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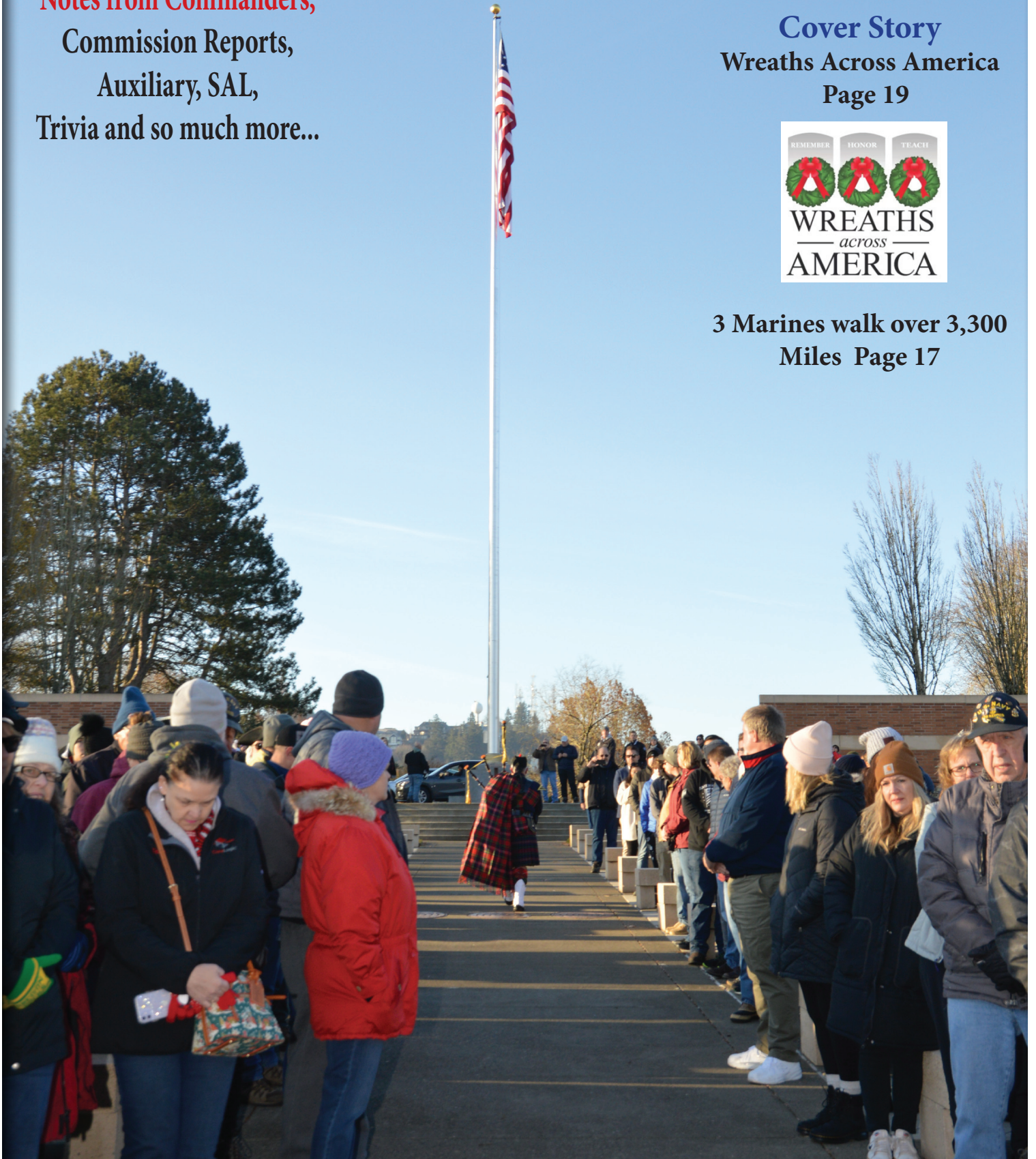


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Commission Reports,
Auxiliary, SAL,
Trivia and so much more...

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CORY BROCKMANN
1ST VICE COMMANDER

Happy New Year! We have accomplished much over the past year through teamwork and we look, anew, for opportunities to support our veterans, and grow our programs and membership in 2023.

Member-care and value of membership are two items of critical importance to our organization. Those two elements are foundational to our congressional charter and why we exist, as well as, serving as a barometer to the health of our organization. Oftentimes, I feel we spend a lot of time

working to ensure there is “no veteran left behind” and, yet, we don’t take adequate care of those veterans nearest us. Including ourselves. Seem familiar?

I am going to touch on member-care and value of membership briefly now and revisit each in the months to come. In getting started, I ask you to set aside a little time and consider the following questions and how they directly relate to you.

Concerning member-care, what does that mean to you? And the question is specific to you, to your membership and your Legion experiences. What do you need, and how do you feel that care is being fulfilled through your membership?

And, secondly, is value of membership. What do you find valuable about

your membership within The American Legion? It may be a singular item or, quite possibly, there may be many aspects you feel contribute to the value of your membership. Go ahead and jot those down.

Of these two elements, we should anticipate a variety of answers and, again, we will explore these elements more in the months ahead in 2023. For now, know that every member matters, and that includes you! Your membership matters.

To each of you, and your families, I extend my hope for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2023! Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of our veterans. And, please, join with me to ‘**Be The One**’ in your post and community should the need arise. We are *Veterans Strengthening America*.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

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Need to Know Dates

January

Initiation Ceremonies
Prepare for Oratorical
MLK Day

February

Looking forward to Oratorical

March

Community Service
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Take this opportunity to highlight your Legion Family and/or the candidate you are endorsing. Doing so will support the Department. All proceeds from this convention will be divided among the Department Legion Family.

New Year, not a new Budget. Our 2022-2023 Department Budget started on October 1st 2022 and goes through September 30, 2023. This is also our Department Tax Year. We had a lot of discussion on our shortfall of income for this Budget year with lower membership and increased costs. We had a plan for increased membership and matching funds to offset our shortfall. This was discussed in our Spring DEC and at our Department Convention, the plan with our 2022-2023 Department Budget was accepted at Department Convention. As we revisit our budget which is part of the plan, we cannot have a negative budget. We are having those discussions now, our membership has not increased, matching funds have not provided the support that was projected, although those Posts and Districts that have supported this effort, thank you for your support. The matching funds project still has until April 1st to make a pledge for funds, but we have to plan for plan B at this time. We need to work our membership and review our costs and make necessary recommendations to the Department Executive Committee.



PDC, BOB HUFF

DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER

Yes, it is the start of a new Year. Those Posts with a Tax Year of January 1 to December 31, it is time to get your financial information in order and file your 990-N, 990EZ or 990 Tax Form. Remember there are no exceptions.

Remember the Oregon American Legion Foundation is a 501©3 and is there, contributions are tax deductible, funds are used for our programs. There is a lot of information and grant requests on our Web Site. Department Program Chairs, there are grants available for most of our programs, all you must do is apply for them, we have our Foundation which is a 501c3 which the grants can be made out to earmarked for your Program.





PDC, GENE HELLICKSON
DEPT JUDGE ADVOCATE

There have been questions of late as to who can or should install Post Officers. According to the "Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies" guide, "the installing officer should be a department officer or the officer of another post acting as a representative of the department commander is recommended." The key word here is rec-

Installation of Post Officers

ommended.

Again, quoting the Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies guide, "In many departments, regulations are in effect as to who the installing officers should be. Check with the district commander for these details."

The Department of Oregon does not have any exacting rules as to who may install Post officers, therefore it would be proper for the District Commander, or his/her representative to do the installation, as District Commanders are actually Department Officers. Past Department Commanders are also Department Officers (non-voting) who should also be considered when looking for installation officers.

An officer of another post acting as a representative of the department commander should be someone (i.e., Post Commander) approved by the Department Commander to do the installation.

Always remember the installation of a new group of officers is the first occasion for an impressive ceremony and one of the top social events on a post's calendar. If new officers are casually installed, their attitude toward their obligation will be casual. Impressive installation ceremonies provide the framework around which other rituals develop and makes new officers fully aware of the responsibilities they have assumed.



S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPT ADJUTANT

Today, I had a phone message from the family of Louis P. McNicoll, a 90-plus-year-old US Navy WWII veteran who passed away in November; she wanted us to know. Someone sent her a letter and misspelled his name. I looked up his record, and he was marked deceased. As I looked further, I noticed he was one of those legionnaires reinstated under the \$25.00 renewal letter. He was in our Admin Post 114.

More research later revealed that he lived in the Salem area and was listed at the Keizer Funeral home with no obituary. He was 93 years old. Here is a Legionnaire that did not get a Post home, possibly no recognition of his service to our county from a home post. Had he been in a local post, they could have made him an Honorary

member and continued to pay his dues.

Is this what we have come to, forgetting our Greatest Generation of war heroes? I hope you can see the significance of working on the 114 lists. I was so saddened that I mailed the family the Post ever-lasting certificate that would generally be handed out at their memorial service. And I wrote this letter to go with it. He should not be forgotten.

Dear Sharon McNicoll

I received your voicemail today notifying the Department that Louis had passed away. I looked him up in our records and discovered that he belonged to our Administrative Post 114. He had already been marked deceased in our records.

I was thrilled to see that he was part of our Nation's Greatest Generation, a WWII Navy Veteran. I am a twenty-year retired Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman and retired from the USS America CV-66 in 1988.

I have prepared our customary Post-Everlasting Certificate for you and your family, generally given to the family at the memorial service.

We at the American Legion are humbly proud of Louis's World War II service and further can call him a comrade in The American Legion.

Please accept our humble condolences for his passing; he was our true American Hero.

Respectfully,

S. Flynn Phillips
S. Flynn Phillips
Adjutant
Cc; Dept Commander





BETTY FISH-FERGUSON
TRAINING CHAIR

ing and have questions, please get in touch with me about your filing.

Membership is coming in slowly, but now with the New Year time, get busy and get Your membership up. New members, those that have not paid their dues, and As your buddy checks.

Hope to see you all at St Helen's Post on March 11th.

Well, I Hope everyone had a great Christmas and new year celebration. It's that time to file your taxes for your post. If you were not at

the December District meet-



PDC, PNC, Rob LIEBENOW
DETACHMENT COMMANDER

the convention in June.

We are starting a new calendar year, which means we have six months to go in our current 2022-2023 Legion year. There is still much work to get done before

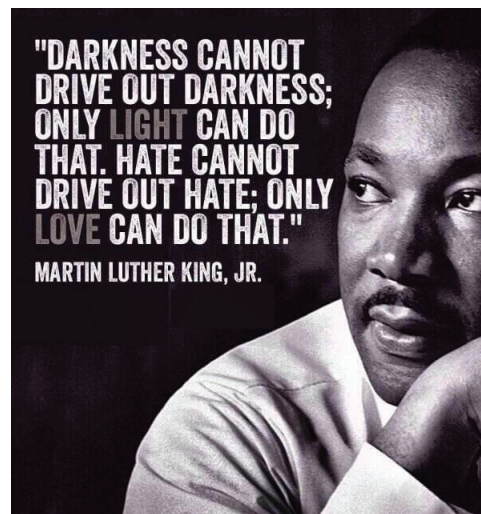
It is not too early to start working on your Consolidated Squadron Reports. We have 31 active squadrons, and we should have 31 reports. There is no reason for a Squadron not to complete the report. Every Squadron is doing something to report. That is why you are an active squadron.



Membership is going great. Let's keep up the excellent work. Even though we are making all of the target dates, we are a bit behind in renewal percentages. We are doing great in getting new members but are struggling to renew our current members. We can correct this with a bit of work, and we should be at a 90% renewal rate.

There are three things I would like to work on in the remainder of this year. First, I am asking every Squadron to hold a fundraiser for the Willy Williams' SAL Scholarship. Please try and donate at least \$100 to this great cause. The other two great causes are the Child Welfare Foundation and the Veterans and Children's Foundation.

Our next DEC will be January 14th at 2 PM at Milwaukie Post 180. Following the meeting, Squadron 180 will be hosting the Wild Willy Western dinner. The dinner is to support the SAL scholarship. Happy hour at 4:30, and dinner will start at 5:30. The dress for the evening is western wear. If you are staying for dinner, you may dress western style for the meeting. EVERY SQUADRON should have a representative at the meeting. Your Squadron has a vote, and if you are not there, you have no room to complain about anything in the meeting.



Let's set our goals high this year
By SAL National Commander
Christopher Carlton

OCT 21, 2022

Greetings, Sons of The American Legion,

It has already been a busy and productive time since my election as your SAL National Commander at the 50th SAL National Convention in Milwaukee. I look forward to seeing you during my travels.

I want to take a moment to share with you some of my goals for this year.

Membership. Membership is, of course, a priority every year. We would like to reach 103 percent membership by the end of the year. A key to reaching that goal is by focusing on our renewals. I believe that many of our members want to be involved and active; they just don't know how. We need to find out what those inactive members are interested in, what they are good at and give them a job to do. By helping them feel productive and included in the great work we do, we can help ensure that they will renew their membership and spread the word to other potential members.

"Be the One." I am proud to support the "Be the One" campaign. We all

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Calendar of Events

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

February *Oratorical Coming your way*
20 Presidents' Day (Nat'l Closed)

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LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

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CHRISTOPHER CARLTON know that **NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER** suicide and mental health are key issues our veterans must face daily. We want to destigmatize asking for mental health support and create opportunity for those with mental health issues to speak freely and get the support they need. Our veterans shouldn't fear the consequences of asking for help. To "Be the One" means to ask a veteran and their family how they are doing. To "Be the One" means to listen when a veteran or their family needs to talk. To "Be the One" means to reach out when a veteran or their family are struggling. We all need to "Be the One."

Veterans & Children Foundation.

American Legion National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola has set a goal to raise \$2 million for the Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF) this year. I want the Sons of The American Legion to be the biggest contributor to his goal. We can reiterate to The American Legion that, when we put our minds together and work together, we can accomplish great things.

Be the One!
With passion and purpose.

for veterans. Efforts like these truly make a difference and give veterans a voice in Congress.

In December, the Legislative Division selected Daniel Burks. They stated, "We are excited to recognize Daniel Burks from the Department of Oregon for meeting with Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-OR) at the Veterans Memorial in Ontario, Oregon. The Congressman held an open forum with local veterans about various issues surrounding veterans, including the reasoning behind his voting against the PACT Act. Thank you, Mr. Burks!"



RICHARD RAMEY
INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR

Positivity

Have you noticed that with the days getting shorter and nights longer that it seems like the activity level of everyone seems to be less and less? Have you finished your day feeling that you didn't really accomplish anything today?

Well, It's Time For Change!

With the New Year beginning, we have left the shortest daylight hours

behind, and we can think about resolutions for change in our behaviors and activities. Let's start by putting more positivity into our thoughts, behaviors, and actions.

"I can be positive in my interactions with others!"

"I will ask if there is something I can do to help!"

Start small — is there a chore that gets put off around the house? "I will vacuum the living room on Wednesdays."

Now expand that to I will attend the monthly American Legion Post meeting. If one comment is frequently heard in discussions at meetings, it's

how each Post would appreciate help working the programs.

Start looking for things you could do that would positively impact people you know and organizations you belong to.

A little positivity goes a long way, and it helps others too! Soon they, too, will pitch in to help.

It's time to move away from complacency and inaction to an attitude of positive action for change. Volunteer for one thing in the areas you care about. Be an agent for action — for change — that's positivity!

You'll feel better seeing how you helped!

Oratorical

DEBRA JACOBSON

ORATORICAL COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to all our comrades. The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program should have finished the initial part of Post competitions in December 2022. Now, we should see the District competitions in January 2023.

Please get in touch with your assigned Oratorical Committee Representatives (see list below) and let them know what posts in your districts have contestants and from which posts. We want to motivate more posts to participate each year. The Department of Oregon holds these scholarship contests every year; it is fascinating to listen to our youth each year. This year, we will again have the Department of Oregon's High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest, the Santiam Post 51 in Lebanon, Oregon, on February 18th, 2023, at 9 a.m. We request that the contestants and participants arrive at 8 a.m.

The Department of Oregon will award five contestants as follows:

- 1st place \$5000.00.
- 2nd place \$3,500.00
- 3rd place \$2,500.00
- 4th place \$2000.00
- 5th place \$1,500.00

The Oratorical Committee has worked hard to keep in touch with all our District Commanders.

After the November meeting of the Oregon Oratorical Committee, Chairperson Maria Tye sent an email to all District Commanders about the flow of questions from the Posts to the Oratorical Committee Members and a suggestion form to fill out for the continuation of the American Legion Oratorical Program.

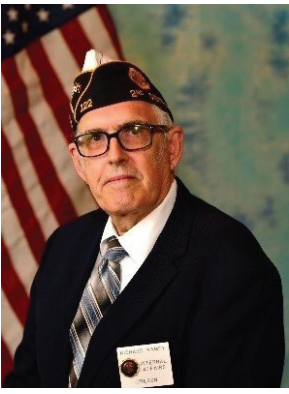
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Please let your District Representative know when your District competition will be so that the information can be listed on the Oratorical page on the Department website and the Department calendar.





RICHARD RAMEY

PERMANENT FINANCE COMMISSION Chairman, are being asked to submit budget requests to support activities and programs for the coming year.

Everyone that attended the Conven-

A new year is beginning, and we are already starting preparations for next year's budget. Department officers, Commission, and

Com-

mittee

tion this past year and read the articles on previous Legionnaire issues has already been made aware of the financial difficulties we are experiencing in our Department. Our membership has been declining for years, and because our principal income resource is our membership dues, we have had to reduce Department staff and limit the amount given to support our programs.

What positive actions can we do as people dedicated to supporting veterans and our communities? The first action would be to ramp up our efforts to increase our membership. That means asking veterans we meet

to join us. Some resources we have are our National Guard and Reserve members, recruiters, Coast Guard members, and any other military personnel serving in our state. We also should look back to the people who have been members of the American Legion but have not renewed.

Other ways we might be able to help is to increase our visibility in the community through more active public relations and letting people know all the good things we are doing for communities. If we share the good things we are doing with them, they will want to join us in improving our communities.



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 still have an opportunity for 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. The Commission has oversight of our Department Service Office and is currently meeting to reopen our American Legion Veterans Service Office in the Portland Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). We also oversight of our Department VAVS Program

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

VA & R

which has representatives at our VA Facilities in Oregon, which all need more volunteers desperately. 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 (C&P) activities in Roseburg and White City with staffing issues and reassigning clinical staff to higher priority assignments and moving patient needs to community care. Both Roseburg and White City have been changing over to CERNER, the new computer program supporting the VA which has been met with a lot of challenges. The many challenges have been affecting our Veteran Population and Employees at both facilities and have caused further installing of CERNER at VA Portland to be delayed until the challenges are corrected. We have been requested by VA SORCC to hold venue in the rural communities to support the new PACT activity. Volunteer Drivers continued to be desperately needed and in critical

need with some services moving to Portland and veterans in need of transportation from rural and other areas of our Department and with C&P moved to Portland. 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. Thank you to all of you that continue to support our Veterans community, keep up the good work. The VA will not allow anyone to fill volunteer positions without being complete on their COVID shoots, by Federal direction. Face mask requirements continue at all Federal and Medical facilities which are in red. 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. The Commission also support the System Worth Saving Program and has supported four events in the past at our

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VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS



PDC, BOB HUFF
VEE & H CHAIRPERSON

er Larry Hill, Tom Fitzgerald and PDC Bob Huff (Chair). We are still seeking more Commission and

The Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness Commission and Committees members are District 9

Commander Larry Hill, Tom Fitzgerald

Committee members to provide coverage for the whole Department. If interested, please provide your contact information as this is a needed service for our veterans and their families. The Commission and Committees supports Veterans Employment, Education, Homelessness, Service Connected and Veterans Small Business opportunities. We still have restrictions on our ability to hold large events, which we desperately need. We have scheduled four this last year and have had to cancel all with COVID and number of participant restric-

tions. We did hold our third VA Employment Event on Saturday October 22 at the VA SORCC for 245 jobs at the VA in Clinical and Administrative and Support positions. The event and one held at the Portland VA on October 1st were both successful. We continue to gather equipment, clothing and supplies for when we will be able to return to holding Veterans Stand Downs, Employment and Benefits Events. We are in discussions for a venue for an in-person event, we still must comply with restrictions for all the participants safety.

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PDC, BOB HUFF Roseburg and
VA&R CHAIRPERSON White City
VAs with our National Organization.

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

Thank you

The American Legion National Commander Welcomes ‘Victories for Veterans’ in Budget Agreement

John Raughter
Interview Spokesperson: Legislative
Director Lawrence Montreuil

WASHINGTON (December 23, 2022) – The head of the nation’s largest veterans organization commended Congress for what The American Legion considers ‘victories for veterans’ in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal 2023.

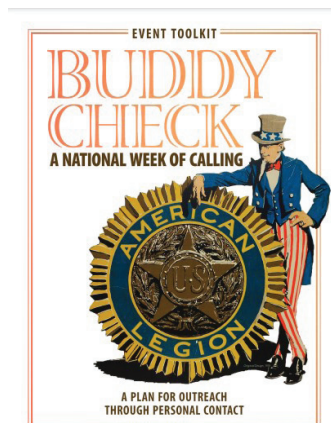
Earlier this month, American Legion National Commander Vincent “Jim” Troiola, along with other VSO leaders, sent a letter to congressional leadership urging them to pass a full year funding package and avoid additional stop gap measures that could impact VA’s ability to provide services to veterans.

“We are pleased to see that Congress has not only reached an agreement on the funding measure but also includ-

ed important provisions that support America’s veterans,” Troiola said. “The American Legion has made the prevention of veteran suicide our top priority and this budget designates an annual ‘Buddy Check’ week, in which peer wellness checks will be emphasized throughout the Department of Veterans Affairs. [The American Legion has long believed in buddy checks](#) and the effectiveness of outreach to veterans who may be experiencing a crisis. We recognize that Buddy Check Week alone will not solve veteran suicide but we do believe that it will raise awareness and save lives.”

Troiola pointed to additional provisions in the budget that were part of The American Legion’s legislative agenda. Among them is the expansion of VA health care to all remaining World War II veterans. They will

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Legion Founding Father George A. White Honored

PORTLAND, ORE. – The American Legion Department of Oregon paid tribute to one of the American Legion's founding fathers, Major General George Ared White, by conducting a memorial remembrance ceremony at his grave at River View Cemetery, Portland, on November 17, 2022.



On a sunshine-filled autumn day, with temperatures hovering in the mid-40s, a 26-mph east wind made for a blustery chill, but it did not deter those gathered at the White Family plot, nestled within the wooded, rolling slopes at beautiful River View Cemetery to honor General White.

The ceremony was opened with a presentation of the Colors by the Milwaukie Post 180 color guard and followed by an invocation. Included within the ceremony was a reading of the original memorial resolution, which was read at the national executive committee meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., in May 1942, furthering the remembrance of White's commitment and service to the American Legion and the nation.

Department Commander Larry Wittmayer and Department Adjutant S. Flynn Phillips had the honor of

placing a memorial wreath adorned with the United States and State of Oregon flags at the White Family gravestone. Taps were then played, and the ceremony concluded with a benediction.

George A. White (1880-1941) was a journalist who subsequently spent a significant portion of his adult life in military service to Oregon and the nation. It was a life of service that saw him rise from the ranks of newly enlisted to attain the rank of major general.



White served during the Spanish-American War, having enlisted in the U.S. Volunteers, and later during World War I. It was during his service overseas that he worked with then-LTC Theodore Roosevelt Jr. and other officers to form what is today our nation's largest veterans service organization, The American Legion.

In time, White would return to Oregon and continue serving as commander of the 41st Division and resume duties as Oregon's adjutant general. While commanding the 41st Division and deployed for training to Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation (now known as Fort Hunter Liggett) in California, White became ill and



passed away later that year at his home in Clackamas, Oregon, at age 61. He is Oregon's longest-serving adjutant general, holding the position from 1915-1918 and 1920-1941.

Members of the Milwaukie Post 180 color guard supporting the ceremony were flag-bearers Mike Wilson (leader), Ken Dale, Julie Kollas, James Hale, and bugler Patricia Wilson.

Department of Oregon leadership is currently seeking to assist River View Cemetery Association and staff to add George A. White to its listing of notable burials for the cemetery, including the potential additions of mapping and narratives for the Cemetery Tours and Historical Tours components of the cemetery's website.

River View Cemetery is the first endowment care and non-profit cemetery in Portland. It occupies approximately 350 acres on the west slope of the Willamette River and is located just five miles south of Downtown Portland; approximately one-half of the property is not a developed cemetery, providing natural space and habitat for a wide variety of flora and fauna.

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The River View Cemetery Association was founded in 1882 by early Oregon pioneers and Portland business leaders, including William S. Ladd, James Terwilliger, Henry Failing, Henry W. Corbett, Henry Pittock, and Simon Benson, among others, and has been managed since its inception by a volunteer board of trustees.

For more information on River View Cemetery, including historical tours, visit www.riverviewcemetery.org



CORY BROCKMANN
1ST VICE COMMANDER

Legionnaires, family and friends are encouraged to learn more on how to

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John Raughter

Interview Spokesperson: Legislative
Director Lawrence Montreuil

now have access to hospital care, medical services and nursing home care.

“Delegates to our national convention called for this inclusion in a resolution which they passed unanimously in 2017,” Troiola said. “These men and women responded to an existential threat and were deemed the ‘Greatest Generation,’ largely because of their service. The American Legion will always remember their sacrifice and we are pleased that World War II veterans now have access to benefits that they have absolutely earned.”

Also included in the budget is an extension of the Special Immigrant Visa program for our Afghan allies, many of whom are still endangered by the Taliban. Troiola said that The American Legion has been publicly advocating for visas to be awarded to Afghan and Iraqi combat translators since 2018.

“By allocating an additional 4,000 visas, our country sends a message to the world that America does not forget its allies,” Troiola explained. “We simply cannot turn our backs on those who stood shoulder-to-shoulder with us in combat. Some translators have saved American lives. They have already been through a strict vetting process but they are targeted by terrorists simply because they cooperated with our mission.”

“With the passage of the historic PACT Act this summer, Congress is closing 2022 with some meaningful victories for veterans,” Troiola said.

The American Legion is dedicated to the motto of “Veterans Strengthening America.” Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to advocating for veterans, promoting a strong national security, sponsoring wholesome youth programs and Americanism.

Legionnaires in more than 12,000 Posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

“Be the One” in supporting your post and community, even within your own family, if the need arises.

But, just what makes “Be the One” different?

Its difference lies in that it is more than an awareness campaign.

Learning of, and increasing, awareness of the plight of veterans and the significant rate of their suicide was, and remains, important. However, a critical next step, beyond educating

the public of the issue, is to intentionally take action to address it. The “Be the One” initiative seeks just that engagement.

Key objectives:

- Destigmatize asking for mental health support, creating opportunities for those with mental health issues to speak freely and get the support they need
 - Provide peer-to-peer support and resources in local communities
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BE THE ONE

CORY BROCKMANN
1ST VICE COMMANDER

- Deploy FDA-approved therapeutics for veterans to identify is-

sues and find resources for support

How you can help:

- Ask veterans in your life how they are doing
- Listen when a veteran needs to talk
- Reach out when a veteran is struggling

A good practice is to keep contact information for Veterans Crisis Hotline in your wallet or purse, and on

your cellphone. Easy access allows veterans to talk, chat or even text with counselors who will listen.



Additional resources may be found at: www.betheone.org

and www.veteranscrisisline.net



By Henry Howard
NOV 15, 2022

It's been 70 years since retired Navy Lt. Royce Williams downed four Russian MiGs in a single, 35-minute dogfight off the Korean peninsula.

Now, American Legion members are working feverishly to secure the Medal of Honor to commemorate Williams' unprecedented achievement.

Steve Lewandowski, a member of American Legion Post 416 in Encinitas, Calif., is coordinating the effort.

"We've really re-invigorated the program," Lewandowski says, noting they are working with the Legion's Legislative Division to firm up support in Congress. "It's an all-Legion effort. We are working like hell to get him the Medal of Honor. I like our odds."

On Nov. 18, 1952, Williams and three other American pilots from USS Oriskany were confronted by seven Russian MiGs, five miles from the

Support grows to honor heroic Korean War pilot

North Korean-Soviet Union border. Not only was Williams outnumbered, but the MiGs were far superior planes to his F9F-5 Panther.

After safely landing his heavily damaged plane back on Oriskany, Williams was ushered into an urgent briefing and sworn to secrecy. Military leaders didn't want a military escalation amid the Cold War.

Williams, the only American aviator to single-handedly shoot down four Soviet MiGs, didn't tell anyone until Russia declassified its report 50 years later. How did he keep it to himself for so long?

"It's a puzzle," he told American Legion Magazine in 2017. "I don't know. The Boy Scout in me, I guess."

When Williams was awarded the Silver Star, the entire picture of his heroics was not accessible, his supporters point out. The radio transcripts had not been released, and Russia had not declassified information about its losses until decades later.

Once the story emerged, the National Executive Committee threw its support behind the effort. It passed Resolution 70 in August 2017, which

called for petitioning Congress and the Department of Defense.

In Congress, Rep. Darrell Issa of California has introduced a bill authorizing the president to award the Medal of Honor to Williams. The bill has been included as a provision in the House version of the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (FY23 NDAA). Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly, a former Navy pilot, introduced a companion amendment in the Senate version of the NDAA.

American Legion staff and members continue to advocate for the provision to remain in the final version of the FY23 NDAA that passes Congress and reaches the president's desk.

Lewandowski remains resolved to honor Williams, who also is a member of Post 416.

"I was told the only way you can do this is through the court of public opinion and political pressure," he says. "We are going to continue to ramp up the pressure on this. This is our last, best chance."

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Hermiston Post 37



"Ayden Thurman wins local Oratorical Contest in Hermiston. First Award, \$500."




"Post Cmdr. Aaron Wetterling with Judges, Michele Misner and John Shaver."



"Ayden with Dist 6 Cmdr. Randy Tye and Dist 6 2nd Vice, Andy Millar."




Andy Millar inviting Ayden and his family to attend the Christmas Potluck at the Milton-Freewater Post.



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1922 The Rose Bowl Stadium officially opened in Pasadena, California.



LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

financial support and minimal membership progress.

The resolution passed in our Spring DEC 2022 addressed our membership and financial predicament. Since then, we have received some financial

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT ON BOTH COUNTS. WE MUST STEP UP AND ACT AS A TEAM.

In November, we were able to host our National Commander Vincent Troiola and visit the state of Oregon. His visit included speaking and interacting with the U.S. Coast Guard in Oregon, and he was excited about that opportunity.

I believe our programs are progressing at an acceptable rate.

Oratorical is moving right along, and presently planning is in the final stages for Boys State.

Recently our Department had a graduate of the National Legion College. Congratulations to Dan Burks.

The leadership team continues to meet and is making great progress.

Our Christmas events that are the Wreath Laying and the Department Party, were a great success.

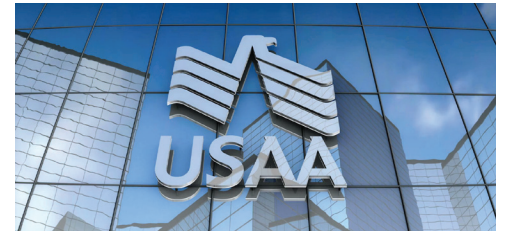


LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTING CHAIR

This reporting period has been a building year for our scouting units. COVID hit all five of our councils with a reduction in membership. Additionally, some of the

traditional chartering organizations have backed away from Scouting.

January 2023 is the kickoff for the Eagle Scout of the year scholarship program, and flyers will be coming soon. As always, I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Department of Oregon Scout committee chair.



WORDS OF WISDOM

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

MOTHER TERESA





PDC, KEVIN OWENS
NECMAN

the priority this year to help stop Veteran Suicide. The Department of Oregon has done a great job in creating events and spreading the word throughout our Department.

I ask that we all take this to heart,

A new year is upon us, and we face some challenges that we can easily overcome. Our National Commander has made "BE THE ONE"

as it has been a major issue for far too long. Buddy Checks are something that we all can do with just a few phone calls by each of us. No one person can do it all; ask your Adjutant to print phone lists and distribute them to the members at the meeting. I know our Membership Chairman has put a lot of emphasis on this for the year.

As we move on to the 118th Congress, it is time we contact our Senators and Representatives. The American Legion has talking points you can get on www.legion.org to discuss our goals for the year. It is also an excellent way to form a bond with them when we need their support on Veterans' issues. I want to encourage everyone to

sign up for the Legislative Alerts that come from National.

At the fall NEC, this was a major topic of discussion with the National Chairman, along with others. We need to do a better job responding to those alerts as change comes because all of you when you overload their e-mails with those alerts. I encourage everyone to read the weekly reports sent out from National through the Department to better educate themselves about our programs and our organization. We together can make a difference in someone's life, and together can change the way the government looks at Veterans. Thank you for what you do and will do to make us better leaders in our Department.



BETTY FISH-FERGUSON
DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER

Hello Legionnaires,

As of this writing, the Holidays are ahead of us. Thanksgiving starts off this season, followed by Christmas and

New Year. A busier time of year does not exist. It seems fitting that Thanksgiving gets the ball rolling since, in all things joyous, we should be ever thankful.

I have continued my Post visitations and am nearly complete. I continue to enjoy the interactions with the various Posts. The differences vary, as do each of the communities that they represent. I see the great work that

each does, and I am grateful. I try to encourage and emphasize the upcoming youth programs. I am so looking forward to a robust District Oratorical competition this year. Enough said.

May each of you have a wonderful Holiday season. See you at the next District meeting in December in Carlton.

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PDC, KEVIN OWENS
OALF PRESIDENT

public awareness of the good things we do for our Veterans, Children, and our communities.

As we meet monthly, we are looking for more ideas from our members on how we can support your Post. What

The American Legion Foundation continues to work for the betterment of our Department, providing that needed assistance that gets the visibility needed to increase

can we do to make your program successful? As we develop new ideas, we continue to work on long-term projects partnering up with Portland Trailblazers and Hillsboro Hops, and we continue to work with the Timbers and Winterhawks.

Moving forward to the summer, Portland will be once again hosting the Wheelchair Games in July, which provides opportunities to be involved with wounded Veterans and gives us a chance to talk about the American Legion and what we have done for Veterans, and what we continue to do each day.

I hope that when the time comes to reach out for work parties, you will

consider donating some of your time to this worthy project. I encourage all our members to contribute to the Foundation. As a 501(c3), 100% of the donation is tax deductible, it supports the programs of the Department, and it will allow the Foundation to support those things that to get our name out in our communities.

Donations can be made online through our website at www.orlegion.org, and click the Foundation tab. I thank all of you for the excellent work you do each day to make the American Legion the greatest organization in the world.

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Three Marines walk over 3,300 miles to raise awareness of POW/MIAs



American Legion Auxiliary National President Vicki Koutz and American Legion National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division Director Mario Marquez joined three Marines on their journey to raise awareness about the more than 81,000 U.S. POW/MIAs on Nov. 21 in Vale, Ore.

Photo by Kyle Green/The American Legion

The American Legion
DEC 22, 2022

On June 6, three Marine veterans embarked on a 3,365-mile walk from USS Constitution in Boston Harbor to Newport, Ore. Their mission: create awareness about the nation's more than 81,000 POWs and MIAs, and to raise funds for History Flight, a nonprofit dedicated to researching, recovering and repatriating U.S. servicemembers.

For Justin "J.D." LeHew, a highly decorated Marine and chief operating officer of History Flight, the journey reinforced "the principle of never leaving a fallen comrade behind, and that I am my brother and sister's keeper." Called "Team Long Road," LeHew, Coleman "Rocky" Kinzer and Ray Shinohara walked Highway 20, the Medal of Honor Highway.

Along the way, they were celebrated by American Legion posts and members – especially in Oregon, their final leg. Dan Burks, the department's second vice commander, greeted the team at the state line Nov. 18.

National Auxiliary President Vickie Koutz and National Security Commission Director Mario Marquez joined them as they walked into Vale, where Past National Commander Charles Schmidt and his wife, Linda, gave a warm welcome.

"The rucksacks we carry represent the heavy burden carried by generations of warriors who have served in our nation's ranks since 1775, as well as the weight of a nation ... to live up to the promise that we will never leave a fallen comrade behind." Team Long Road finished their journey the week of Christmas. Read more at teamlongroad.com.



Photo by Dick Tobiason

Chairman, Bend Heroes Foundation: Project Manager Oregon Medal of Honor Highway, Medal of Honor Highway Across America, National Medal of Honor Highway.

The Oregon MOH Hwy map with Team Long Road superimposed.

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Please pass my thanks to all Posts who helped Bend Heroes dedicate the 12 signs and welcome Team Long Road across Oregon.

Dick Tobiason
Chairman, Bend Heroes Foundation: Project Manager Oregon Medal of Honor Highway, Medal of Honor Highway Across America, National Medal of Honor Highway.

Newport Post #116

Team Long Road Finished 3,365 Mile Walk Yesterday.

Newport Was ined with over 500 people to welcome the 3 Marines.

Newport Post donated \$1 per mile for total donation of \$3,365.00.

All together a total of \$7,000.00 was raised in Newport.

The Marines were hoping for \$200,000 for the whole trip.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Holiday

 [All images](#)

Date
The third Monday in January



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

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

MLK Day Martin Luther King Jr. January 16th

King was imprisoned nearly 30 times

According to the King Center, the civil rights leader went to jail 29 times. He was arrested for acts of civil disobedience and on trumped-up charges, such as when he was jailed in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1956 for driving 30 miles per hour in a 25-mile-per-hour zone.

King narrowly escaped an assassination attempt a decade before his death

On September 20, 1958, King was in Harlem signing copies of his new book, "Stride Toward Freedom," in Blumstein's department store when he was approached by Izola Ware Curry. The woman asked if he was Martin Luther King Jr. After he said yes, Curry said, "I've been looking for you for five years," and she plunged a seven-inch letter opener into his chest. The tip of the blade came to rest alongside his aorta, and King underwent hours of delicate emergency surgery. Surgeons later told King that just one sneeze could have punctured the aorta and killed him. From his hospital bed where he convalesced for weeks, King issued a statement affirming his nonviolent principles and saying he felt no ill will toward his mentally ill attacker.

King entered college at the age of 15

King was such a gifted student that he skipped grades nine and 12 before enrolling in 1944 at Morehouse College, the alma mater of his father and maternal grandfather. Although he was the son, grandson and great-grandson of Baptist ministers, King did not intend to follow the family vocation until Morehouse president Benjamin E. Mays, a noted theologian, convinced him otherwise. King was ordained before graduating college with a degree in sociology.

King's 'I Have a Dream' speech was not his first at the Lincoln Memorial

Six years before his iconic oration at the March on Washington, King was among the civil rights leaders who spoke in the shadow of the Great Emancipator during the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom on May 17, 1957. Before a crowd estimated at between 15,000 and 30,000, King delivered his first national address on the topic of voting rights. His speech, in which he urged America to "give us the ballot," drew strong reviews and positioned him at the forefront of the civil rights leadership.

Wreaths Across America

Cover Story: The Department of Oregon joins many other volunteers to lay Wreaths at Willamette National Cemetary. Thank you to Flynn Phillips, Cory & Catherine Brockmann, Rob and Linda Liebenow and grandson, VFW Post 180, Gresham Post 30, First Marine Division Association, Civil Air Patrol Squadron for your dedication to our veterans.





MEMBERSHIP



Department of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 12/31/22

OR Dist 0001 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0002	Washington	Forest Grove	7	35	64	2	108	140	77.14
OR-0006	Hillsboro Inc	Hillsboro	6	55	116	5	182	245	74.29
OR-0012	Clatsop Inc	Astoria	15	56	165	0	236	410	57.56
OR-0042	J H Wellington Inc	St Helens	2	17	68	0	87	120	72.50
OR-0047	Tillamook	Tillamook	0	2	4	0	6	15	40.00
OR-0056	Argonne Inc	Sherwood	6	31	117	2	156	235	66.38
OR-0068	T Les Galloway	Clatskanie	1	20	68	0	89	120	74.17
OR-0090	John Kalmbach	Banks	3	19	65	0	87	142	61.27
OR-0099	Seaside	Seaside	32	39	165	3	239	320	74.69
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	11	66	262	2	341	500	68.20
OR-0119	Vernonia Inc	Vernonia	1	2	23	0	26	38	68.42
OR-0124	Beaverton	Beaverton	1	14	47	0	62	115	53.91
OR-0126	Neill Walker	Nehalem	0	3	2	0	5	15	33.33
OR-0158	Tigard	Tigard	25	68	270	3	366	584	62.67
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	2	10	82	1	95	151	62.91
		SUM:	112	437	1,518	18	2,085	3,150	66.19

OR Dist 0002 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0007	Delbert Reeves	Silverton	0	9	12	1	22	27	81.48
OR-0009	Capital	Salem	0	40	77	2	119	180	66.11
OR-0017	Keizer	Keizer	2	2	29	2	35	44	79.55
OR-0020	Carl B Fenton	Dallas	0	16	61	1	78	131	59.54
OR-0021	Mc Minnville	Mc Minnville	28	48	255	5	336	449	74.83
OR-0033	Independence	Independence	0	5	24	0	29	40	72.50
OR-0046	Woodburn	Woodburn	1	10	31	1	43	53	81.13
OR-0057	Lester C Rees	Newberg	10	8	43	4	65	75	86.67
OR-0058	Stayton	Stayton	4	24	101	2	131	173	75.72
OR-0075	Sheridan	Sheridan	8	8	55	1	72	58	124.14
OR-0089	MT. Angel	MT. Angel	1	2	49	1	53	58	91.38
OR-0110	Aurora Inc	Aurora	0	3	6	2	11	15	73.33
OR-0122	Canby	Canby	9	49	163	3	224	300	74.67
OR-0136	Salem	Salem	1	33	52	0	86	130	66.15
OR-0149	Pioneer Inc	Salem	1	12	10	0	23	40	57.50
OR-0159	Mill City-Gates	Mill City	0	2	1	0	3	22	13.64
OR-0173	Carlton Memorial	Carlton	3	12	71	1	87	105	82.86
		SUM:	68	283	1,040	26	1,417	1,900	74.58

OR Dist 0003 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0003	Eugene Inc	Eugene	0	17	32	0	49	65	75.38
OR-0010	Albany Inc	Albany	23	83	299	5	410	527	77.80
OR-0011	Corvallis	Corvallis	0	19	39	0	58	94	61.70
OR-0032	Calvin Funk	Cottage Grove	9	12	40	3	64	62	103.23
OR-0040	Springfield	Springfield	0	25	46	4	75	106	70.75
OR-0051	Santiam Inc	Lebanon	14	53	423	2	492	636	77.36
OR-0059	Francis M Yost	Florence	3	12	43	0	58	105	55.24
OR-0061	Tri-Counties	Junction City	0	16	39	4	59	75	78.67
OR-0064	Cascade	Oakridge	0	6	13	1	20	27	74.07
OR-0083	North Eugene-Santa Cla	Eugene	2	31	115	0	148	273	54.21
OR-0097	Lincoln City	Lincoln City	0	10	17	0	27	29	93.10
OR-0100	Mary's River	Philomath	0	1	7	0	8	15	53.33
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	27	29	175	3	234	299	78.26
OR-0133	Timber City	Sweet Home	0	8	13	0	21	29	72.41
OR-0184	Travis Moothart	Brownsville	4	13	40	0	57	58	98.28
		SUM:	82	335	1,341	22	1,780	2,400	74.17

OR Dist 0004 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0008	Klamath	Klamath Falls	8	34	154	0	196	281	69.75
OR-0014	Guy T Applewhite	Ashland	0	4	7	0	11	24	45.83
OR-0015	Medford	Medford	0	38	93	5	136	232	58.62
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	4	30	150	1	185	288	64.24
OR-0050	Williams Valley	Williams	7	6	39	0	52	43	120.93
OR-0069	Rogue River	Rogue River	0	2	4	0	6	15	40.00
OR-0070	Glenn Morrison	Cave Junction	0	4	17	1	22	38	57.89
OR-0084	Malin Inc	Malin	1	10	34	0	45	63	71.43
OR-0129	Myers-Holland Inc	Central Point	0	4	113	0	117	132	88.64
OR-0192	White City	White City	0	8	41	0	49	84	58.33
		SUM:	20	140	652	7	819	1,200	68.25

OR Dist 0005 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0004	Stevens-Chute	Bend	0	24	47	1	72	145	49.66
OR-0019	The Dalles Inc	The Dalles	1	13	40	0	54	84	64.29
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	0	10	38	0	48	73	65.75
OR-0025	Frank Burns	Condon	1	4	18	0	23	32	71.88
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	11	21	168	3	203	236	86.02
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	3	41	135	7	186	266	69.92
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	17	80	185	2	284	416	68.27
OR-0048	Eugene Cougar Greene,	Warm Springs	0	2	1	0	3	15	20.00
OR-0049	Sherman County	Moro	0	9	13	0	22	44	50.00
OR-0055	Mosier Inc	Mosier	0	2	17	0	19	24	79.17
OR-0073	Maupin	Maupin	0	0	1	0	1	15	6.67
OR-0086	Sisters	Sisters	1	11	72	0	84	141	59.57
OR-0125	Jefferson County Vetera	Madras	0	6	20	0	26	48	54.17
OR-0131	Deer Ridge	Madras	0	1	0	0	1	31	3.23
OR-0135	Wamic	Wamic	0	1	1	0	2	15	13.33
OR-0164	Don L Medlock	Spray	0	3	0	0	3	15	20.00
		SUM:	34	228	756	13	1,031	1,600	64.44

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0023	Pendleton	Pendleton	0	9	6	1	16	37	43.24
OR-0024	Milton-Freewater	Milton Freewater	0	14	46	2	62	87	71.26
OR-0037	Hermiston	Hermiston	17	13	58	0	88	110	80.00
OR-0041	John Noble Holcomb	Baker City	0	10	27	1	38	65	58.46
OR-0043	La Grande	La Grande	3	35	129	2	169	233	72.53
OR-0072	Kruse	Wallowa	1	2	26	1	30	30	100.00
OR-0087	Heppner	Heppner	0	0	0	0	0	39	0.00
OR-0095	Ione	Ione	1	16	28	0	45	41	109.76
OR-0130	Athena	Athena	1	2	14	0	17	18	94.44
OR-0140	George St Dennis	Mission	0	4	4	1	9	27	33.33
OR-0157	Wallowa Lake	Joseph	0	7	48	0	55	63	87.30
		SUM:	23	112	386	8	529	750	70.53

OR Dist 0007 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0030	Gresham	Gresham	0	15	42	3	60	130	46.15
OR-0074	Carl Douglas	Estacada	16	36	68	0	120	180	66.67
OR-0098	St Johns Inc	Portland	2	13	42	0	57	55	103.64
OR-0108	Corbett	Corbett	0	7	8	0	15	20	75.00
OR-0134	Frederick And John Ravi	Portland	7	22	53	1	83	180	46.11
OR-0137	Dana King	Portland	0	4	19	0	23	36	63.89
OR-0185	City Of Roses Musicians	Portland	1	3	13	0	17	24	70.83
		SUM:	26	100	245	4	375	625	60

OR Dist 0008 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	8	59	156	2	225	425	52.94
OR-0005	Willamette Falls Inc	Oregon City	4	7	12	2	25	75	33.33
OR-0065	Wilsonville	Wilsonville	1	5	19	0	25	65	38.46
OR-0127	Sandy	Sandy	0	2	8	1	11	20	55.00
OR-0150	Oregon Trail	Portland	5	21	59	2	87	110	79.09
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	19	38	375	2	434	605	71.74
		SUM:	37	132	629	9	807	1,300	62.08

OR Dist 0009 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0016	Earle B Stewart	Roseburg	3	48	100	3	154	256	60.16
OR-0026	Bandon	Bandon	4	5	40	1	50	60	83.33
OR-0034	Bay Area	North Bend	0	25	89	20	134	160	83.75
OR-0036	Coquille-Myrtle Point	Coquille	0	6	28	0	34	52	65.38
OR-0062	Reedsport	Reedsport	2	14	15	1	32	45	71.11
OR-0076	Port Orford	Port Orford	0	9	7	0	16	47	34.04
OR-0121	Sutherlin	Sutherlin	0	2	48	0	50	56	89.29
OR-0123	Fallin	Canyonville	4	6	43	0	53	81	65.43
OR-0152	Baird-Heaton	Oakland	0	5	30	0	35	44	79.55
		SUM:	13	120	400	25	558	801	69.66

OR Dist 0010 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0063	Harney County	Burns	5	12	81	1	99	113	87.61
OR-0067	Ontario	Ontario	12	10	81	0	103	131	78.63
OR-0077	Ellis Tracy	John Day	2	5	23	0	30	53	56.60
OR-0079	Nyssa	Nyssa	0	3	12	0	15	29	51.72
OR-0096	Vale	Vale	8	4	30	1	43	59	72.88
OR-0106	Prairie	Prairie City	4	4	56	0	64	63	101.59
		SUM:	31	38	283	2	354	448	79.02

OR Dist 0099 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0114	Headquarters	Portland	0	75	344	0	419		
		SUM:	0	75	344	0	419		

Department of Oregon Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
Sum:	446	2,000	7,594	134	10,174	14,174	71.78

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1	OR Dist 0001 LGN	112	437	1,518	18	2,085	3,150	66.19
2	OR Dist 0002 LGN	68	283	1,040	26	1,417	1,900	74.58
3	OR Dist 0003 LGN	82	335	1,341	22	1,780	2,400	74.17
4	OR Dist 0004 LGN	20	140	652	7	819	1,200	68.25
5	OR Dist 0005 LGN	34	228	756	13	1,031	1,600	64.44
6	OR Dist 0006 LGN	23	112	386	8	529	750	70.53
7	OR Dist 0007 LGN	26	100	245	4	375	625	60.00
8	OR Dist 0008 LGN	37	132	629	9	807	1,300	62.08
9	OR Dist 0009 LGN	13	120	400	25	558	801	69.66
10	OR Dist 0010 LGN	31	38	283	2	354	448	79.02
11	OR Dist 0099 LGN	0	75	344	0	419		
	SUM:	446	2,000	7,594	134	10,174	14,174	71.78

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1		446	2,000	7,594	134	10,174	14,174	71.78
	SUM:	446	2,000	7,594	134	10,174	14,174	71.78



Detachment Of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 12/31/22



Squadron	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0050	Williams Valley	Williams	14	0	0	0	14	10	140.00
		SUM:	14	0	0	0	14	10	140

Squadron	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	2	0	23	0	25	44	56.82
OR-0006	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	2	0	20	0	22	22	100.00
OR-0008	Klamath	Klamath Falls	1	0	13	0	14	16	87.50
OR-0009	Capital	Salem	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0010	Albany	Albany	4	0	9	0	13	20	65.00
OR-0012	Clatsop	Astoria	10	0	39	0	49	75	65.33
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	5	0	34	0	39	54	72.22
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	0	0	3	0	3	10	30.00
OR-0024	Milton-Freewater	Milton-Freewater	0	0	0	0	0	14	0.00
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	3	0	15	0	18	23	78.26
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	7	0	52	0	59	79	74.68
OR-0032	Calvin Funk	Cottage Grove	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0034	Bay Area	North Bend	5	0	24	0	29	21	138.10
OR-0041	John Noble Holcomb	Baker City	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0043	La Grande	La Grande	0	0	10	0	10	32	31.25
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	0	0	9	0	9	23	39.13
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	0	0	5	0	5	61	8.20
OR-0048	Eugene Cougar Greene,	Warm Springs	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0051	Santiam	Lebanon	7	0	45	0	52	94	55.32
OR-0056	Argonne	Sherwood	7	0	17	0	24	59	40.68
OR-0058	Stayton	Stayton	5	0	14	0	19	23	82.61
OR-0061	Tri-Counties	Junction City	2	0	9	0	11	10	110.00
OR-0067	Ontario	Ontario	0	0	13	0	13	14	92.86
OR-0075	Sheridan	Sheridan	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0083	North Eugene-Santa Cla	Eugene	3	0	26	0	29	44	65.91
OR-0095	Ione	Ione	0	0	16	0	16	21	76.19
OR-0099	Seaside	Seaside	24	0	46	0	70	115	60.87
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	21	0	68	0	89	120	74.17
OR-0110	Aurora	Aurora	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	4	0	28	0	32	67	47.76
OR-0122	Canby	Canby	8	0	31	0	39	52	75.00
OR-0134	Frederick And John Ravi	Portland	0	0	2	0	2	10	20.00
OR-0136	Salem	Salem	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0150	Oregon Trail	Portland	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0158	Tigard	Tigard	15	0	39	0	54	71	76.06
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	3	0	64	0	67	101	66.34
OR-0173	Carlton Memorial	Carlton	3	0	15	0	18	24	75.00
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	30	0	66	0	96	87	110.34
OR-0184	Travis Moothart	Brownsville	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-9999	Sal Holding Sqdn	Tigard	0	0	0	0	0		
		SUM:	171	0	761	0	932	1,416	65.82

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
Sum:	185	0	761	0	946	1,414	66.9

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1	OR Dist 0004 SAL	14	0	0	0	14	10	140.00
1		171	0	761	0	932	1,416	65.82
	SUM:	185	0	761	0	946	1,414	66.9

Detachment Of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 12/31/22 County Summary Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1		185	0	761	0	946	1,426	66.34
	SUM:	185	0	761	0	946	1,414	66.9

Old Man and a Bucket of Shrimp

A wonderful story and it is true. You will be glad that you read it.

It happened every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembled a giant orange and was starting to dip into the blue ocean. Old Ed came strolling along the beach to his favorite pier. Clutched in his bony hand was a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. The glow of the sun is a golden bronze now.

Everybody's gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing out on the end of the pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts and his bucket of shrimp. Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky a thousand white dots come screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier. Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, 'Thank you. Thank you.'

In a few short minutes the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn't leave. He stands there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place. When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along the pier with him until he gets to the stairs, and then they, too, fly away. And old Ed quietly makes his way down to the end of the beach and on home.

If you were sitting there on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed



might seem like 'a funny old duck,' as my dad used to say. Or, to onlookers, he's just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls with a bucket full of shrimp. To the onlooker, rituals can look either very strange or very empty. They can seem altogether unimportant, maybe even a lot of nonsense. Old folks often do strange things, at least in the eyes of Boomers and Busters. Most of them would probably write Old Ed off, down there in Florida. That's too bad. They'd do well to know him better.

His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a famous hero in World War I, and then he was in WWII. On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived, crawled out of their plane, and climbed into a life raft. Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun. They fought sharks. Most of all, they fought hunger and thirst. By the eighth day their rations ran out. No food. No water. They were hundreds of miles from land and no one knew where they were or even if they were alive. Every day across America millions wondered and prayed that Eddie Rickenbacker might somehow be found alive.

The men adrift needed a miracle. That afternoon they had a simple devotional service and prayed for a miracle. They tried to nap. Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged on. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft. Suddenly Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap. It was a seagull! Old Ed would later describe how he sat

perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his starving crew made a meal of it - a very slight meal for eight men. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait...and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued after 24 days at sea.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first life-saving seagull... And he never stopped saying, 'Thank you.' That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude.

Reference: (Max Lucado, "In The Eye of the Storm", pp...221, 225-226)

PS: Eddie Rickenbacker was the founder of Eastern Airlines. Before WWI he was race car driver. In WWI he was a pilot and became America's first ace. In WWII he was an instructor and military adviser, and he flew missions with the combat pilots. Eddie Rickenbacker is a true American hero. *Continued on page 23*

Old Man and a Bucket of Shrimp

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And now you know another story about the trials and sacrifices that brave men have endured for your freedom.

As you can see, I chose to pass it on. It is a great story that many don't know. You've got to be careful with old guys, you just never know what they have done during their lifetime.



Answer: B. Henry Ford

Young Henry Ford showed an early interest in mechanics. By the time he was 12, he was spending most of his spare time in a small machine shop he had equipped himself. There, at 15, he constructed his first steam engine.

Later, he became a machinist's apprentice in Detroit in the shops of James F. Flower and Brothers, and in the plant of the Detroit Dry Dock Company. After completing his apprenticeship in 1882, he spent a year setting up and repairing Westinghouse steam engines in southern Michigan. In July 1891, he was employed as an engineer at the Edison Illuminating Company of Detroit. He became chief engineer on November 6, 1893. Thomas Edison would become a lifelong mentor and friend to Henry Ford.

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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 (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

Date

Received From

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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



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY 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.

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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Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #