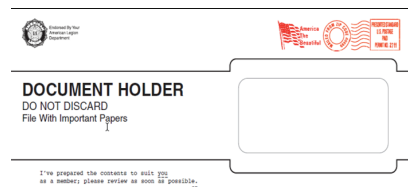


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Past Oregon department commander sees 'new windows' being opened with INDYCAR relationship



By Bruce Martin
APR 03, 2022

Thomas Harris of American Legion Post 119 in Vernonia, Ore., is a "Legion Legacy."

His family has been a part of The American Legion dating all the way back to its inaugural year in 1919 after the Great War, later known as World War I.

"I've been supporting The American Legion since I was 17," said Harris, Oregon's department commander from 2018-2019, which made him a centennial commander. "I'm 65 now, and my father, grandfather and great grandfather were all legionnaires from World War I, on.

"It's not only a good foundation for me, but it has also been since I got out of the Marine Corps in late Vietnam. I came home and was one of those guys trying to find my way. It was difficult finding a job, and we were dealing with the community not having a really good feeling about the Vietnam War at that time."

Harris served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1973-1977 as the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War was winding down. Many servicemembers returned home from the conflict in Southeast Asia and were suddenly in need of purpose and direction.

"(The American Legion) helped me stabilize myself because I could spend more time with my veteran friends than I made after I came home," Harris recalled. "It was good for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps. Even the Coast Guard got involved. Even today, I've found it is more important what The American Legion is doing in our nation, not only for national security, but to help veterans coming home. We are developing more and more critical teams for those veterans that are coming home. They are not stable and don't know what to do and have a direction. So, we give them a direction, we give them a place to go, we share with them our service officers.

"There are several outlets in Oregon and I'm going to share that over in

Idaho, share some of my knowledge and learn some of the knowledge they have on what they do with their crisis centers to help the 22 veterans a day that are falling victims of suicide."

Harris can relate to that plight. When he returned home from Vietnam, he wasn't exactly welcomed back with open arms. The war was unpopular with many in the United States, and there was little to no "Hero's Welcome" when servicemembers returned to their hometowns.

"It was very quiet, and I didn't get it as severely some of my upper classmates that I knew in junior high and going into high school," Harris said. "A lot of us went in early, we left high school because we felt it was our duty. We came back and it was that silent treatment, or once in a while you got told off. A lot of men and women know that and those are some of the things we had to deal with."

There was one place, though, where Harris and other servicemembers were always welcomed and made to feel a member of a greater fellowship. It was The American Legion.

"The Legion is there to support those people," Harris said. "When we come together now, it's like rivals on a baseball or football team. When you come together afterwards, it's more of a brotherhood or sisterhood and everybody supports each other. The American Legion and other organizations are here to support veterans and veterans in need."

The Legion's voice has been amplified through its official partnership

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with INDCAR and the NTT INDYCAR SERIES. That partnership has grown from major associate status on Jimmie Johnson's No. 48 Carvana/American Legion Honda at Chip Ganassi Racing to become an official charitable partner of INDYCAR.

"This gets the message out there," Harris said. "It's a lot stronger. We have people coming in every day now asking questions how they can get support and pull themselves out of their problems, whether it be mental, physical, or trying to find a job.

"It was The American Legion that helped create the VA. We have members from many posts that go up to the VA every day and talk to them, pass out ice cream and just get to know them. It's a good program, but like everything, we try to improve it

every year."

Harris has always been interested in cars and was an INDYCAR fan before the Legion started its relationship with Chip Ganassi Racing in 2021.

"I watch the Indianapolis 500 every year," Harris said. "My dad and grandfather did, also. I think it is something that is always there. Season to season to season, you watch cars, baseball and football. We were all into that. I've met the pit crews and the guys on Chip Ganassi's team. It's really an awesome thing.

"I really love it. I think it's exciting. We are already seeing a lot of interest. A lot of people are asking us questions. A lot of people are interested in Indy cars long before The American Legion got involved that were veterans and American Legion members.

It opened up some new windows and access to support of veterans in a positive way.

"I was always interested in cars and driving, but it takes money to get into that. It's a pretty select thing. You don't go to college and learn how to be an Indy driver."

INDYCAR and The American Legion have created a program that helps create awareness for The Legion, its membership and its programs.

It's exposure that an organization can't really buy. "I couldn't say it better," Harris said. "It's great for the causes we represent and promote for our veterans. I'm really proud of them for stepping up and allowing us to be a part of that.

"There is a lot to the American Legion emblem."

Post 34 by NEC, Kevin Owens



The American Legion Bay Area Post 34, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 34, Coos Bay Elks 1160, Voiture 316 of the 40/8, the Boy Scouts of Troop 156, and parents on April 15 & 16, 2022, chose this day to be their Earth Day 2022.

This joint endeavor was put into reality, and with the help of both cities, Coos Bay and North Bend, these volunteers cleaned up various streets, including parking lots and planters. The desire to have a clean community was behind this project. We have noticed,

as many have, lots of trash being left around our communities, and with the budget issues our cities are experiencing, which includes staffing to pick up trash, it was time for our organizations to step up and help.

We hope to make this an annual event, but if it's necessary, we will come together and clean up whenever it's needed. This is where we live, we are proud of our cities, and we want the cleanliness of our community to be what visitors notice, not the trash. Thank you to Coos Bay and North Bend for your support of this event and to the volunteers who gave their time to make Oregon's Bay Area a great place to live.



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OR Dist 0001 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0002	Washington	Forest Grove	2	36	68	3	109	132	82.58
OR-0006	Hillsboro Inc	Hillsboro	8	50	156	2	216	240	90.00
OR-0012	Clatsop Inc	Astoria	7	55	257	1	320	400	80.00
OR-0042	J H Wellington Inc	St Helens	1	16	76	1	94	113	83.19
OR-0047	Tillamook	Tillamook	0	2	16	0	18	15	120.00
OR-0056	Argonne Inc	Shenwood	14	30	145	1	190	225	84.44
OR-0068	T Les Galloway	Clatskanie	9	20	68	4	101	111	90.99
OR-0090	John Kalmbach	Banks	2	18	77	1	98	136	72.06
OR-0099	Seaside	Seaside	20	37	265	9	331	340	97.35
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	17	63	358	9	447	490	91.22
OR-0119	Vernonia Inc	Vernonia	23	2	13	3	41	28	146.43
OR-0124	Beaverton	Beaverton	1	14	73	1	89	115	77.39
OR-0126	Neill Walker	Nehalem	0	3	7	0	10	15	66.67
OR-0158	Tigard	Tigard	20	67	373	6	466	579	80.48
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	8	9	110	0	127	151	84.11
		SUM:	132	422	2,062	41	2,657	3,090	85.99

OR Dist 0002 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0007	Delbert Reeves	Silverton	0	10	13	2	25	33	75.76
OR-0009	Capital	Salem	1	36	121	6	164	190	86.32
OR-0017	Keizer	Keizer	11	3	21	4	39	32	121.88
OR-0020	Carl B Fenton	Dallas	0	16	102	5	123	129	95.35
OR-0021	Mc Minnville	Mc Minnville	46	39	336	14	435	404	107.67
OR-0033	Independence	Independence	0	4	29	2	35	42	83.33
OR-0046	Woodburn	Woodburn	0	9	40	0	49	65	75.38
OR-0057	Lester C Rees	Newberg	1	9	55	3	68	86	79.07
OR-0058	Stayton	Stayton	10	18	127	12	167	167	100.00
OR-0075	Sheridan	Sheridan	12	9	33	3	57	55	103.64
OR-0089	M T Angel	M T Angel	0	1	52	2	55	64	85.94
OR-0110	Aurora Inc	Aurora	0	3	7	1	11	19	57.89
OR-0122	Canby	Canby	14	48	195	5	262	295	88.81
OR-0136	Salem	Salem	0	31	86	4	121	155	78.06
OR-0149	Pioneer Inc	Salem	0	13	21	0	34	45	75.56
OR-0159	Mill City-Gates	Mill City	0	4	16	0	20	30	66.67
OR-0173	Carlton Memorial	Carlton	11	11	77	5	104	90	115.56
		SUM:	106	264	1,331	68	1,769	1,901	93.06

OR Dist 0003 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0003	Eugene Inc	Eugene	1	18	41	0	60	79	75.95
OR-0010	Albany Inc	Albany	28	73	386	10	497	583	85.25
OR-0011	Corvallis	Corvallis	0	20	63	1	84	96	87.50
OR-0032	Calvin Funk	Cottage Grove	1	9	50	1	61	78	78.21
OR-0040	Springfield	Springfield	0	25	62	9	96	126	76.19
OR-0051	Santiam Inc	Lebanon	26	51	516	4	597	725	82.34
OR-0059	Francis M Yost	Florence	24	13	58	2	97	89	108.99
OR-0061	Tri-Counties	Junction City	0	15	56	1	72	88	81.82
OR-0064	Cascade	Oakridge	0	7	17	1	25	36	69.44
OR-0083	North Eugene-Santa Cla	Eugene	29	31	175	7	242	271	89.30
OR-0097	Lincoln City	Lincoln City	0	10	19	0	29	42	69.05
OR-0100	Mary's River	Philomath	0	1	6	0	7	29	24.14
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	29	29	216	5	279	294	94.90
OR-0133	Timber City	Sweet Home	0	8	17	0	25	34	73.53
OR-0184	Travis Moothart	Brownsville	1	8	47	1	57	70	81.43
		SUM:	139	318	1,729	42	2,228	2,640	84.39

OR Dist 0004 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0008	Klamath	Klamath Falls	4	37	198	7	246	281	87.54
OR-0014	Guy T Applewhite	Ashland	0	4	19	0	23	27	85.19
OR-0015	Medford	Medford	0	38	139	2	179	232	77.16
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	14	31	214	5	264	288	91.67
OR-0050	Williams Valley	Williams	7	6	35	0	48	43	111.63
OR-0069	Rogue River	Rogue River	0	3	5	0	8	13	61.54
OR-0070	Glenn Morrison	Cave Junction	0	4	27	0	31	42	73.81
OR-0084	Malin Inc	Malin	2	10	44	0	56	63	88.89

OR-0129	Myers-Holland Inc	Central Point	0	4	120	1	125	132	94.70
OR-0192	White City	White City	0	5	55	1	61	84	72.62
		SUM:	27	142	856	16	1,041	1,205	86.39

OR Dist 0005 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0004	Stevens-Chute	Bend	1	24	116	2	143	140	102.14
OR-0019	The Dalles Inc	The Dalles	0	13	68	3	84	80	105.00
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	0	10	61	0	71	70	101.43
OR-0025	Frank Burns	Condon	0	5	22	0	27	30	90.00
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	13	20	187	5	225	230	97.83
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	15	38	181	1	235	260	90.38
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	51	78	262	2	393	410	95.85
OR-0048	Eugene Cougar Greene,	Warm Springs	6	2	3	0	11	15	73.33
OR-0049	Sherman County	Moro	1	9	23	0	33	42	78.57
OR-0055	Mosier Inc	Mosier	0	2	18	0	20	19	105.26
OR-0073	Maupin	Maupin	0	0	7	0	7	15	46.67
OR-0086	Sisters	Sisters	9	11	118	0	138	135	102.22
OR-0125	Jefferson County Vetera	Madras	1	6	41	0	48	45	106.67
OR-0131	Deer Ridge	Madras	0	1	1	0	2	29	6.90
OR-0135	Wamic	Wamic	0	1	3	0	4	15	26.67
OR-0164	Don L Medlock	Spray	0	3	0	0	3	15	20.00
		SUM:	97	223	1,111	13	1,444	1,550	93.16

OR Dist 0006 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0023	Pendleton	Pendleton	0	8	4	0	12	37	32.43
OR-0024	Milton-Freewater	Milton Freewater	5	10	58	1	74	85	87.06
OR-0037	Hermiston	Hermiston	23	12	71	1	107	106	100.94
OR-0041	John Noble Holcomb	Baker City	5	11	30	0	46	63	73.02
OR-0043	La Grande	La Grande	4	27	184	3	218	229	95.20
OR-0072	Kruse	Wallowa	0	2	28	0	30	29	103.45
OR-0087	Heppner	Heppner	0	4	0	0	4	39	10.26
OR-0095	Ione	Ione	1	11	47	0	59	39	151.28
OR-0130	Athena	Athena	0	2	15	0	17	17	100.00
OR-0140	George St Dennis	Mission	0	5	14	0	19	25	76.00
OR-0157	Wallowa Lake	Joseph	1	8	44	0	53	61	86.89
		SUM:	39	100	495	5	639	730	87.53

OR Dist 0007 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0030	Gresham	Gresham	3	12	61	1	77	100	77.00
OR-0074	Carl Douglas	Estacada	14	36	90	1	141	150	94.00
OR-0098	St Johns Inc	Portland	0	11	41	0	52	54	96.30
OR-0108	Corbett	Corbett	0	7	12	0	19	20	95.00
OR-0134	Frederick And John Ravi	Portland	9	22	76	2	109	157	69.43
OR-0137	Dana King	Portland	0	4	19	0	23	26	88.46
OR-0185	City Of Roses Musicians	Portland	0	3	21	0	24	24	100.00
		SUM:	26	95	320	4	445	531	83.8

OR Dist 0008 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	5	57	256	3	321	427	75.18
OR-0005	Willamette Falls Inc	Oregon City	0	5	57	0	62	119	52.10
OR-0065	Wilsonville	Wilsonville	3	5	42	0	50	71	70.42
OR-0127	Sandy	Sandy	0	2	12	0	14	12	116.67
OR-0150	Oregon Trail	Portland	5	22	66	1	94	130	72.31
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	29	35	473	29	566	591	95.77
		SUM:	42	126	906	33	1,107	1,350	82

OR Dist 0009 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0016	Earle B Stewart	Roseburg	3	46	137	2	188	257	73.15
OR-0026	Bandon	Bandon	3	3	41	1	48	49	97.96
OR-0034	Bay Area	North Bend	6	21	116	8	151	175	86.29
OR-0036	Coquille-Myrtle Point	Coquille	1	7	36	1	45	58	77.59
OR-0062	Reedsport	Reedsport	1	14	23	0	38	43	88.37
OR-0076	Port Orford	Port Orford	0	9	11	0	20	47	42.55
OR-0121	Sutherlin	Sutherlin	0	1	50	1	52	52	100.00
OR-0123	Fallin	Canyonville	9	6	55	3	73	77	94.81
OR-0152	Baird-Heaton	Oakland	2	5	35	0	42	42	100.00
		SUM:	25	112	504	16	657	800	82.13

OR Dist 0010 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0063	Harney County	Burns	9	11	78	1	99	111	89.19
OR-0067	Ontario	Ontario	9	8	87	8	112	129	86.82
OR-0077	Ellis Tracy	John Day	1	4	32	2	39	50	78.00
OR-0079	Nyssa	Nyssa	1	3	14	2	20	27	74.07
OR-0096	Vale	Vale	0	4	45	0	49	57	85.96
OR-0106	Prairie	Prairie City	7	3	59	1	70	60	116.67
OR-0148	Monument	Monument	0	2	0	0	2		
SUM:			27	35	315	14	391	434	90.09

OR Dist 0099 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0114	Headquarters	Portland	0	74	486	0	560		
SUM:			0	74	486	0	560		

Department of Oregon Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
Sum:	660	1,911	10,115	252	12,938	14,230	90.92

Congratulations for all the 100% + Posts Dan Burks

Detachment Of Oregon 2022 Membership as of 4/29/22

District Summary Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
0	229	0	1,061	0	1,290	1,317	97.95
SUM:	229	0	1,061	0	1,290	1,317	97.95

Detachment of Oregon Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
Sum:	229	0	1,061	0	1,290	1,317	97.95

Detachment Of Oregon 2022 Membership as of 4/29/22

County Summary Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
0	229	0	1,061	0	1,290	1,317	97.95
SUM:	229	0	1,061	0	1,290	1,317	97.95



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

Detachment Of Oregon 2022 Membership as of 4/29/22

Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

Squadron	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	3	0	36	0	39	47	82.98
OR-0006	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	3	0	19	0	22	17	129.41
OR-0008	Klamath	Klamath Falls	2	0	14	0	16	15	106.67
OR-0009	Capital	Salem	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0010	Albany	Albany	7	0	12	0	19	23	82.61
OR-0012	Clatsop	Astoria	14	0	50	0	64	46	139.13
OR-0015	Medford	Medford	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0019	The Dalles	The Dalles	0	0	5	0	5	10	50.00
OR-0021	Mc Minnville	Mc Minnville	15	0	36	0	51	45	113.33
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	1	0	5	0	6	10	60.00
OR-0024	Milton-Freewater	Milton-Freewater	0	0	0	0	0	15	0.00
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	4	0	16	0	20	16	125.00
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	12	0	57	0	69	69	100.00
OR-0032	Calvin Funk	Cottage Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0
OR-0034	Bay Area	North Bend	0	0	21	0	21	31	67.74
OR-0041	John Noble Holcomb	Baker City	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0
OR-0043	La Grande	La Grande	2	0	28	0	30	28	107.14
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	5	0	17	0	22	23	95.65
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	19	0	42	0	61	83	73.49
OR-0048	Eugene Cougar Greene,	Warm Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0
OR-0051	Santiam	Lebanon	12	0	72	0	84	86	97.67
OR-0056	Argonne	Sherwood	8	0	49	0	57	49	116.33
OR-0058	Stayton	Stayton	2	0	21	0	23	23	100.00
OR-0061	Tri-Counties	Junction City	0	0	10	0	10	11	90.91
OR-0067	Ontario	Ontario	0	0	14	0	14	14	100.00
OR-0075	Sheridan	Sheridan	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0
OR-0083	North Eugene-Santa Cla	Eugene	12	0	32	0	44	54	81.48
OR-0095	Ione	Ione	0	0	21	0	21	22	95.45
OR-0099	Seaside	Seaside	9	0	94	0	103	110	93.64
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	31	0	83	0	114	79	144.30
OR-0110	Aurora	Aurora	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	12	0	42	0	54	54	100.00
OR-0122	Canby	Canby	10	0	40	0	50	41	121.95
OR-0134	Frederick And John Ravi	Portland	1	0	0	0	1	10	10.00
OR-0136	Salem	Salem	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0
OR-0150	Oregon Trail	Portland	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0
OR-0158	Tigard	Tigard	11	0	54	0	65	75	86.67
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	8	0	86	0	94	105	89.52
OR-0173	Carlton Memorial	Carlton	4	0	20	0	24	24	100.00
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	22	0	65	0	87	82	106.10
OR-0184	Travis Moothart	Brownsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0
OR-9999	Sal Holding Sqdn	Tigard	0	0	0	0	0		
SUM:			229	0	1,061	0	1,290	1,317	97.95

Teaching is a work of
Heart!

Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6, 2022
and Teacher Appreciation Day, Tuesday, May 3, 2022





Robert Libenow has given 49 years to The American Legion at all levels, post, district, department, and national. Rob has been

Commander of Hillsboro Squadron #6 for the past 12 years and now has taken over as squadron adjutant.

At present, Detachment Commander Carl Pawlik does not plan to serve a 4th term. The 1st Vice has no plans to move up, and they do not have a 2nd Vice that intends to stay on. Rob does not see anyone coming forward to lead the SAL. After talking to the current leadership of the SAL and seeing no movement in the membership or

For Detachment Commander

interest from anyone in becoming a detachment officer, at this time, Rob is announcing his candidacy for Commander of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Oregon.

Rob has the support of his wife Linda and Squadron #6. Rob also has the support of Marc Chaney, Ward Allen, and Carl Pawlik, among others. Rob looks forward to your support at our Department Convention in Aloha in June.

If there is anyone that would like to step forward and help lead this great organization, now is the time to do so. Rob knows that many capable SAL members can fill the detachment positions.



Answer: A. Lincoln Memorial

The Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. was dedicated during May. The dedication ceremony was officiated by former U.S. President and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court William Howard Taft. Special guests at the ceremony including Robert Todd Lincoln (Abraham Lincoln's son), Robert Morton (the President of the Tuskegee Institute), President Warren G. Harding, and Vice President Calvin Coolidge. The memorial was designed by Henry Bacon to resemble a Grecian-style temple complete with columns and a 19-foot-tall marble statue of Lincoln that was sculpted by Daniel Chester French.

Post 44

Mayor Endicott Names Larry Roshak Redmond's 2021 'Citizen of the Year'



During the State of the City presentation, held Tuesday, April 20, Mayor George Endicott presented Redmond's 'Citizen of the Year' award to Larry Roshak. In honor of the award, Mr. Roshak was presented with a key to the city.

Larry Roshak was honored for his significant and long-lasting service to the community and veteran's advocacy over the past twenty years, making Redmond a better place to live and work.

The Mayor's 'Citizen of the Year' award honors leaders and role models whose contributions to the community have made Redmond a better place.

"Redmond's real strength lies with the quality of its citizen volunteers whose work builds social connections between government and its residents. We have so many outstanding citizens, selecting one is always difficult," remarked Mayor Endicott. "Since the late 1990s, Angela Boothroyd has made notable service contributions to Redmond, dedicating much of his time, talent, and passion to its veterans. Mrs. Roshak has served as the American Legion Post 44 Commander since 2008, coordinates Wreaths Across America fundraiser and others for local veterans, and continues to be an inspiring role model demonstrating how one person can truly make a difference."

Medal of Honor Highway Across America



Dick Tobiason
Chairman, Bend Heroes Foundation
Project Manager, Medal of Honor
Highway Across America

Illinois and Ohio have just designated their state Medal of Honor Highways, joining eight other states for a total of 10 states. That leaves New York and Massachusetts to complete the 12 states, 5-year project. New York plans to designate its Medal of Honor highway before the Legislature adjourns on June 2. Massachusetts is working hard to finish its designation. Together, New York and Massachusetts account for 1,073 MOH recipients and the last 16% of the MOH Highway across America.

Thus 84% of the 3,365 mile Medal of Honor Highway Across America through 12 states has been designated by ten state laws/resolutions.

Recall that each state honors its own Medal of Honor recipients, and collectively the 12 states will honor about two-thirds of all 3,511 recipients (Civil War to present) from ALL 50 states. That means the other 38 states account for about one-third of all 3,511 recipients.

As previously discussed, a National Medal of Honor Highway across the



USA on US Hwy 20 would honor all 3,511 recipients from all 50 states and territories and any future recipients, and that is our next objective. It would parallel the coast to coast Lincoln and Eisenhower Highways. Pres. Lincoln signed legislation in 1861 and 1862, creating the Medal of Honor award. President Eisenhower awarded Medal of Honor awards during his presidency and probably during WWII. Great pairings!

As Oregon kicked off our most noble enterprise five years ago, I have discussed federal legislation creating the National Medal of Honor with Oregon Senator Ron Wyden's staff in Washington, DC. They are anxious to start the ball rolling but only after New York and Massachusetts designate their Medal of Honor highways. Will need help convincing your delegation in DC to support the cause.

By separate email, I will ask veterans groups to help dedicate Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania Medal of Honor Highways. I'll send state streamers to those volunteers to attach to the Medal of Honor flag during ceremonies.

American Legion will lead the dedication of the Illinois Medal of Honor Highway and has its streamer. At-



tached is a photo of several state streamers attached to the Medal of Honor flag when it was "walked across Nebraska" (432 miles) by Daryl Harrison and Ken Hanel. The Nebraska dedication ceremony (and flag with streamers) can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z0z-IKQUBFY>

I offer to arrange for Medal of Honor recipients to help dedicate the remaining state Medal of Honor Highways.



Mutual HG Team 21 April 2022

Milwaukie American Legion Post 180 and Gresham VFW Post 180



Milwaukie American Legion Post 180 and Gresham VFW Post 180, Honor USMC Donald Reed at Wilamette National Cemetery (10 AM) 21 April 2022 with three volleys. SGT.

Reed was VFW Post Commander and District Commander, and Vietnam veteran. Milwaukie has been supporting ceremonies since 1 June 2021 and the 1st Marine Division Association. To date the Honor Guard has completed 384 missions as of 22 April 2022.



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Steve Bates and Dept 2nd Vice Cory Brockmann



Steve Bates and Post 104 Commander Adam Gettmann

What began as a motion at our December General Meeting to match up to \$750 in donations made by our SAL and Auxiliary partners ended up raising \$3,333.00 for the Oregon Vietnam Memorial Fund. This group of Oregonians committed to establishing a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capital grounds. We invited Steve Bates, the President of the group, to our Post for an evening honoring our Vietnam Veterans, where we presented him the donation. We also have an ongoing donation jar, for which we have not set a date for giving them the additional contributions yet.

If you visit www.Vietnamwarmemorialfund.org, you can get more information on the project and see artist renderings of the coming memorial.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

Wednesday June 22, 2022

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Check in @ 7:00 AM / Tee Time to be announced prior to tournament

ENTRY FEE \$100 per Person/\$200 per Pair

****Includes Green Fees, Range Balls, Power Cart and Lunch | *Rental clubs available upon request***



*18 Hole 4-man Scramble
*Teams will be grouped by random draw
*Register as a pair to be placed on same team.



**Please Mail form below and check no later than May 28, 2022, to:

Post 104 2022 Convention

PO BOX 6473, Aloha, OR 97007

For questions, please email Josh Ison: joshiso22@gmail.com

AMERICAN LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT 2022 ENTRY FORM

Player 1: _____ Post/Unit: _____ TAL/SAL/ALA/OTHER: *Circle one*

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Player 2: _____ Post/Unit: _____ TAL/SAL/ALA/OTHER: *Circle one*

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



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Thank you for supporting our Veterans and our Convention.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ADS: May 18, 2022

*The American Legion Aloha Post 104 is a registered 50 (c)(19) nonprofit organization
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Please make checks payable to: Post 104 2022 Convention

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PO BOX 6473, Aloha, OR 97007

Questions? Please contact Stacey Gettmann at (503) 407-3393



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (Date of Birth) _____
 Mailing Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (ZIP) _____
 _____ (Phone) _____ (Email) _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female _____ (Post #) _____ (Dues) _____
 (Gender)

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

Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:

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

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____ Name of Recruiter _____

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

ALA 08/2019

Date

Received From
 \$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____
 Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____
 Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____
 Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (ZIP) _____ (Phone) _____
 Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____
 (a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____
 OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____
 (c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____
 Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____
 I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and
 Email Address _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues
 Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

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

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Department of



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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APPLICANT INFORMATION
 Full Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Email Address _____ Unit # and Location (if known) _____
 _____ / _____ / _____ ☐ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and over
 Date of Birth (Required)
 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 _____

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):
☐ Global War on Terror ☐ Lebanon/Grenada ☐ WWII
☐ Gulf War ☐ Vietnam ☐ Other Conflicts
☐ Panama ☐ Korea
Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:
☐ Male Spouse ☐ Female Spouse ☐ Mother
☐ Grandmother ☐ Sister ☐ Self
☐ Daughter ☐ 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

Date

Received From
 \$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #

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.