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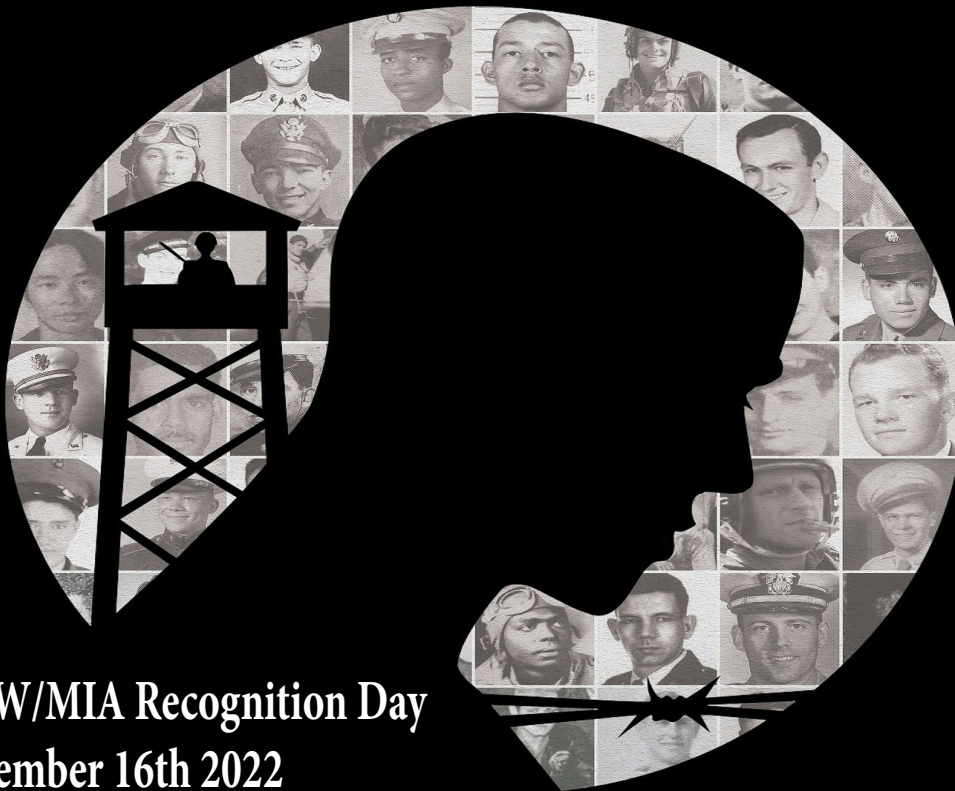
THE
AMERICAN
LEGION **FAMILY**



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National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 16th 2022



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LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

With this article, I again thank the membership for having faith in my future leadership.

As an indication of things to come, I am asking my commission and committee chairs to indicate to me their plans for this next year. I will then indicate my ideas and desires for their positions.

We will regularly implement commission and committee meetings, with the resulting minutes to be forwarded as soon as possible.

I will ask commissions and committees hosting events to develop implementation timelines.

I ask for your support with our membership drive this year. Let's increase our percentage and place us above 13th place in the nation.

Soon we will be starting our "fire-side" chats where every member will get an online chance to ask that question they always wanted to ask.



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CORY BROCKMANN
DEPT 1ST-VICE COMMANDER

time relaxing with family and friends and making time to recharge and refocus a bit.

In July, we enjoyed celebrating Independence Day, and we're proud to help represent the Department of Oregon in the St. Paul Parade as well as at the St. Paul Rodeo. Department of Oregon hosted an outreach booth, and we were honored to be designated as the recipient of 'boot pass' donations supporting the Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF) and The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF).

Both of these foundations provide valuable resources to Oregon veterans, families, and communities. There was a lot of work involved in the preparations and conducting the outreach, but the rewards were well worth the efforts. My appreciation and gratitude to the selfless Legion Family volunteers that made time to help out, and a warm thank you to St. Paul Rodeo - together, we made a difference!

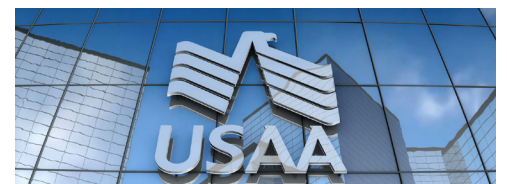
We quickly turn toward preparations for The American Legion's 103rd National Convention, August 26th through September 1st, in Milwaukee, WI. Your department delegation is quickly finalizing preparations and making ready to represent you, our Department of Oregon. The strength of our organization lies within our grassroots members and the work we

Summer is in full swing, and I hope you are able to enjoy some of the activities that come with warm weather and sunshine. Perhaps even a little

do to support our veterans, families, and communities in our hometowns and across Oregon. It is that same grassroots membership, collectively, nationwide, and across the globe, that works to strengthen our voice on Capitol Hill further, working to ensure our veterans receive the benefits they deserve and that strong national security is in place to protect our citizens, and that programs are implemented for a strong America for our children's future.

The NTT-IndyCar Series returns to Oregon with the Grand Prix of Portland, September 2-4, at Portland International Raceway. Chip Ganassi Racing Team and The American Legion continue its partnership, with driver Jimmie Johnson and car #48 further supporting efforts to bring an end to veteran suicide, one of American Legion's top priorities. Preparations to support this effort are underway as we will again host a Department of Oregon booth at the race. New for 2022 will be The American Legion's display truck at the race, which will be the focal point of our outreach booth. Look for more details to be forthcoming in the Oregon Legionnaire and through departmental communications through Districts and Posts.

Lastly, the '**Be the One**' campaign is well underway and seeks to increase positive engagement with veterans and the public in efforts to combat veteran suicide further. Each of you and our Legion Family members makes a difference. It's who we are. We are **Veterans strengthening America!**





DAN BURKS
DEPT 2ND VICE COMMANDER

It is a pleasure to report that many of our Americanism Committees are up and rolling. Following Covid years has been challenging as many of our normal practices and facilities have had to change as well as our participation. I am proud to say our programs are looking up this year due to the hard work of the men and women volunteers getting out there and making it happen. The last couple of years have been tough, but it is time for us to shine again, so don't forget to go out and work your programs.

I know some obstacles still remain, but we are Legionnaires. We adapt and overcome! Our youth programs have dwindled in size over the years, and we are counting on you to help us improve those numbers. Many of our committees are already holding their monthly meetings, especially concerning our Children and Youth programs, so they are preparing to handle everything you got. Thank you all in advance for the hard work you will put in this year. We can't build without each of you doing a part. Every member, regardless of hat color, location, or position, is a member of Team Oregon! As always, if you need anything, get ahold of me.

Need to Know Dates

August

Begin planning a community
Veterans Day observance
Baseball world Series
National Convention
Support Summer
Youth Programs

September

National Disaster Preparedness
Month
Encourage the community to
recognize Patriot Day, Sept. 11
Anniversary of Congress' charter of
The American Legion on Sept. 16
Sept. 17 is Constitution Day
The third Friday of the month is Na-
tional POW/MIA Recognition Day

October

Halloween Safety Month
Launch Membership Campaign
NEC 10-13
DEC Oct. 28-30
Rev Up for Veterans Day 11-11

Department Officers

Commander	Larry Wittmayer
Imed. Past Cmdr	Don Weber
1st Vice Cmdr	Cory Brockmann
2nd Vice Cmdr	Daniel Burks
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
V. S. O. Assistant	Jody Marsh
Sgt-At-Arms	Phyllis York
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Mike Morris
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Ward Allen

As income has reduced with declining membership and our other sources of income have reduced, expenses have increased.



We held **PDC, BOB HUFF** discussions at our Department Convention, and many since then, we have a plan, and it is achievable. Information will be presented by your District Commander and Department Officers through this publication and our electronic communications.

Again, District Commanders and New District Officers, 990 Tax filing for your Posts are on your Post assessment sheet. There are no exceptions; all Posts must file their 990 taxes. We, Department and Posts, are under the National Umbrella and Group Exemption Number 0925, which is our 501c19. Remember, every Post is a separate corporation. It is a business, and you operate under the Corporate Laws of Oregon. You pay a filing fee each year to the Secretary of State, Corporation Division.

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

Let's have a good year and remember we are all on the same team, and we are veterans still serving; we are a Legion Family supporting the Veterans Community, and anything we set out to achieve, we will achieve.



**PDC, KEVIN OWENS
NECMAN**

time again that we attend the National Convention and the election of a new National Commander and five National vice Commanders. A tradition we have continued to do for the past 103 years of the American Legion. Along with the election comes the responsibility to attend the Convention Committee meetings. Why is this im-

portant, you may ask?

Each delegate is assigned one of those meetings where the resolutions are passed on and brought to the convention floor to be read. Within those resolutions are items that shape who we are and what we do as the world's largest Veterans Organization. Sometimes there are hundreds of resolutions that come from VA&R, VE&E, and Legislative Committees that could change the lives of all Veterans, such as education benefits, health care, and National Security. I ask each one of you to talk with someone who has attended the National Convention and see what took place.

You might be surprised and make you want to attend. Lastly, the thing you bring back is hearing from the youth of our Nation from the work we do with the programs such as Boys Nation, Oratorical, Boy Scouts, Baseball, and the young men and women of our armed services who were selected to receive our Spirit of Service Awards. It makes you proud to be a member of the American Legion and to know what it would be like without us. Please take the time to seek out our Department Leadership to help get involved if you're not. I know that everyone has something to offer.

BE THE ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

**AMERICAN
LEGION**



**BETTY FISH-FERGUSON
DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER**

Hello Legionnaires, As your newly elected and installed District 2 Commander, I am thrilled to address you in this new capacity. It has been a long time coming, and I want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. The District leadership team has already met at Department HQ for a goal-setting meeting as well as paperwork submission to HQ staff. The membership cards have arrived and some were distributed by Past District Commander

Renee, and I have the rest. I will be contacting Posts to make sure they have been received.

Goals for the year include:

• Boosting membership since we were so close as a Department in reaching 100% last year.

• Department visits and Post assessments.

• Greater participation in youth programming to include a District Oratorical Competition and guide materials for each youth program.

• Greater community awareness and civic engagement.

We are just beginning to roll and I am excited to see where this year will take us. I look forward to visiting all

of your Posts or where you conduct the good works of The American Legion.

• Thank you to the New District leadership:

- Commander Betty Fish-Ferguson
- 1st Vice Commander Mike Spears
- 2nd Vice Commander Ian Gerstel
- Adjutant Richard Ramey
- JAG Renee Ohler
- Sgt-at-Arms Yvette Morse-Warrington
- Chaplain Steve Shollenburg

Hope to see you at our first District meeting on 18 September in Sheridan, followed by 11 December, 5 March, and 7 May.



LARRY HILL
DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER

June 6 – Post 34 Officers sworn in, and Post inspection and Analysis performed. All is well.

June 11 – Post 16 – Vice Commander swore in officers. Post inspection and analysis performed. All is well.

June 14 – Post 26 – Attended joint Legion – VFW Flag Day Ceremony. Well conducted and enjoyable.



JIM JEROME
DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER

Folks, as we enter the beginning of the 2023 Legion Year. District 10 has its work cut out for it. Match and increase last year's membership numbers, make our meetings a fun event while getting the business done. Covid concerns have canceled my first Post meeting. We're still on schedule for what would be the 2nd at Post 67. District 10 will be working hard to meet the needs of the Posts Programs. Have a great year, everyone.

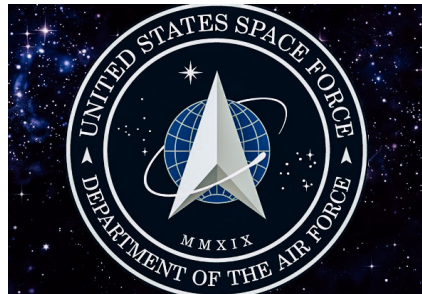
sworn in, and Post inspection and Analysis were performed. All is well. Post is active and alive.

July 4 – Attended the 7 Feathers 4th of July banquet honoring Douglas County veterans. This has been done for 22 years. **OUTSTANDING!**

July 16 – Post 26 – Officers were sworn in, and Post inspection and Analysis were performed. Well-run organization.

August 3 – I will attend a meeting at Port Orford Post 76 to begin determination as to its future.

Membership is beginning to dribble in. Not the out the starting gate that I had expected. More to come



In 1925, John T. Scopes, a public school teacher, was put on trial for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. In what state of the U.S. did this happen?

- A. Oregon
- B. Tennessee
- C. Colorado
- D. Louisiana

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Calendar of Events

August Plan Community Veterans
Day Observance
11-16 AL Baseball World
Series Shelby, NC
26-1 103rd National
Convention Milwaukee, WI

September National Disaster Prepared-
ness month
05 Labor Day
11 Patriots Day
16 POW/MIA Day
16 Congress Charter
17 Constitution Day
19-23 Americanism &
Children & Youth

October Halloween Safety Month
10-13 NEC
28-30 DEC
31 Halloween



PNVC, ROB LIEBENOW
DETACHMENT COMMANDER

the SAL anyway. Looks to be a busy time and not much time for fun but will manage to get in a little down-time.

I have asked our SAL Chairman to work with their counterparts in the Legion. That will give us a better understanding of their programs and what we need to do to support them. As a squadron chairman, I am asking you to work closely with your Post chairman to accomplish the same goal. **We are here to work with our Posts, not for them.** Even though we are a program of The American Legion, the Posts need to realize our value and treat us as a partner.

I would encourage each of you to attend your Post and District meetings. We need more involvement amongst

Department Convention is over. Next up is the National Convention. I will be attending both the SAL and Legion Convention for the first time. Well,

our dual members. We need their mentorship, leadership, and guidance if we are to continue growing and supporting the aims and goals of The American Legion.

Together we can get the work done.

Please send in your confidential squadron report to Dept. We need to know who your Commanders and Adjutants are and their contact information so we can communicate with you.



I have a POW/MIA Wooden flag, made by a fellow veteran, that I am raffling off for my Commanders Project.

The tickets are **6 for \$5.00**, or **30 for \$20.00** giving you an extra 6 tickets.

Please call me at **503-318-6426** if you wish to purchase some tickets.

The drawing will be held at Department Convention in June 2023

Interesting things to make you say



Hmmm.....

Walgreens introduced the malted milkshake in 1922.



CORY BROCKMANN
DEPT 1ST-VICE COMMANDER

Legion U.S. flag in hand at the 86th St. Paul Rodeo, St. Paul, Ore.

Four U.S. flags, contributed by The Oregon American Legion Foundation

Professional rodeo clown, J.J. Harrison, Walla Walla, Wash., is shown here “running the arborvitae,” a distance of well over 125-yards, with an American

Americanism in Action

(TOALF), were given out by J.J. Harrison to veterans attending the Family Matinee and Patriot Night rodeo performances on July 4th.

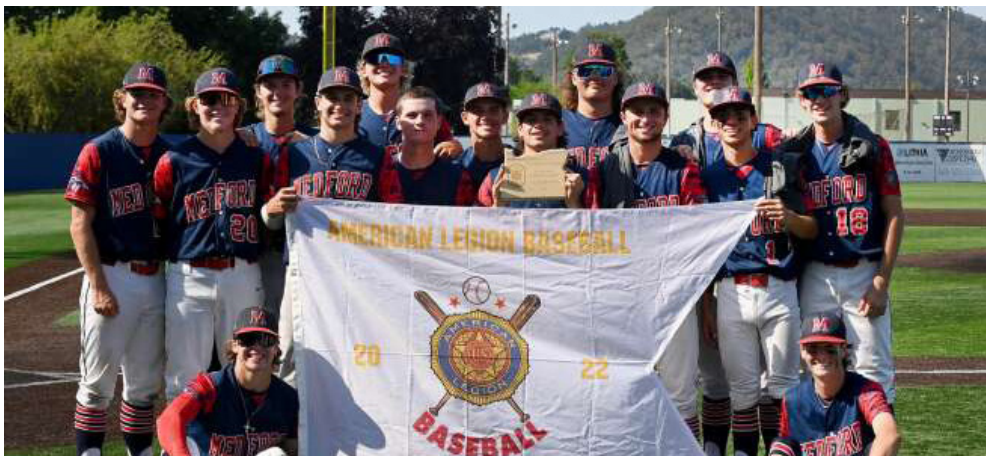
The first flag went to the oldest veteran in attendance at the Family Matinee performance, a 94 years-young WWII veteran.



Photo contributed by Susan Coleman, St. Paul Rodeo Association

Note – Readers are encouraged to submit Americanism-related pictures that capture the spirit of patriotism and our support for a strong America to feature throughout the year as *Americanism In Action* in the Oregon Legionnaire. Please enclose a brief caption and submit to orlegionnaire@gmail.com and cc: neube@att.net – Lou Neubecker, Americanism chairman.

LOU NEUBECKER
AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN



MIKE SOWLES
BASEBALL CHAIRMAN

American Legion Baseball for Oregon is sending the Triple AAA Champion Medford Mustangs to Gillette, Wyoming, for the Northwest Regional Tournament Aug. 3-7th. The Mustangs were undefeated in the state tournament this year. This year the Medford Mustangs earned their 18 Oregon State Tournament Championship.

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American Legion Baseball for Oregon is sending the Single A Champion Redmond Sunwest Builders to Vernal, Utah, for the Northwest Single A tournament Aug. 5-9th. The Redmond team is one of our new teams in the single A program.

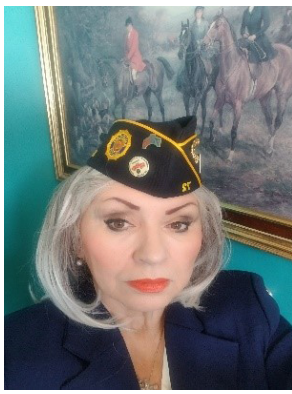
This year the American Legion reg-

istered 43 teams, 40 of which submitted rosters to compete in league play. We registered 27 single A teams and 13 triple AAA teams this year.

We have approximately 700 players in registered to play and 180 coaches, managers, and staff that passed background checks and took Abuse Awareness Training for Adults.

The teams started forming in late May 2022. They held tryouts and were able to start playing on June 1. Many of the baseball teams were able to get in over forty games in the seven weeks.





MARIA TYE
ORATORICAL CHAIR

The topics will be on our American Legion Department of Oregon website very soon. It is essential to assign district and post Oratorical chairpersons at your next District and Post meetings. Please inform your

You can find them at our American Legion National website [legion.org](https://www.legion.org).

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

The Oratorical topics are in!

media contacts, such as local newspapers, public television stations, and radio stations.

Contact your local youth organizations, Toastmasters, Rotary Clubs, Elks Lodge, local home-schooling associations, and Chambers of Commerce. Communicate with your school districts and set up visits to inform them and their school counselors of the Oratorical Scholarship Program so they can add your proposed visits to their agendas. Adding the

Oratorical Scholarship Program information to your websites, newsletters, and meetings is essential. The outreach you do will have positive results.

The sooner we start, the more practice our contestants will have in preparation for our Department of Oregon Oratorical Scholarship Program Contest. Thus, our contestants can confidently move onward to represent our great state of Oregon's American Legion at the National Oratorical Scholarship Finals.

WORDS OF WISDOM

*"Whatever is begun in anger,
ends in shame."*

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

HAVE
YOU



RENEWED
YET?



PDC, JON MARSH
PERMANENT FINANCE COMMISSION

As you heard at the convention, we are looking at tough decisions in our future. The harsh reality is our bud-

The role of the Permanent Finance Commission is to advise the Department Executive Committee on all matters of Department finance.

get shortfall is primarily a result of declining membership.

As a Commission, we are looking at options/ideas to reduce expenses and increase revenue. We ask that you be open-minded and receptive to recommendations and options presented to you by the Commission.

We also ask that you put our Department at the forefront of your mind when considering potential solutions. No one action will be a cure, and the cure should not divide us. We all share a common history of service to

our Nation. We share an understanding of the Four Pillars of The American Legion.

We recognize the need to educate our citizens of all ages on the principles of Americanism and pride in our Country. We are thankful for our youth, and we accept the responsibility to create and maintain programs in which they grow in strength, spirit, and knowledge. We accept the responsibility of caring for our Comrades.

None of us want to see this disappear...



DAN BURKS
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

this year is to hit 1000 members OVER what National has set for us. I know our normal train of thought is to hope for a lower goal, so why would we go over it? I made a statement at

Legionnaires, it is only August, and yet it is already August! That means in order to make the goal by the end of May. We only

have ten months left. Our goal

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

the convention, I am here to help build the Department, and that doesn't happen by doing the bare minimum. At Oregon's peak, we had over 33,000 members. Last year we ended under 14,000, leaving us much room to grow. If we had just 7% of the veterans in Oregon as members of our great organization, we would be over 21,000 members. That's not only very attainable but critical for our Department. I just returned from the National Membership workshop, where we had classes specific to membership growth, retention, and several other factors concerning membership. The common factor in everything is

CONTACT!

Buddy Check, Buddy Check, Buddy Check. The Department of Puerto Rico went 103% of its goal and attributed its success to Buddy Checks. So, as you read this, think about your own District, your own Post. Did you do enough Buddy Checks last year? The goal I gave your District Commanders is 100% accountability for the members in their Districts which ultimately means your Posts. Let's reach out, each of us joined the Legion for different reasons, but one thing in common is that we wanted to take care of our veterans. Let's get back to doing just that, and it starts by getting ahold of them and asking, "How are you doing?" We have a long road ahead, but I am happy to have you on board. Remember, that membership is everyone's responsibility. We are all here to help each other. As always, anyone can reach me if you need anything.



Squadron	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	5	0	39	0	44	47	93.62
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	13	0	20	23	86.96
OR-0012	Clatsop	Astoria	20	0	55	0	75	46	163.04
OR-0015	Medford	Medford	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0019	The Dalles	The Dalles	0	0	6	0	6	10	60.00
OR-0021	Mc Minnville	Mc Minnville	16	0	38	0	54	45	120.00
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	1	0	5	0	6	10	60.00
OR-0024	Milton-Freewater	Milton-Freewater	0	0	14	0	14	15	93.33
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	5	0	19	0	24	16	150.00
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	19	0	60	0	79	69	114.49
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	30	0	32	28	114.29
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	6	0	17	0	23	23	100.00
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	16	0	78	0	94	86	109.30
OR-0056	Argonne	Sherwood	8	0	51	0	59	49	120.41
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	10	0	105	0	115	110	104.55
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	34	0	86	0	120	79	151.90
OR-0110	Aurora	Aurora	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	21	0	46	0	67	54	124.07
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:			267	0	1,133	0	1,400	1,317	106.3

Detachment Of Oregon 2022 Membership as of 8/1/22

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Detachment of Oregon Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
Sum:	267	0	1,133	0	1,400	1,317	106.3

District Summary Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
0	267	0	1,133	0	1,400	1,317	106.30
SUM:	267	0	1,133	0	1,400	1,317	106.3

County Summary Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
0	267	0	1,133	0	1,400	1,317	106.30
SUM:	267	0	1,133	0	1,400	1,317	106.3

Department of Oregon 2022 Membership

as of 8/1/22

Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

OR Dist 0001 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0002	Washington	Forest Grove	2	36	91	3	132	132	100.00
OR-0006	Hillsboro Inc	Hillsboro	8	49	183	4	244	240	101.67
OR-0012	Clatsop Inc	Astoria	16	54	321	1	392	400	98.00
OR-0042	J H Wellington Inc	St Helens	2	16	94	1	113	113	100.00
OR-0047	Tillamook	Tillamook	0	2	16	0	18	15	120.00
OR-0056	Argonne Inc	Sherwood	20	30	177	0	227	225	100.89
OR-0068	T Les Galloway	Clatskanie	9	20	77	5	111	111	100.00
OR-0090	John Kalmbach	Banks	2	18	102	1	123	136	90.44
OR-0099	Seaside	Seaside	23	36	287	2	348	340	102.35
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	23	63	397	13	496	490	101.22
OR-0119	Vernonia Inc	Vernonia	24	2	13	1	40	28	142.86
OR-0124	Beaverton	Beaverton	1	14	99	1	115	115	100.00
OR-0126	Neill Walker	Nehalem	0	3	12	0	15	15	100.00
OR-0158	Tigard	Tigard	22	67	488	6	583	579	100.69
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	8	9	134	0	151	151	100.00
		SUM:	160	419	2,491	38	3,108	3,090	100.58

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	125	6	168	190	88.42
OR-0017	Keizer	Keizer	12	3	23	4	42	32	131.25
OR-0020	Carl B Fenton	Dallas	0	16	108	5	129	129	100.00
OR-0021	Mc Minnville	Mc Minnville	47	39	345	13	444	404	109.90
OR-0033	Independence	Independence	1	4	30	2	37	42	88.10
OR-0046	Woodburn	Woodburn	0	9	42	0	51	65	78.46
OR-0057	Lester C Rees	Newberg	1	9	61	2	73	86	84.88
OR-0058	Stayton	Stayton	13	18	128	12	171	167	102.40
OR-0075	Sheridan	Sheridan	12	9	33	2	56	55	101.82
OR-0089	M T Angel	M T Angel	1	1	52	2	56	64	87.50
OR-0110	Aurora Inc	Aurora	0	3	7	1	11	19	57.89
OR-0122	Canby	Canby	17	48	209	5	279	295	94.58
OR-0136	Salem	Salem	0	31	89	4	124	155	80.00
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:	116	264	1,379	65	1,824	1,901	95.95

OR Dist 0003 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0003	Eugene Inc	Eugene	1	18	44	0	63	79	79.75
OR-0010	Albany Inc	Albany	27	73	394	10	504	583	86.45
OR-0011	Corvallis	Corvallis	0	20	70	1	91	96	94.79
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	33	51	527	5	616	725	84.97
OR-0059	Francis M Yost	Florence	25	13	60	2	100	89	112.36
OR-0061	Tri-Counties	Junction City	0	15	56	1	72	88	81.82
OR-0064	Cascade	Oakridge	0	7	19	1	27	36	75.00
OR-0083	North Eugene-Santa Cla	Eugene	37	31	184	6	258	271	95.20
OR-0097	Lincoln City	Lincoln City	1	10	18	0	29	42	69.05
OR-0100	Mary's River	Philomath	0	1	7	0	8	29	27.59
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	31	29	222	2	284	294	96.60
OR-0133	Timber City	Sweet Home	0	8	21	0	29	34	85.29
OR-0184	Travis Moothart	Brownsville	2	8	47	1	58	70	82.86
		SUM:	158	318	1,781	39	2,296	2,640	86.97

OR Dist 0004 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0008	Klamath	Klamath Falls	4	37	203	7	251	281	89.32
OR-0014	Guy T Applewhite	Ashland	0	4	20	0	24	27	88.89
OR-0015	Medford	Medford	0	38	148	1	187	232	80.60
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	18	32	223	4	277	288	96.18
OR-0050	Williams Valley	Williams	7	6	35	0	48	43	111.63
OR-0069	Rogue River	Rogue River	0	3	6	0	9	13	69.23
OR-0070	Glenn Morrison	Cave Junction	0	4	27	0	31	42	73.81
OR-0084	Malin Inc	Malin	2	10	48	0	60	63	95.24
OR-0129	Myers-Holland Inc	Central Point	0	4	120	0	124	132	93.94
OR-0192	White City	White City	0	5	58	1	64	84	76.19
		SUM:	31	143	888	13	1,075	1,205	89.21

OR Dist 0005 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0004	Stevens-Chute	Bend	1	24	116	4	145	140	103.57
OR-0019	The Dalles Inc	The Dalles	0	13	68	3	84	80	105.00
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	0	10	61	1	72	70	102.86
OR-0025	Frank Burns	Condon	0	5	22	0	27	30	90.00
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	18	20	194	4	236	230	102.61
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	16	39	191	0	246	260	94.62
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	51	79	266	1	397	410	96.83
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	11	11	118	0	140	135	103.70
OR-0125	Jefferson County Vetera	Madras	1	6	40	0	47	45	104.44
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:	105	225	1,131	13	1,474	1,550	95.1

OR Dist 0006 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0023	Pendleton	Pendleton	0	8	16	2	26	37	70.27
OR-0024	Milton-Freewater	Milton Freewater	5	11	66	1	83	85	97.65
OR-0037	Hermiston	Hermiston	25	12	75	3	115	106	108.49
OR-0041	John Noble Holcomb	Baker City	7	11	37	1	56	63	88.89
OR-0043	La Grande	La Grande	4	27	186	4	221	229	96.51
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	2	21	25	84.00
OR-0157	Wallowa Lake	Joseph	1	8	44	2	55	61	90.16
		SUM:	43	101	528	15	687	730	94.11

OR Dist 0007 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0030	Gresham	Gresham	3	12	62	4	81	100	81.00
OR-0074	Carl Douglas	Estacada	17	36	100	1	154	150	102.67
OR-0098	St Johns Inc	Portland	1	11	42	0	54	54	100.00
OR-0108	Corbett	Corbett	0	7	12	0	19	20	95.00
OR-0134	Frederick And John Ravi	Portland	10	23	76	3	112	157	71.34
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:	31	96	332	8	467	531	87.95

OR Dist 0008 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	8	57	271	3	339	427	79.39
OR-0005	Willamette Falls Inc	Oregon City	0	5	58	2	65	119	54.62
OR-0065	Wilsonville	Wilsonville	3	5	42	5	55	71	77.46
OR-0127	Sandy	Sandy	0	1	13	0	14	12	116.67
OR-0150	Oregon Trail	Portland	5	22	66	1	94	130	72.31
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	33	35	486	19	573	591	96.95
		SUM:	49	125	936	30	1,140	1,350	84.44

OR Dist 0009 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0016	Earle B Stewart	Roseburg	3	46	143	2	194	257	75.49
OR-0026	Bandon	Bandon	6	3	44	2	55	49	112.24
OR-0034	Bay Area	North Bend	6	21	119	9	155	175	88.57
OR-0036	Coquille-Myrtle Point	Coquille	1	7	37	2	47	58	81.03
OR-0062	Reedsport	Reedsport	1	14	23	0	38	43	88.37
OR-0076	Port Orford	Port Orford	0	9	38	0	47	47	100.00
OR-0121	Sutherlin	Sutherlin	0	1	50	1	52	52	100.00
OR-0123	Fallin	Canyonville	9	6	58	3	76	77	98.70
OR-0152	Baird-Heaton	Oakland	2	5	35	0	42	42	100.00
SUM:			28	112	547	19	706	800	88.25

OR Dist 0010 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0063	Harney County	Burns	12	11	93	3	119	111	107.21
OR-0067	Ontario	Ontario	13	8	99	10	130	129	100.78
OR-0077	Ellis Tracy	John Day	1	4	34	2	41	50	82.00
OR-0079	Nyssa	Nyssa	3	3	14	4	24	27	88.89
OR-0096	Vale	Vale	0	4	45	0	49	57	85.96
OR-0106	Prairie	Prairie City	7	3	61	1	72	60	120.00
OR-0148	Monument	Monument	0	2	0	0	2		
SUM:			36	35	346	20	437	434	100.69

OR Dist 0099 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0114	Headquarters	Portland	0	74	515	0	589		
SUM:			0	74	515	0	589		

Department of Oregon Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
Sum:	757	1,912	10,874	260	13,803	14,230	97

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1	OR Dist 0001 LGN	160	419	2,491	38	3,108	3,090	100.58
2	OR Dist 0002 LGN	116	264	1,379	65	1,824	1,901	95.95
3	OR Dist 0003 LGN	158	318	1,781	39	2,296	2,640	86.97
4	OR Dist 0004 LGN	31	143	888	13	1,075	1,205	89.21
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7	OR Dist 0007 LGN	31	96	332	8	467	531	87.95
8	OR Dist 0008 LGN	49	125	936	30	1,140	1,350	84.44
9	OR Dist 0009 LGN	28	112	547	19	706	800	88.25
10	OR Dist 0010 LGN	36	35	346	20	437	434	100.69
11	OR Dist 0099 LGN	0	74	515	0	589		
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The Foundation Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who participated in our fun night at Dept. convention. With the corn hole tournament, silent auction, and print-coin raffle, we were able to add some needed funds to the coffers.

We are doing our part in raising funds for the foundation. Now, it is your responsibility to help as well. Posts, districts, and individuals can donate to the foundation. If your Post or District held one fundraiser each year, it would go a long way in support of the foundation and make it possible to give out more grants in support of our programs.

Too often, posts do not think outside of their own Post. You need to realize that you are part of a bigger picture. Your districts and Dept. need your help in maintaining The American Legion as a whole. With your help through the foundation, we can grow our programs and let the outside world know we are here to help our communities, veterans, and youth.



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Students from around the state came to Camp Rilea for the Oregon American Legion Law Enforcement Career Camp on July 25 and throughout the week. Students from all across Oregon participated as 11 students graduated July 29, with keynote speaker Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham.

ED OWENS
JIM WILLIS LAW ENFORCEMENT
CAREER CAMP CHAIR

The class was the first since the pandemic and the first time it has been held at Camp Rilea, Ed Owens, chairman of the American Legion Law Enforcement Career Camp, said.

“We are very excited to partner with Camp Rilea, the Oregon State Police, the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office,

the American Legion Post 99 out of Seaside and numerous other agencies from across the state of Oregon to make the Jim Willis Law Enforcement youth Career Camp happen,” Owens said.

Lt. Jason Lindland, of Oregon State Police in Salem, was the key to the camp being held in this location, coordinating with local and statewide agencies to bring in instructors, set up demonstrations and facilitate the Jim Willis LECC curriculum

this year, Owens said.

In his career with Oregon State Police, Lindland has worked closely with local agencies in this area on numerous cases, training and supporting local law enforcement agencies in



Students with Clatsop Sheriff’s Office Sgt. Thomas Phillips and K9 Tux

the community.

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By Lauren Bishop
of the Daily Courier

Remembering the fallen: Salutes, Flags and Prayer

WILLIAMS — The American flag flew above the Oregon state and POW/MIA flags Monday while a bugler played taps outside Williams Valley American Legion Post 50.



Photo Memorial Day 1: Williams Valley American Legion Members Steve Hannah (left) and Mark Cole place new flags next to the graves of those who served their country at the Sparlin Cemetery in the Applegate Valley on Memorial Day. (SCOTT STODDARD / Daily Courier)

In observance of Memorial Day, Post members and their families gathered

to remember fallen service members and veterans by placing flags on the graves of those buried at the nearby Sparlin and Gotcher cemeteries.

The firing of three rifle volleys marked a small ceremony before the flags were placed, mere feet away from where two veterans were buried underneath the flagpole near the corner of Highway 238 and Blodgett Road at the Post.

The Rev. Rob Culton of the Williams Community Church led the group in a prayer, thanking God for veterans and the freedoms that have been ensured by

their sacrifices. “We are thankful for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans,”



Members of the Williams Valley American Legion Post 50 fire a salute Monday at Sparlin Cemetery on Water Gap Road in observance of Memorial Day. (SCOTT STODDARD / Daily Courier)

said Culton, who also served as Monday’s bugler. “They come from you, and we thank you for the lives that were given to protect our freedoms.”

Tim Sakraida, the post’s commander, made mention of the veterans who gave their lives during the various wars in American history.

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By Lauren Bishop
of the Daily Courier

"They died so we could continue to cherish the things we love: God, country and family," he said, adding, "We want to honor the legacy and share the stories of those who aren't here."

The mention of Gold Star families who have lost relatives to war hit home for post member and Williams Fire District Chief Rick Vetter. His nephew, Marine Lance Cpl. Juan Manuel Garcia-Schill, a 2004 Grants Pass High School graduate, was killed in a combat operation in Iraq's Al Anbar province in 2007. "Uncle Rick comes out to pay tribute to him," said Vetter, who served in the Coast Guard, active and reserve, for 10 years through 2005.

After the gun salute, about 40 people made their way to the nearby cemeteries to read headstones, place American flags and remember the fallen.

Sue Perham wandered through Sparlin Cemetery, replacing some of the old flags that stood next to the graves of veterans.

Just up the hill, her husband Wellington Ewen was buried after he died in 2012. A flag was placed next to his headstone, which has space for both him and her.

The neighboring cemeteries are special to many of the Williams community members and those associated with the American Legion Post.

"I've got a lot of friends buried here, and we want to honor the fallen comrades," said post member Dennis Crawford.

Both Josephine Harrison's husband and son were enlisted in the Navy,

and the 95-year-old recalled how small her graduating class in Jacksonville was after many of her classmates joined the military.

"All the guys enlisted. They were so patriotic," she said.

Her parents, her husband and her siblings are buried in the Williams cemeteries.

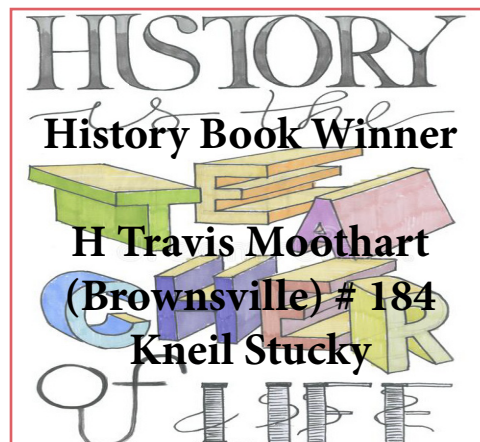
Afterward, the group returned to the Post to enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers.

The Legion building is in the final stages of a remodel. Member Steve Hannah, a retired contractor, did the lion's share of the work, redoing the floors and installing new light fixtures. All that's left is some floor trim and getting the rest of the appliance for the kitchen area.

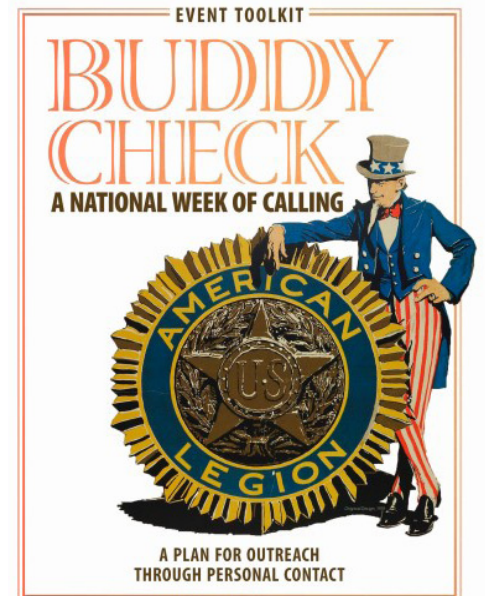
The Post has recently started an Auxiliary program, and Sakraida said it has plans to become even more of a facet in Williams.

"We're trying to get the Post recognized in the community and support the community," he said. "Of course the main goal is to support the vets."

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(Chair). I am excited about our two new members, Larry Hill and Tom Fitzgerald. Larry and Tom have a background in Veteran Stand Downs, Employment and Benefits events, and

The Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness Commission and Committees members are Larry Hill, Tom Fitzgerald, and PDC Bob Huff

working with the Veterans Community.

We also have recommendations for two more new members, which will be presented at our next Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting for discussion. The Commission and Committees support Veterans Employment, Education, Homelessness, Service Connected, and Veterans Small Business opportunities. With the Pandemic still active, we are still having restrictions on our ability to hold large events, which we desperately need.

We have been focusing on the critical

clinical needs to support the Veteran population at our VA facilities which are crucial, and the demand continues to grow. Each event we hold will still require complying with the rules for the area we are holding them in and the number of participants allowed. All rules are followed for everyone's safety. All our partners are participating. We continue to gather equipment and clothing and have met with the VA Directors for a venue. We are getting closer with in-person events starting. We continue to look for members with interest in this Commission and Committee in all areas of our Department.



PDC, BOB HUFF
VA&R CHAIRPERSON

2nd Vice Commander Dan Burks, Ann Everetts, and PDC Bob Huff, Chair. The focus of the Commission is oversight over VA&R activities for our Department. We can still offer another Legionnaire in good standing an opportunity, if interested in joining or participating with this elite team and being part of our future supporting Veterans and family in our Department.

Our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission members for the 2022-2023 membership year are IPDC Don Weber, Department

VA & R

As we have started a new Membership Year, our Department Veteran Service Officers will be transitioning to some normal, not all yet, with COVID protocols still necessary. The team works virtually and in person and supports our Veterans and their families. During this Pandemic over the past two years, now starting the third year in many of our areas, 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 desperately. Our VAVS community at Portland VA and Roseburg VA has been significantly impacted by volunteer positions with COVID protocols. VA SORCC in White City has an American Legion presence which has increased with COVID to support this facility. With the closing of Compensation and Pension activities in Roseburg and White City, staffing issues, 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. Volunteer Drivers are desperately needed and in critical need with some services moving to Portland and vet-

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Department Chaplain, Steve Shollenberg presenting the Department of Oregon Chaplain of the Year award.

Chaplain Lynn Hamm of Hillsboro Post 6 receiving his award.

Chaplain Hamm was very surprised to receive this Award, but it is a well deserved award to a great Legionnaire.

Chaplain Hamm's family was present for the occasion.

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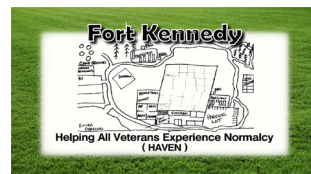
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tion from rural and other areas of our Department. If interested, if you have some extra time and want to help and support Veteran's needs, please get in touch with your local VA or CBOC as there are lots of vacancies.

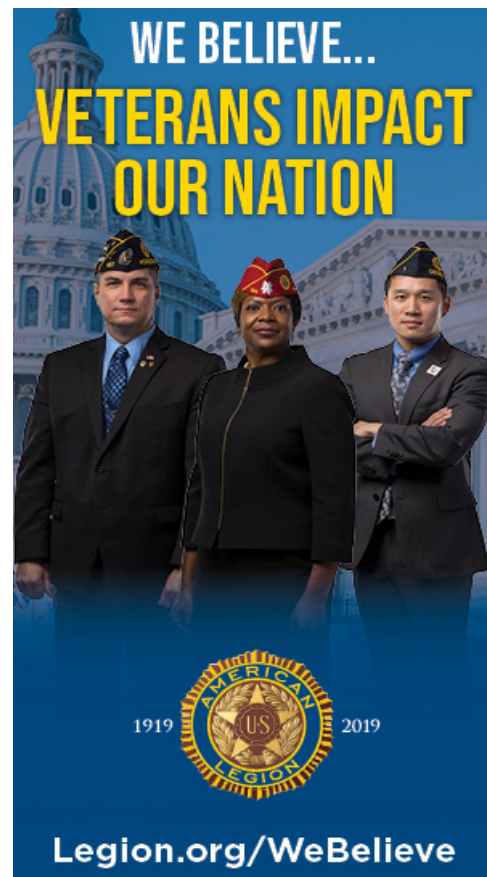
You will meet new people, help veterans and their families, our first pillar, and make a difference. As with all Medical Care, staffing is an issue. Issues that are being discussed and worked on are transportation, rural area support, and an aging Veteran population. The VA will not allow anyone to fill volunteer positions without being completely on their COVID shots by Federal direction. Face mask requirements continue at all Federal and Medical facilities. If going to a VA or Federal Building, you are required to wear a face mask. The VAVS arm also supports the National Cemetery Administration (NCS) with activity at our National Cemeteries.

We have additional responsibility

VA & R

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 supports the System Worth Saving Program and has supported four events in the past at our Roseburg and White City VA's with our National Organization.

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 contact me, and we will be happy to support you.





COREY BROCKMANN
1ST VICE COMMANDER

St. Paul, Ore. – The dust has finally settled from an exciting, and record-setting, 86th St. Paul Rodeo, which concluded on Monday, July 4th.

Sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA), this year's annual rodeo brought droves of rodeo and western heritage fans alike to St. Paul for the five day event, which ran June 30th through July 4th.

Titled as "The Nation's Greatest 4th of July Rodeo," greater than 57,000 fans, many clad in boots and western apparel, attended the event, establishing an all-time attendance record, while selling out five of the six rodeo performances.

The western hospitality found throughout the week in St. Paul isn't just about charm. It is a way of life. And it is what draws many folks here, whether it's back to their roots or to experience it first-hand, the first time. That same western hospitality, found in the St. Paul Rodeo Association's membership and in the local residents, is also found in the hundreds of volunteers it takes to make for a successful rodeo.

And there were plenty of additional attractions for fans, young and old, to enjoy. Be it carnival rides; a nice number of varied vendors; the nationally-renowned Tack Room Saloon; an array of tasty foods including smoked brisket and cowboy beans; meeting up with old friends and making new ones; evening fireworks; or, checking out local faires found within St. Paul

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itself, there was no shortage of enjoyment to be found. Nor western hospitality.

Independence Day saw a full day of activities slated for fans, beginning with the morning's 4th of July Parade. The parade route, which was attended by thousands of patriotic fans, many sporting red, white and blue apparel and colors, had 15-20 people deep in spots, enjoying everything parades have to offer. From horse riders, to old cars, new cars, farm implements, service vehicles and plenty of parade favorites, candy! Limited to 125 entrants and sold out in 2022, the parade looped roughly 1.25 miles in length, and included the Department of Oregon's American Legion van. Accompanying the van were three legionnaire and auxiliary walkers, who passed out US flags, Buddy Check packs, and candy. The Legion Family presence was well-rewarded as along most of the route comments of admiration were acknowledged, touting the American Legion's presence.

Patriot Night, the evening performance on July 4th was special indeed. It is here that St. Paul Rodeo shines in honoring our veterans and military service members. A special grand entry recognition was conducted as horse-and-rider, six in total, presented each service branch's banner in honoring service members and veterans, followed by a special patriotic salute presentation of our nation's Colors. Service members were further tributed and recognized with the playing of each service branch's song.

It was also during Patriot Night that the warm hearts and western hospitality, again, made itself present. A special 'boot pass' was conducted during the performance by The American Legion, this year's designated recipi-



St. Paul Rodeo, St. Paul, OR – A rider brings forth the U.S. flag during a patriotic salute to military and veterans during the evening's Patriot Night opening tribute on July 4, 2022. Photo by C.E. Brockmann

ent of donations. Those generous donations totaled over \$3,136 and were dedicated toward Veterans and Children's Foundation (VCF) and The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF), both which are non-profit and holding 501c3 status. The VCF resources are utilized to help fund veteran service officer training and certification, as well as, providing critical temporary financial assistance to service members with children in the home needing assistance.

Additionally, TOALF provides key funding resources for Legion youth programs throughout Oregon, which seeks to mentor and develop healthy and motivated leaders for our future, including Boys State; National Oratorical Speech Contest; Jim Willis Law Enforcement Career Camp; Legion Baseball; Scouting; and more.

Department of Oregon extends it's appreciation and gratitude to the devoted leadership of the St. Paul Rodeo Association, there is little doubt as to why their annual rodeo is such a success.

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Author's note: A special acknowledgment and thank you to ALA secretary and St. Paul Rodeo Association member, Cindy Hillyard, and St. Paul Rodeo Association and committee member Susan Coleman, for their dedication and assistance to our American Legion Family during the weeks leading up to the rodeo.



A big thank you to the following individuals for their selfless service in volunteering and giving up their July 4th in order to support our American Legion Family at the St. Paul Rodeo: S. Flynn Phillips, Catherine Brockmann, Betty Fish-Ferguson, Debra Godwin, Steve Shollenburg, John Lee, Ian Gerstel, Marty Menard, Rebecka Moon, Geanne Horne, Larry Horne, Dick Winders and Cory Brockmann.

These individuals either worked the parade, covered the booth, took photographs and/or conducted the 'boot pass' on July 4, 2022.

We wouldn't have been successful without you – thank you!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



The American Legion and Department of Oregon will again be cheering on the Legion sponsored #48 IndyCar at the "Grand Prix of Portland" the weekend of Sept. 2-4, 2022.

A top priority of The American Legion is working to bring an end to veteran suicide, which led to the IndyCar partnership with Chip Ganassi Racing over one year ago.

Earlier this 2022 NTT-INDYCAR season, The American Legion joined with one of Chip Ganassi Racing's stable of drivers, Tony Kanaan, and others, to announce a new veteran suicide prevention effort, the "Be The One" campaign.

The new campaign takes a big step forward as it doesn't just increase awareness of veteran suicide, but seeks simple engagement to further help care for veterans. The campaign seeks engagement to Ask veterans in your life how they are doing; to Listen when a veteran needs to talk; and, to Reach out when a veteran is struggling.

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Vernonia American Legion Post 119 Commander Damien Cox had the honor of hosting a visit by Paul E. Dillard, the Legion's National Commander, on June 20.

Traveling in a large contingent of Oregon Legion officials, Dillard's stop in Vernonia was one of several regional visits that day, all part of a four-day tour of Oregon. Dillard was elected National Commander of the nearly two-million member American Legion in 2021. A native Texan, Dillard joined the U.S. Navy following his graduation from high school in 1965. He served in Vietnam through four campaigns including the Tet offensive. He later received an honorable discharge as a radarman second class petty officer from the Navy Reserve. He first joined the Legion in 1969 and has held numerous administrative positions at the local, district, state, and national levels of the organization.

As National Commander his theme is "No Veteran Left Behind," which was the basis for most of his remarks during his Vernonia Post 119 visit. Dillard addressed the crowd in his distinctive Texas drawl and used some humor to open, before switching to some serious concerns for America's veterans. He thanked the American Legion's members for their response to legislative alerts from the Legion on important veteran's issues the Legion is helping champion.

Dillard focused on the PACT Act which would deliver needed benefits

National Commander Dillard Visits Vernonia American Legion

for up to 3.5 million veterans who were exposed to the poisons of war due to the prevalence of burn pits, radiation, contaminated water, Agent Orange, and other toxicants during deployments and military assignments. "So many of our young men and women who served need the health benefits that they earned," said Dillard. "This is well deserved and well needed." Dillard noted that the U.S. House passed the PACT Act before the Senate passed an amended version. Dillard said he expects the bill to go back to the House where it must pass again before it can be signed by the President and become law. "It was time to do it and it's the right thing to do." Dillard said he testified in front of Congress on behalf of the passage of the PACT Act. He noted that one Senator was quoted, following his testimony, as saying that the American Legion always brings them good information. "The main thing I want to let you know is, the American Legion – you folks – is why this got done. We started working on this back in October and then it started getting some traction. I encourage you to tell everyone about our legislative alerts for the next battles we're going to be fighting."

Dillard briefly discussed some other pieces of the current American Legion Legislative Agenda, which includes the Pay the Coast Guard Act, Protecting the American Flag, and Citizenship for Honorable Service. He noted that President Biden recently signed nine bills to help improve health care for women veterans, which was another Legion priority, including access to mammograms, maternity health care, and access to wellness clinics.

Dillard also spent time discussing another legislative priority, the need for suicide prevention and peer sup-

port support for veterans. Dillard encouraged all veterans to do "buddy checks" – phone calls or visits to other veterans they served with to check on their welfare. "Make those phone calls because you never know when you might be the one to save a life," said Dillard. "Especially after the last few years, with all the isolation. Pick up that phone, call them and don't be afraid to ask them how they are doing. If we could reduce our veteran's suicide, we would save over 3,600 lives every year. So be the one."

When asked about the importance the American Legion plays in small communities like Vernonia, Dillard said he thinks any place that has a high school should have an American Legion post. "That's where I'd concentrate on building a post," said Dillard. "Here, it's where you live. It's where you raise your family. And I think the community can buy into that, as long as the post will step out and not stay confined within their walls. Get the families involved, because the American Legion is family. And that brings your community in. Do things that keep you out in front of the community. The American Legion is important everywhere, but it's more important in a small community."

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Veterans renovate, revive Post 134

Robin Eckstein, who served in Iraq, summed up why it's important for her and other military veterans to have a space where they can bond.

"You can't watch 'Generation Kill' on HBO and all of sudden know what it's like to deploy."

As our nation prepares to celebrate Independence Day, CNews spoke to Eckstein, along with three other veterans, about their lives as well as their meeting space, American Legion Frederick and John Ravin Post 134, 2104 NE Alberta St.

Founded in 1947, the Post has a storied history in Concordia, and has even drawn attention from the national press at times for its outreach work, including serving as a warming shelter in the past for the homeless during winter. Since its founding it's seen everything from potlucks and neighborhood dances to raucous punk rock shows and LGBTQ trivia nights.

Current Post Commander Barry M. Larrain said Post 134 welcomes all veterans of any political affiliation whatsoever. Eckstein said she is a lesbian who has encouraged other LGBTQ veterans to join the American Legion, and Peenesh Shah, a state assistant attorney general and Post member noted his parents are from India.

"If we live in a community that is diverse, it should be the case that our Post is diverse," Eckstein said. "The military is a microcosm of the nation. There are people of all different backgrounds, genders, sexualities, races and nationalities."

Construction costs

The Legion members said they're currently seeking around \$25,000 in donations to complete renovating the Post's Quonset style building and want to encourage younger veterans to join. To that end, the Post – named for two brothers who died while serving in the navy in World War II – is highlighting its building renovation efforts and asking the public to consider funding the construction work. The Post has already installed a new furnace, completed some work on its walls and floors and is looking to upgrade its overall appearance.

But even more important to the Post's future than its space is the people whom its leaders want to occupy it. Larrain, a retired Army colonel, noted 76 percent of the Post's 130 members are older than 60 and the Legion wants to expand its membership. The nation's interest in its military waxes and wanes depending on the news cycle, he and the other leaders mused, but veterans never forget other veterans. Larrain wants the younger generation of veterans to know the American Le-

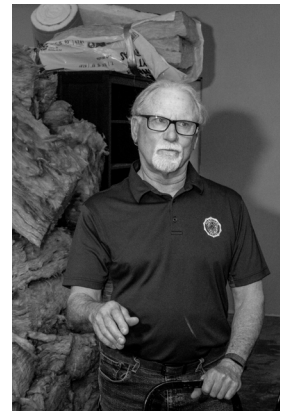
left: Patrick Bardel, Peenesh Shah and Robin Eckstein are working to renew American Legion Post 134. Photo by Michael French

Barry Larrain, a retired Army colonel, commands Post 134, and has been working with others to renovate the building. Photo by Michael French.

gion is there for them.

"We have to have a voice," he said. "We have to have something that represents all veterans, to represent our interests."

Eckstein, the Post's finance officer, said the Legion has helped her find other veterans who, like her, have experienced PTSD related to their service, as well as given her a chance to do what all veterans have done, namely serve their communities. On that note, the Post's Adjutant, Patrick Bardel, a Marine veteran, said the organization gives purpose to his life.



Standing in front of the colorful mural that adorns Post 134, Robin Eckstein noted the organization wants to become more active in the Concordia area as well as surrounding neighborhoods.

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Veterans renovate, revive Post 134

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“Our Post 134 is my primary volunteering focus,” he said. “I’m retired, but I never planned to, or will stop, working. The Post is an outlet of my energy to have a place for veterans to get together and put our collective energies out into the community.”

Shah, a U.S. Army veteran who

served in Iraq, is a member of the Post’s executive committee and wants the Post to become more integrated into the life of Concordia and the surrounding neighborhoods. He said, for example, the Post can facilitate meetings between school children and American Legion members so they can learn about veterans. He also noted he enjoys the camaraderie the Post provides him.

“It’s given me a chance to connect with other veterans of different generations,” he said.

To learn how to donate to American Legion Post 134, visit post134.com and click on “Donate.” To learn more about becoming a member, contact the adjutant at patrickb@portlandrainbarrels.com.

American Legion

By Rob Cullivan
CNews Editor

Veterans share stories of military life

Members of American Legion Post 134 have served in Vietnam, Iraq, Bosnia and Korea, among other places, and shared their experiences of military life and views on patriotism with CNews recently.

Post Commander Barry M. Larrain is a retired Army colonel who served in Vietnam, Okinawa, Korea, Bosnia Herzegovina and Iraq. Among his duties, he worked as a Vietnamese linguist from 1968-69 and as senior military advisor to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad from 2009-10.

Larrain noted being a veteran has strengthened his commitment to the



Barry Lorrain served in Vietnam, Bosnia and Iraq. just after warring parties in the former Yugoslavia had signed the Dayton Peace Accords.

nation and its principles, and given him experiences that make him realize the impact his service made. For example, he said, he was deployed to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Her-



Penesh Shah, right, instructs fellow soldier on how to initiate an IV in the field.

“My unit was one of the first to arrive in the city, which was badly damaged following years of war between Serbia and Bosnia,” he said. “I was with a few other soldiers moving through the city when a half dozen people saw us and started yelling, ‘USA, USA, USA.’ It was uplifting! During the war 10,000 Sarajevo residents were killed by artillery and mortar rounds, or sniper fire. These people were much more than grateful for our presence.”

Peenesh Shah, a member of the Post’s executive committee, was an army sergeant who served in Iraq, and is now an assistant attorney general for the Oregon Dept. of Justice.



Patrick Bardel served in the Marine Corps.

An aid station and evacuation medic in Baghdad, he had to respond to calls to evacuate casualties and also worked in a hospital emergency room. He said veterans are a diverse lot and he wished people would get to know more of them. Common misconceptions of veterans, he said, is “that we’re all the same, that we all share the same political views, that we’re all damaged in some way.” He noted that his own experience of military life was both uplifting and challenging and even contained moments of humor.

“One time a drill sergeant told me I was so bad at calling cadence that I needed to get a bowl of rhythm next

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time I was at the cafeteria,” he said.

Post Adjutant Patrick Bardel was a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps, from 1979-85 and served in various locations stateside. Serving has given him a sense of duty fulfilled, he said.

“I am proud to have been involved in the defense of our country,” Bardel said. “The Cold War was a risky period of our history and as we are seeing in the Ukraine, there are some leaders that only respect power.”

He noted veterans bring to civilian life various characteristics that are useful to society.

“There are many skills we learned in the military that translate well into the civilian world, leadership, organization, honesty, that aren’t recognized by employers who have no contact with vets.”

Bardel said serving in the military has given him a sense that the flag stands for more than one type of politics.

“Our country’s government will always be a work in progress,” he said. “If the arc of justice and liberty keeps improving, with everyone’s help we can make this country better every generation. Recognizing and improving problems is a feature of democracy and not a problem.”

Robin Eckstein, E-4, Army, served from 1999-2007 here in the United States, as well as in Germany. She did a tour in Iraq in 2003 as a truck driver delivering supplies around Baghdad.

She is now Post 134’s Finance Officer and said she’s working hard to revive the American Legion locally.

“I bring fresh perspectives and want the Legion to change and start meeting the needs and wants of new generations of veterans that no longer just want a bar to sit at,” she said.

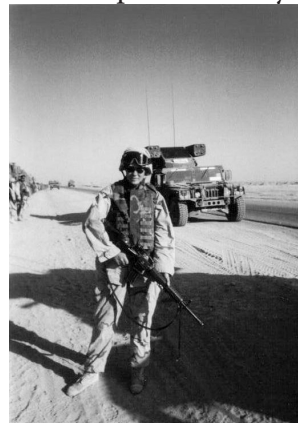
The military was a mixed bag of experiences for her, she said, noting she liked the camaraderie but disliked “the sexual harassment and old boys club attitude of it.”

Life in a war zone brought the cost of citizenship home to her in a particular difficult way, she added.

“I saw my friend in the hospital after he had been blown up in a road side bomb,” she said. “He said it wasn’t worth it. Almost losing his life and he said it wasn’t worth it. I think about that to this day knowing he has to live with disabilities for the rest of his life.”

Eckstein said the American Legion should continue to expand its historic mission to assist veterans like her and those with whom she’s served.

“The American Legion has done a lot of important lobbying in Congress



for rights and benefits for veterans and that work is extremely important.”

Robin Eckstein served in Iraq



This is William Wallace Green IV, and I wanted to let people know a little about my experience at Boys State. When I first got to Boys State, I had no idea what to expect. I came in with the idea that if I’m going to be stuck here a week, I better make sure I do my best. I met many new friends and learned a lot about how our local and state governments work. It was an unbelievable experience that I wouldn’t ever regret doing. I’ve made friends that I’m going to have for the rest of my life and experiences that I will carry throughout my life. I’d like to thank everyone who made my experience at Boys State an unforgettable experience.

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Dear Fred Broadwater and my generous American Legion sponsor, I greatly appreciate the efforts you have put into sending me to Girls State, and I am very thankful for the opportunity I had to grow as an individual. This year was the first year in history (that I know of) that combined both the Boys Legion and Girls Auxiliary. This combination was difficult, but the difficulties were expected, and the combination was needed. As a lady, I was outnumbered in the program, but that didn't stop me from running for State Treasurer. Although my opponent told me he had all the guy's votes in the first place, I still ran and led a good campaign. Overall the experience led me to see different perspectives from many types of people. I loved leading my city meetings on city problems and experiencing the turmoil within the debate on new laws. Debates were one of the most enjoyable parts for me. I liked hearing all the different arguments on many subjects. Trials were another thing that I learned a lot. Being in a "trial" myself, I learned that I do not want to be a

lawyer because their job is very hard, in my opinion. I also learned how to write bills and how to get them into congress to be passed. Now the odds that people would vote on the Bills I got in is a whole different story. I'm so glad I got to represent McNary and Keizer in this program, and I hope to be able to come back and help facilitate it next year. I believe everyone can benefit from this program—learning about our government, how to respect veterans and our flag, and finding a community that will change you forever. Thank you for your greatly appreciated time and effort in collecting scholarship money so I could participate in "Boys and Girls" State 2022.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR ton once said,
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 may feel the exhilaration of victory."

The first challenge of a new year (in this case, the new membership year) is to ensure you are operating on a firm foundation. Any Legionnaire would start by being thoroughly familiar with key documents of The American Legion. Below are some key documents you should review and become familiar with. (Most of these are available through The American Legion website www.legion.org.)

Your Post Constitution and By-Laws

The American Legion Officer's Guide

The American Legion College Course

Memorize the Preamble to The American Legion

The second challenge is to be positive. Think of the good things in your life and the many accomplishments your Post has achieved over the years. This will provide a basis from which you can be an advocate informing prospective members about all the good things The American Legion is doing in your community to advance the causes of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy through our programs supporting veterans, children, and youth. The better versed you are in the accomplishments of your Post, the better you can encourage greater accomplishments of your fellow Legionnaires throughout the year.

Third-get involved. Be something beyond an observer, be one of those who roll up their sleeves and help others. The good feeling you get from your service will be a guiding light and encouragement to others to help your community be better.



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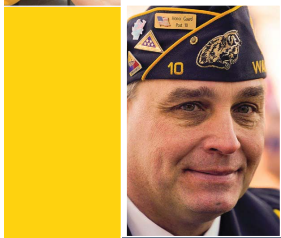
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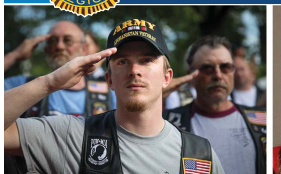
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California operates a multi-county ambulance service. Another, in Alabama, offers after-school mentorship for students seeking direction. A post in Connecticut built, owns and operates a housing facility to help homeless veterans restart their lives.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

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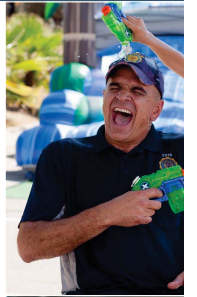
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- Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program
- Boys State and Boys Nation
- Junior ROTC
- Scouting

DEFENSE

- Cash grants for military families who have temporary financial needs
- Comfort items for hospitalized military personnel
- Advocacy for fair military retirement benefits
- Family Support Network of volunteers to help military families
- Representation in Washington to support proper DoD funding
- Assistance in cases before military discharge review boards

AMERICANISM

- National leadership in U.S. flag protection and respect
- Services to help legal immigrants become U.S. citizens
- Support for public expression of the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem

COMMUNITY

- Honor and remembrance of those who served and sacrificed
- Emergency relief in times of natural disaster
- Leadership at patriotic ceremonies and special events
- Connections with local schools and home-school students
- Numerous local programs and initiatives, tailored to each community's needs

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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



Answer: B. Tennessee

William Jennings Bryan for the prosecution, Clarence Darrow for the defense.

Scopes lost and was fined \$100.

However, on appeal he was acquitted on a technical legal point.

The play 'Inherit the Wind' is based on this case.

**WHAT
IF ...**



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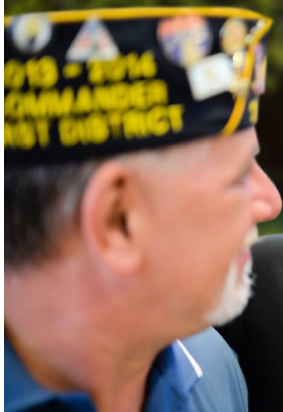
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THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

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

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

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

Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:

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

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____ Name of Recruiter _____

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

ALA 08/2019

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date

Received From

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

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

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

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

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

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

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

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

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

ALA 12/2013

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date

Received From

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Squadron No.

Department of



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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

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

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

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

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

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.

Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due.

Membership pending approval of application.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

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

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

Veteran Served:

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

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

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

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

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

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

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

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____

Date

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DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date

Received From

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #