

# The Oregon Legionnaire

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## Oregon Supporting the Willy Williams Scholarship Fund







LARRY WITTMAYER  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Good day fellow Legionnaires, and a Happy Valentines Day to you and yours.

This month is Americanism month; as we prepare this

year's programs, let us be mindful that our programs sometimes are the main thing the public sees of us.

Our Department submissions for Fire Fighter and Law Enforcement Officers have gone in.

Please be aware that OR HB 215 is in the works for increased benefits for Oregon veterans.

After this past election, the US House Veterans Affairs Committee has six new members who are veterans, and some are Legionnaires.

Please be aware that 2/5 is Four Chaplains Sunday, and observe it.

Our delegates to the Washington Conference will be attending from 2/26 - 3/1.

Our membership campaign is 74.68%, and we have 3600 to go to achieve the goal. We can still do it. Keep up the good work.

**DISTRICT COMMANDERS, PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR.**

Our Financial Campaign is slowly growing and is now at \$24,089.00. Keep up the support as we move into the Individual Donation phase.



Iwo Jima  
February 19th - March 26th 1945  
78 Years



### Department Officers

Commander	Larry Wittmayer
Imed. Past Cmdr	Don Weber
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NECman	Kevin Owens
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Finance Officer	Bob Huff
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Judge Advocate	Gene Hellickson
Service Officer	Ed Van Dyke
Veterans Service Officer	Jody Marsh
Sgt-At-Arms	Phyllis York
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Mike Morris
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Ward Allen

### Need to Know Dates

#### February

Looking forward to Oratorical  
IWO Jima

#### March

Community Service  
Legion Birthday  
St Patricks Day  
Boys State Selection

#### April

Children & Youth Month  
Scouting Activities  
Boys State  
American Legion Children  
Welfare Foundation Week



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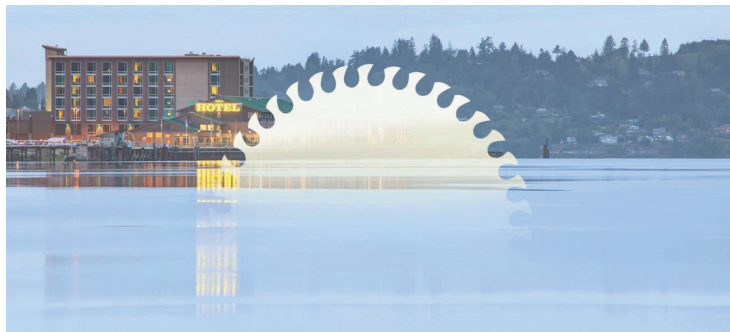
A. December

B. July

C. February

D. August

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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.

Leadership is often a reflection of teamwork. While not every endeavor of teamwork is successful, that's not realistic; there is value in teamwork and strength in working together. Progress begets progress, which can lead to experiencing greater success much sooner.



Let's relate teamwork to *member care*. How do we achieve success in member care? How would we know our members' thoughts on supporting post programs or what their needs are? Quite simply, to know, we must engage our members. Through engagement, we seek to determine how members are doing, to let them know they are valued as individuals and as members, and to share how their membership works for them.

**CORY BROCKMANN**  
**1ST VICE COMMANDER**

By describing examples of the value of their membership, be its accomplishments at the post level or in what's occurring through national legislative actions, we help members know what great works are being accomplished for all veterans.

Engagement is vitally important because not everyone's needs are the same, and our own needs can change over time. That is why so much emphasis is put on conducting 'buddy checks' routinely. Buddy-checking is just one example of engagement that can ensure members are appreciated and doing well.

Lastly, by not engaging our members, we lose the critical connection, that cohesiveness, which maintains our vitality and keeps our posts – and our organization – strong! By assuming our members are "engaged" with their membership without routinely contacting them leads to eroding their feelings of being appreciated and valued. And worse, it leads to a weakening of their commitment to their membership, our four pillars, and to veterans.

Please, ask within your post how you can help be a member of the team! With teamwork, you will help ensure the member-care of your post's members. It may be as simple as helping make a few phone calls each month.

Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of our veterans. And, please, join me to 'Be The One' in your post and community should the need arise. We are **Veterans Strengthening America**.



Our 2022-2023 Department Budget started on October 1, 2022, and goes through September 30, 2023, and this is also our Department Tax Year which we are working on now. We had a lot of discussion on our shortfall of income for this Budget year with lower membership, 1,000 less now than last year and we have increased costs. Our plan was for increased membership and matching funds to offset our shortfall, as agreed in our Spring DEC and Department Convention. We revisited our budget, which was part of that plan; we cannot have a negative budget.

We have been having discussions as our membership has not increased, and matching funds have not supported the income required. Thank you to those Posts, Legionnaires, and

Districts that have supported this effort. The matching funds project still has until April 1 to make a pledge. With our outcomes for income, we must place plan B in effect now. We as a team need to work on our membership which would resolve our reduced income. We have funds required by our Constitution and By-Laws and funds supporting our programs, restricted funds. We have funds. We are required to have a balanced budget for income and expenses.

For 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. The first day you can file electronic taxes is January 23, 2023.

Remember, the Oregon American Legion Foundation is a 501©3 and is there, and contributions are tax-deductible. Funds are

used for **PDC, BOB HUFF** our pro- **DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER** 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, a 501c3 which grants can be made out and earmarked for your Program.



**PDC, KEVIN OWENS**  
**NECMAN**

As we start a new year, we begin it with the 118th Congress. What does that mean to all of you? It allows all Legionnaires to contact their Representatives and let them know what the American Legion Legislative Goals are for this year. Our voice does make a difference, as we have seen by the passage of the PACT ACT. You can do a couple of things to ensure you are being heard. The first

is to contact them quarterly, and the second is to sign up for the Legislative Alerts.

Numbers matter, and the greater the membership, the louder of voice is. The Alerts can be sent to your family members to have them support our efforts. As the NEC Committeeman, I get many e-mails from weekly Commission Reports, almost daily National Membership numbers, along with letters that are sent to National regarding complaints about Posts. We all may not sometimes agree on how things function, but we all need to remember that we are working for a common goal, and that's making things better for all Veterans.

I recently received some correspondence of a very positive nature that brings a positive light to our Department. The first is that the Department of Oregon reached its Veterans & Children's Fund goal of \$26,278.26. You all should be very proud of these accomplishments, as only 13 Departments have reached their goal.

The second item that we should be very proud of is our own 1st Vice Commander Cory Brockmann was appointed to serve on the TBI/PTSD Suicide Prevention Committee. We should all be proud that the Department is setting the bar high with our Veterans. Please take the time to congratulate Cory on this appointment.





Hello Legionnaires,

The winter DEC was held at the Villebois Community Center in Wilsonville. The DEC was

**BETTY FISH-FERGUSON** a blended in-  
**DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER** person and Go-to-Meeting event. It was abbreviated compared to other DEC's and was only 4 hours on Saturday to discuss issues of membership and the Budget. That evening several people attended the Willy Williams western BBQ and fundraising event at Post 180.

District 2 has an upcoming Oratorical competition with two students presenting and will be held at Post 136 in Salem commencing at 1000. I encourage everyone to attend and support these students' efforts.

Let us support all the upcoming youth programs, as this is the time to

District 7 had its meeting recently at the Hitchin Post in Estacada, and Department Commander Larry Wittmayer and Legislative Chairman John Lee both attended. The Commander asked for Posts and Legion members to contribute to the Department's budget shortfall. We have already lost one front office person. We can turn this around, and it's up to all of us to be a recruiter and grow the best veterans organization ever.

John Lee brought the district up to date on legislative bills being considered. The Posts are working on their expired member lists, as 1st Vice Commander Cory Brockman suggested. We would be ahead if twenty people from each post signed up two

prepare for Boys State, Jim Willis Law Enforcement Career Camp, Junior Shooting, and Legion Baseball.

In an ongoing effort to promote Training, I encourage anyone who has not taken the Basic Training online program to do so; even if you aren't new to the Legion but certainly all new members should as soon as possible.

There are videos of interest to all Legionnaires on topics such as Operation Iron Ruck, the Tango, Alpha, and Lima podcasts. See Senator Tammy Duckworth addressing the American Legion Veteran's Employment and Education Commission, Small Businesses, and National Legion College, to name a few. Also on file are all the speakers from the Training Tuesday program.

Training is the backbone of growth in the Leadership of the American Legion.

The next District 2 meeting will be held on March 5th at Post 122 in Canby. Hope to see you all there.

new members. Buddy checks are being made.

Oratorical seems to be lacking this year. We are working on Boys State candidates and are excited that

it will be held at OSU in Corvallis from June 25th — July 1st. We mourn the loss of our past District 7 Commander Bill Rosansky. His service will be at the Estacada First Baptist Church Saturday, January 28th, at 11:00.



**JIM MORIARTY**  
**DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER**

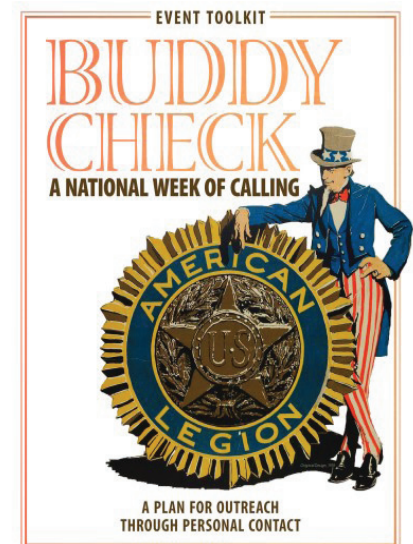


**JIM JEROME**  
**DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER**

Greetings from District 10. District and Posts 63 and 96 have been working Oratorical. District 10 contest will be in Burns at the Chamber of Commerce Hall on February 11, 1300hrs. Post 63 hosting. District Commander and 2nd Vice Commander attended a well-attended Oratorical contest at Vale Post 96. Entering the second month of 2023 and wishing the Oregon Legion Family success as we head towards a great membership year.  
*(Fingers Crossed)*



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# Editors Notes

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## Calendar of Events

### February Oratorical Coming your way

05 Four Chaplains Day  
20 Preidents' Day (Nat'l Closed)

### March Community Service Month

15-17 TAL Birthday  
17 St Parick's Day

### April Chidren & Youth Month

7 Good Friday (Nat'l Closed)  
21-23 National Oratorical



PDC, PNC, Rob LIEBENOW  
DETACHMENT COMMANDER

We are about four and ½ months away from the convention. It is time to start looking at our future leadership. Both at squadron and detachment levels. It would help if you looked at your members to fill leadership positions.

Now is the time to gather information so you can fill out your Squadron Consolidation Reports. As long as you have members in your squadron, you should have things to report. There are no excuses for not turning in a report. You only need to fill in one item. National will consider a blank report as a no report.

The later it gets into the membership year, the harder it is to reach that 100% mark. You are doing a great job in recruiting new members, almost 200, this year, but we need to concentrate on our renewals. We have over 50% renewal rate and should end the year at least 90%. The Detachment of Oregon can easily attain 110% for 2023. I congratulate the following squadrons for reaching or passing 100%, Williams, Hillsboro, North Bend, Junction City, and Milwaukie. We have several others that are close.

Thank everyone for the excellent turnout for Wild Willy's Western Night in Milwaukie. Everyone had a great time, and we raised a lot of money for our SAL Scholarship.

I am open to visitations. Please let me know if you would like me to visit your squadron.



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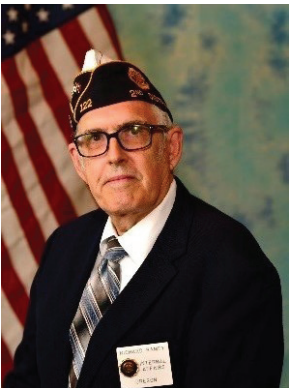
I have a POW/MIA Wooden flag made by a marine that I am raffling off for my Commanders Project.

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.

Drawing will be held at Convention in June 2023





**RICHARD RAMEY**  
**INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR**

Having completed a review of the records on file at the Department, indications are that more training and emphasis are needed concerning documentation of our post activities and record-keeping. Here is a breakdown of the records on file at the Department for the 112 posts administering The American Legion programs throughout our state.

### Confidential Report

74 of 112 posts reporting	
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Some other observations are that several of the Installation and Certification of Officers did not have the Certifying Officer who conducted the installation signature and, in some cases, no date. With one-half of the membership year passed and only 9 Post Analyses conducted, a question that must be asked is, How many of our Posts have not received a visit from a Department representative (i.e., District Commander/Vice Commander)?

Reading the minutes of those Districts who have documented their meeting with a copy to the Department, representation at District meetings is barely half the number of posts in the District. In that light, what can District leadership tell us about the

situational success of administering The American Legion programs at those posts that are not attending meetings?

I hope this doesn't sound too harsh; however, with the charters given to us by the National American Legion organization, we have accepted the responsibility to support the programs of the Four Pillars of the American Legion. With the little documentation on file, it might be difficult to explain how much we are fulfilling those responsibilities.

We still have half our year left, so this might be a wake-up call that we need to be more proactive in finding out what our Posts are doing and lending a hand to help them achieve greater success in working the programs to help our veterans and our communities in our great State of Oregon.

*Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!*



**JOHN LEE**  
**LEGISLATIVE CHAIR**

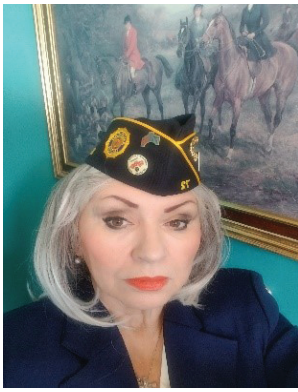
The Oregon Legislature has stated to have some interim committee meetings. Our new legislators and the committee members will be on board in January, with his long session starting in February. This year the meeting will once again be in person. I attended the house committee meeting in December. During COVID, the committees met virtually, and the members did not see those who

were watching. At the in-person meeting, the committee members could see the faces of all the veterans attending. Although this was an informational meeting with only invited testimony, there were about 20 veterans present.

I have been visiting some of the Districts, four so far, to give out legislative information. We are getting ready for the next sessions at the State and National levels. At the state level, they will be looking at veteran education, active-duty dependents support in our school systems, aging veterans, veteran mental health around suicide, taxes such as Property and retirement pay, and the internment of cremated veterans remains.

There is always a need for Grassroots movements at both the State and National levels. It is important to stay in touch with our local legislators. At the national level, there is an alert system in place. By signing up, you can get alerts to upcoming bills that need our support. This alert will give you information on the Bill and a letter to your legislator and will send it to the US legislator for your legislative district. I encourage you to sign up if you have not done so yet. Just use your camera with the QR Code.





MARIA TYE  
ORATORICAL CHAIR

throughout the Department of Oregon. Legion posts held their contests in December, and the District contests were to be held in January 2023 according to the Code of Procedures. The contestants were to not have notes on stage, only in preparation. The Oratorical Committee members and I thank all the Post Commanders and District Commanders for their

The American Legion High School, Oratorical Scholarship Program, is coming to fruition. Congratulations to all contestants

leadership in following the rules.

The Oratorical Committee Members have worked diligently to ensure that all District Commanders knew who they were and how to communicate with them.

Now comes the finale! The Department of Oregon Oratorical Contest is scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Santiam Post 51 located at 480 S. Main Street, Lebanon, Oregon 97355.

The contest starts at 9 am, so please be there by 8 am to be able to brief everyone on their duties. Your participation as Judges, Tabulators, Escorts, Timekeepers, etc., is vital, and we appreciate all you do as part of this most excellent program. We ask that all paperwork be emailed to me by Febru-

ary 12, 2023.

Since the Department of Oregon American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program is held on February 18, ya'll know the outcome! Congratulations to our five contestants. One will go on to the National Oratorical Program!

This will be a memorable event for our youth, families, and the Department of Oregon!

The Department of Oregon will award five contestants: 1st Place \$5000.00 2nd Place \$3,500.00 3rd Place \$2,500.00 4th Place \$2,000.00 5th Place \$1,500.00. Our youth can use these scholarships in any certified institution of higher learning. This is a significant factor for our youth. See ya'll there!



PDC, KEVIN OWENS  
PERMANENT FINANCE COMMISSION

we can fund what we need in our department. Membership is our primary source of income, and the continued decline forces the budget to compensate for those losses. The answer is, what can each one of us do to help continue to fund those things?

Each year in February, the Commission sits down to address the budget for the next year. Like any other year, the process does not get any easier to ensure

It really comes down to one thing, sign up one new member. If each one could do that, we would double in membership. I know that is a stretch, but we should consider this as we would get our renewal rate up to 92%, a goal set by our National Commander, and get 25% of our goal in new members, which would be 3500 new members the cash value would be close to \$48k in revenue to our department. In the end, we would see growth each year.

The American Legion was relevant 100 years ago but is even more relevant today, as we see our benefits being chipped away daily. I ask that we all band together and continue to be the greatest Veterans organization in the world.



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LARRY WITTMAYER  
SCOUTING CHAIR

Activity is increasing, with several Posts coming online chartering scouting units.

Most important is the Eagle Scout of the Year Nomination. **PLEASE GO TO [LEGION.ORG](http://LEGION.ORG) OR [ORLEGION.ORG](http://ORLEGION.ORG)** for the application.

Calendar of events:

### Cascade Pacific Council 503-225-5777

1/31-2/1 Silver Beaver Nominations are due  
2/5 Scout Sunday  
2/10 Trail Blazer Scout Night  
2/16-19 Shooting Sport Training  
2/25 Welding MB

### Oregon Trail Council 541-485-4433

2/10 Trail Blazer Scout Night  
2/11 University of Scouting  
2/12 Scout Sunday  
2/24-26 OA Workshop  
2/25 Greenwood/Cascade Cub Ldr

Training

### Blue Mountain Council 509-735-7306

2/4 Scout Bowl  
2/17 Klondike Derby  
2/25 OA Lodger Banquet  
Yo-Yo Lesson

### Mountain West Council 208-376-4411

2/4 Snow Capades  
2/5 Scout Sunday  
2/8 National Scout Day  
2/10 Klondike - Snake River  
2/18 Mountain West Recognition Event  
2/w25 Johnson M<B Clinic



RICHARD RAMEY

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

The Training and Development Committee is arranging for training throughout the year. The training events on the schedule are the Spring Department Meetings in April and the Department Convention in June. Anyone who seeks training is invited to suggest topics for these times by sending a request to Department either by letter or email.

When suggesting training, include not only the subject but also a description of the specific outcome you would like to have the training achieve for attendees. Also, if you would like training at other times, the Training and Development Committee will attempt to help find instructors for training in your area.

## Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony

February 25th @ 10 AM

February 19th-March 26th 1945 marks 78 years ago

The Canby-Aurora VFW 6057 Post and Auxiliary invites you to the annual IWO Jima Flag Raising Ceremony at Ackerman Gym & Adult Center located at 350 SE 13th Ave Canby, OR

Following the indoor program at Ackerman gym, we Will proceed to the Canby Adult Center's flagpole to raise the new flag by the Marine Honor Guard and Scatter IWO Jima sand on the memorial rock.

Please invite all your veterans and their families to this special ceremony.

Veteran organizations are invited to bring their colors and post them proudly for the ceremony.

(If you are planning to participate please call or text Geanne at 503-849-8149 to receive a number for the line-up arrival time at 9 AM)

Please come by 9:30am for assembly seating.

Refreshments afterward at the Adult Center



PDC, Bob Huff  
VA&R Chairperson

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

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 families 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), which we are meeting as a commission next week to finalize details. We also oversee our Department VAVS Program, which has representatives at our VA Facilities in Oregon, who all need more volunteers desperately. We need you if you have some extra time and are looking for a challenging volunteer assignment supporting Veterans. 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, reassigning clinical staff to higher priority assignments, and moving patient needs to community care. Roseburg and White City have been changing over to CERNER, the new computer program supporting the VA that has been met with many challenges. Both

# VA & R

Roseburg and White City have challenges with volunteer drivers with the moving of C&P and more Veterans appointments being scheduled in the Portland VHA. VA SORCC has requested us to hold a venue in the rural communities to support the new PACT activity.

We are also responding to issues caused by the new CERNER system with communication and appointments directing Veterans to an avenue for assistance. Thank you to all who continue to support our Veterans community; keep up the excellent work. The VA will not allow anyone to fill volunteer positions without being updated on their COVID shots 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 supports the System Worth Saving Program and has supported four events in the past at our Roseburg and White City VAs with our National Organization.

And remember, Save the Date for the 2023 Women Veterans Conference, May 20 and 21, 2023. The event will be held at the Salem Convention Center/Grand Hotel. The Theme is "Stronger Together – Voices of Service." The Website is [wvc.oregondva.com](http://wvc.oregondva.com), and the contact at ODVA is Jessica Bradley, Women Veterans Program Coordinator. Please get the word out to all Women Veterans in Oregon, all 25,000 of them. Women Veterans Program is an incredible event.

If your District is holding its meeting and would like more information or support with our Pillar I Veterans activities, don't hesitate to contact me; we will be happy to support you.

*Thank you*



## Legionnaire Donates Blood 300 Times

Milwaukie Post 180 Legionnaire Ken Dale has reached a significant milestone in supporting the American Red Cross Blood Donation Program. Legionnaire Dale has donated blood 300 times as of January 21, 2023. His 300 donations total 37.5 gallons of blood.

In 1962 at the age of 18 and early in his freshman year, Ken donated his first pint of blood at his school, St. Olaf College in Minnesota. His decision was easy for that first pint since his father was a frequent blood donor and many more pints followed over Ken's next 61 years.

In 1964 when Ken was 20, his father drove him to the Red Cross center on SW Corbett with the plan that he would give a pint, eat free cookies, hop on a bus to downtown Portland, and take a bus home. At that time, until you were 21 you needed a parent's signed release to donate. But Ken forgot to have his dad come in and sign the release. A young man on the staff

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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 Committee members to provide

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

Commander Larry Hill, Tom Fitzgerald, and PDC Bob Huff (Chair). We are still seeking more Commission and 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 support Veterans' Employment, Education, Homelessness, Service Connected, and Veterans Small Business opportunities. Two of our Posts, Hillsboro Post #6 and Aloha Post 104, submitted Large and Small Employers Award recommendations with supporting packages. Both have been reviewed and presented to the National VE&E Division in Washington, DC, for consideration for the

National Award for Large and Small Employer of the Year. We will also events, which we desperately need in present Department awards. We still have restrictions on our ability to hold large our Department. We have had to cancel planned events with limitations on participants. We continue to gather equipment, clothing, and supplies for returning to holding Veterans Stand Downs, Employment, and Benefits Events. We are discussing a venue for an in-person event, but we still must comply with restrictions for all the participants' safety.



***Donating Blood at the American Legion Milwaukie Post 180  
2146 SE Monroe St. Milwaukie, OR***

learned of Ken's situation, and on the company clock, with his car (a new red and white '64 Impala) and his gas, he drove Ken to Oswego to have his mother sign the release. With no sales pitch or pat on the back, that simple drive let Ken know how valuable each unit of blood is. That was when Ken decided to give as often as possible.

At one time, donors could not give after age 65. Now a donor needs to meet the health requirements of everyone else. Ken has been able to provide over 10 gallons since age 65.

Donors receive a note telling them what facility received their blood in what state. Each unit typically helps

three (3) people. Ken says, "It's also a way to get a free mini-physical on a regular basis."

Ken has been the Red Cross contact at his church for the last ten years, scheduling drives and greeting donors, and He has now taken over that role at the American Legion Milwaukie Post 180 located at 2146 SE Monroe St. in Milwaukie, OR. Red Cross. Blood drives are held monthly at the Post, typically on the second Saturday of the month. Call 800-733-2767 to reserve a spot and help "save a life" with your blood donation.





## Legion Family Day can be a life saver

By Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola, National Commander  
JAN 18, 2023

"Family" is a word that we use frequently in The American Legion. As far as this organization is concerned, it's right up there with "veteran."

Nothing can devastate a family like the loss of a veteran. It's yet another reason why The American Legion has made suicide prevention its top priority. The National Executive Committee unanimously passed [Resolution No. 7: American Legion Family Day](#) at its meeting October 12-13, 2022, in Indianapolis. It establishes American Legion Family Day to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April. It encourages posts to open their doors to members of their community for a day and celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, Sons of The

American Legion members, and the American Legion Auxiliary. Among the goals is education.

Let visitors to your Family Day event know the issues that are important to The American Legion. Tell them about our [Be the One program](#) and [our efforts to de-stigmatize the courageous decision to seek mental wellness](#). Include an information table at your post so veterans know that resources and help are available to cover all kinds of needs through American Legion Charities and other great programs. Brochures can be downloaded at [legion.org/publications](#) and [betheone.org](#).

Too many veterans take their lives while feeling isolated and alone. Some have no close relatives to whom they can reach out. It is a mistake for them to believe they have no family. Whet-

her they know it or not, they have an American Legion Family. We care about them. Legionnaires have also worn the uniform of the U.S. military and many of us have endured similar experiences.

Veterans don't often advertise their personal crises. Prevention requires listening. Even trained professionals sometimes miss the signs. If you know a veteran who may be struggling, encourage a call to the 988 national crisis line. Follow up and ensure that the veteran knows that you are available as a friend and as a listener. In short, let him or her know that you are family.





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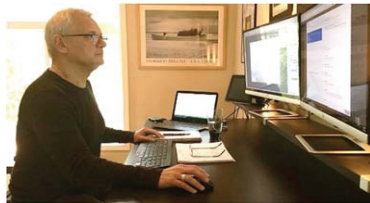
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**Answer: C. February**

The first issue of Reader's Digest magazine was published during February. The magazine was created by DeWitt Wallace and his wife Lila in New York. The initial run of the magazine was just 1,500 but it soon grew into one of the best-selling magazines in the United States. The purpose of Reader's Digest was to publish shortened versions of articles on various topics of interest. By the 1930's they began to publish original articles and by the end of the century they had a circulation in the millions and were distributed in over 15 languages around the world.

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# Vet News and Scuttlebutt



Aaron Wetterling

form, it means gossip. I hope to separate the two in this column if all goes well.

As a former Marine, we often had to decipher the information given to us because it often changed faster than the weather predictions. When the informer, usually an NCO (non-commissioned officer of the enlisted persuasion), presented the latest info, he often began his presentation: “Here’s the latest scuttlebutt.” He then read the most recent printed statement.

Upon the completion of his task, what followed next was a multitude of groans punctuated with words that we dare not put into print.

On some occasions, lower echelon personnel made up scuttlebutt and passed it along to the unknowing, who somehow managed to get it far enough up the chain of command that another printed response was generated to bring everyone onto the same page, “Here’s the latest scuttlebutt.”

As the Commander of American Legion Post 37, Hermiston, it is my responsibility to pass along information to our membership, whether it concerns our Post or the veterans in our community.

The term “scuttlebutt” is a nautical term meaning a cask of drinking water. In today’s modern nautical terms, it simply means a water fountain. In slang

tain. In slang

The veterans in our communities are a valuable asset, and we need not forget that. Why? They are highly trained individuals and willing to be involved if at all possible.

It is my desire to do that as well via this column.

**The PACT Act** goes into effect January 1, 2023. The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions that we assume (or “presume”) are caused by exposure to these substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve.

This page will help answer your questions about what the PACT Act means for you or your loved ones. You can also call them at [800-698-2411](tel:800-698-2411) (TTY: [711](tel:711)). You can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

For additional info, go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

The American Legion, Post 37, meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the AGAPE House, 500 W. Harper RD, Hermiston.

Upcoming Events: District 6 American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship competition at Hermiston Nazarene, Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

For more information about the

American Legion, phone 541-720-1815.

**Significant phone numbers for Vets:** The Veterans Crisis line’s new number - is **988**; then press **1**

Chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat). Text [838255](tel:838255).

Walla Walla Vet Help Center 509-526-8387

Vet Rep Oregon Employment Dept. 541-975-4519

Umatilla County Veterans Rep 541-667-3125

Morrow County Vet Rep 541-922-6420

CTUIR Tribal Vet Rep 541-429-7389

*Thank you for checking in, and “Semper Fi”*

Military help line  
for Legionnaires

<http://militaryhelpline.org/about-us/>



## Law Enforcement and Firefighter Coins

S. FLYNN PHILLIPS  
DEPT. ADJUTANT

The American Legion Foundation recently purchased 1,000 coins honoring those who put their lives on the line daily in this great country. All members of the law enforcement community and firefighters are honored on these coins, while the American Legion logo appears on the flip side. Legion yearly honors its finest partners in every community, state, and nation by recognizing these heroes in our Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year Awards.



You can get these coins by contacting Greg Marvin at 541-565-3696 / Cell: 541-980-9160 [gmarvin\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:gmarvin_us@yahoo.com) or Flynn at Department.



DAN BURKS  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

When we think about membership, it is normal to consider we are talking about numbers and percentages, etc., but we here in Oregon don't work numbers. We take care of veterans. If each of you is reading this right now and reached out to a fellow member simply to check on them, we would be strengthening our organization tenfold. I don't mean call down and ask the member you see every week at coffee. I am talking about reaching out to someone you haven't seen in weeks, months, and sometimes years. At the Convention beginning of the year, I put out a goal to each of your Districts, 100%. I didn't ask for 100% of membership numbers but rather 100% of membership accountability. That means I would like to know how every member in Oregon is doing. The question is, if you were in need of assistance, would you call your Legion Post? In most cases, no, but why not? In most cases, we as

American Legion Member, did you know that membership is your responsibility? Membership is the responsibility of every member.

veterans don't reach out for help, and in the case of membership, how many that you haven't seen are needing help and simply won't reach out? I ask each of you to get with your Posts and start reaching out. We all want to help out our fellow veterans. Let's start with our own members.

While a majority of my membership conversation does not want to talk about numbers, numbers are a part of membership. As this is written, we are currently in 49th place out of 55 at 75.61%. Our next target date is February 15th at 85%, with 1321 to go. Membership is the lifeblood of the American Legion. Without it, our beloved organization will wither away. Without members, who will render honors to a grieving family of a fellow brother or sister? Who will help homeless vets or vets in need? How many of our youth will grow up with no patriotic influence? Who will raise our American Flag? Play Taps? Defend our Constitution? Remember our POW/MIA's. The list goes on and on. Think about what you do in your community. 1. Is it enough? 2. Who will do it if you don't? Take care of our members, and invite new veterans in to give them the opportunity to have the camaraderie and benefits you do. Give them a chance to have their voice count. Do this, and the "numbers" will take care of themselves.

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# MEMBERSHIP



## Department of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 1/27/23

### OR Dist 0001 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0002	Washington	Forest Grove	7	35	69	2	113	140	80.71
OR-0006	Hillsboro Inc	Hillsboro	6	55	120	5	186	245	75.92
OR-0012	Clatsop Inc	Astoria	15	56	166	0	237	410	57.80
OR-0042	J H Wellington Inc	St Helens	2	17	71	1	91	120	75.83
OR-0047	Tillamook	Tillamook	0	2	6	0	8	15	53.33
OR-0056	Argonne Inc	Sherwood	6	31	127	2	166	235	70.64
OR-0068	T Les Galloway	Clatskanie	1	20	73	0	94	120	78.33
OR-0090	John Kalmbach	Banks	4	19	74	0	97	142	68.31
OR-0099	Seaside	Seaside	34	39	191	4	268	320	83.75
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	11	66	268	2	347	500	69.40
OR-0119	Vernonia Inc	Vernonia	1	2	24	0	27	38	71.05
OR-0124	Beaverton	Beaverton	1	14	48	0	63	115	54.78
OR-0126	Neill Walker	Nehalem	0	3	4	0	7	15	46.67
OR-0158	Tigard	Tigard	27	68	290	4	389	584	66.61
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	2	10	89	2	103	151	68.21
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>69.71</b>

### 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	84	2	126	180	70.00
OR-0017	Keizer	Keizer	2	2	29	3	36	44	81.82
OR-0020	Carl B Fenton	Dallas	1	16	81	1	99	131	75.57
OR-0021	Mc Minnville	Mc Minnville	32	48	264	5	349	449	77.73
OR-0033	Independence	Independence	0	5	27	0	32	40	80.00
OR-0046	Woodburn	Woodburn	1	10	34	1	46	53	86.79
OR-0057	Lester C Rees	Newberg	17	8	46	5	76	75	101.33
OR-0058	Stayton	Stayton	5	24	103	2	134	173	77.46
OR-0075	Sheridan	Sheridan	9	8	56	1	74	58	127.59
OR-0089	MT. Angel	MT. Angel	1	2	51	1	55	58	94.83
OR-0110	Aurora Inc	Aurora	0	3	6	2	11	15	73.33
OR-0122	Canby	Canby	11	49	166	4	230	300	76.67
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	5	12	73	1	91	105	86.67
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>78.58</b>

### 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	25	83	313	5	426	527	80.83
OR-0011	Corvallis	Corvallis	0	19	41	0	60	94	63.83
OR-0032	Calvin Funk	Cottage Grove	9	11	41	4	65	62	104.84
OR-0040	Springfield	Springfield	0	25	48	4	77	106	72.64
OR-0051	Santiam Inc	Lebanon	16	53	444	2	515	636	80.97
OR-0059	Francis M Yost	Florence	3	12	47	0	62	105	59.05
OR-0061	Tri-Counties	Junction City	0	16	47	4	67	75	89.33
OR-0064	Cascade	Oakridge	0	6	13	1	20	27	74.07
OR-0083	North Eugene-Santa Cla	Eugene	6	31	133	0	170	273	62.27
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	32	29	200	4	265	299	88.63
OR-0133	Timber City	Sweet Home	0	8	13	0	21	29	72.41
OR-0184	Travis Moothart	Brownsville	4	13	41	0	58	58	100.00
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>78.75</b>

### OR Dist 0004 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0008	Klamath	Klamath Falls	9	34	159	0	202	281	71.89
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	6	30	190	4	230	288	79.86
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	19	1	24	38	63.16
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	43	0	51	84	60.71
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>72.83</b>

### OR Dist 0005 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0004	Stevens-Chute	Bend	0	24	51	1	76	145	52.41
OR-0019	The Dalles Inc	The Dalles	1	13	40	0	54	84	64.29
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	0	10	40	0	50	73	68.49
OR-0025	Frank Burns	Condon	1	4	18	0	23	32	71.88
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	15	21	173	4	213	236	90.25
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	3	41	136	9	189	266	71.05
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	29	80	213	2	324	416	77.88
OR-0048	Eugene Cougar Greene,	Warm Springs	0	2	1	0	3	15	20.00
OR-0049	Sherman County	Moro	0	9	15	0	24	44	54.55
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	23	0	29	48	60.42
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
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>68.44</b>

### OR Dist 0006 LGN

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	47	2	63	87	72.41
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	139	3	180	233	77.25
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	31	0	48	41	117.07
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	1	7	49	0	57	63	90.48
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>72.8</b>

### OR Dist 0007 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0030	Gresham	Gresham	0	15	44	3	62	130	47.69
OR-0074	Carl Douglas	Estacada	16	36	70	0	122	180	67.78
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	9	22	53	1	85	180	47.22
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
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>60.96</b>

# OR Dist 0008 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	8	59	159	2	228	425	53.65
OR-0005	Willamette Falls Inc	Oregon City	4	7	13	2	26	75	34.67
OR-0065	Wilsonville	Wilsonville	1	5	21	0	27	65	41.54
OR-0127	Sandy	Sandy	0	2	8	1	11	20	55.00
OR-0150	Oregon Trail	Portland	6	21	61	2	90	110	81.82
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	19	38	382	4	443	605	73.22
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>63.46</b>

# OR Dist 0009 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0016	Earle B Stewart	Roseburg	3	48	101	3	155	256	60.55
OR-0026	Bandon	Bandon	4	5	40	2	51	60	85.00
OR-0034	Bay Area	North Bend	1	25	95	20	141	160	88.13
OR-0036	Coquille-Myrtle Point	Coquille	0	6	28	0	34	52	65.38
OR-0062	Reedsport	Reedsport	2	14	17	1	34	45	75.56
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	44	0	54	81	66.67
OR-0152	Baird-Heaton	Oakland	0	5	30	0	35	44	79.55
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>71.16</b>

# OR Dist 0010 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0063	Harney County	Burns	5	12	85	1	103	113	91.15
OR-0067	Ontario	Ontario	12	10	83	0	105	131	80.15
OR-0077	Ellis Tracy	John Day	2	5	31	0	38	53	71.70
OR-0079	Nyssa	Nyssa	0	3	12	0	15	29	51.72
OR-0096	Vale	Vale	8	4	32	1	45	59	76.27
OR-0106	Prairie	Prairie City	4	4	59	0	67	63	106.35
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>83.26</b>

# OR Dist 0099 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0114	Headquarters	Portland	0	76	367	0	443		
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>443</b>		

# Department of Oregon Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>8,027</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>10,686</b>	<b>14,174</b>	<b>75.39</b>

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1	OR Dist 0001 LGN	117	437	1,620	22	2,196	3,150	69.71
2	OR Dist 0002 LGN	86	283	1,095	29	1,493	1,900	78.58
3	OR Dist 0003 LGN	95	334	1,437	24	1,890	2,400	78.75
4	OR Dist 0004 LGN	23	140	701	10	874	1,200	72.83
5	OR Dist 0005 LGN	50	228	801	16	1,095	1,600	68.44
6	OR Dist 0006 LGN	24	112	401	9	546	750	72.80
7	OR Dist 0007 LGN	28	100	249	4	381	625	60.96
8	OR Dist 0008 LGN	38	132	644	11	825	1,300	63.46
9	OR Dist 0009 LGN	14	120	410	26	570	801	71.16
10	OR Dist 0010 LGN	31	38	302	2	373	448	83.26
11	OR Dist 0099 LGN	0	76	367	0	443		
	<b>SUM:</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>8,027</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>10,686</b>	<b>14,174</b>	<b>75.39</b>

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1		506	2,000	8,027	153	10,686	14,174	75.39
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# Detachment Of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 1/27/23



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
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>140</b>

Squadron	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	5	0	32	0	37	44	84.09
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	10	0	14	20	70.00
OR-0012	Clatsop	Astoria	11	0	48	0	59	75	78.67
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	6	0	35	0	41	54	75.93
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	0	0	3	0	3	10	30.00
OR-0024	Milton-Freewater	Milton-Freewater	1	0	0	0	1	14	7.14
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	3	0	15	0	18	23	78.26
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	11	0	55	0	66	79	83.54
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	11	0	11	23	47.83
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	6	0	33	0	39	61	63.93
OR-0048	Eugene Cougar Greene	Warm Springs	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0051	Santiam	Lebanon	8	0	53	0	61	94	64.89
OR-0056	Argonne	Sherwood	8	0	27	0	35	59	59.32
OR-0058	Stayton	Stayton	5	0	18	0	23	23	100.00
OR-0061	Tri-Counties	Junction City	2	0	11	0	13	10	130.00
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	27	0	71	0	98	115	85.22
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	25	0	80	0	105	120	87.50
OR-0110	Aurora	Aurora	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	5	0	42	0	47	67	70.15
OR-0122	Canby	Canby	10	0	35	0	45	52	86.54
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	16	0	44	0	60	71	84.51
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	3	0	70	0	73	101	72.28
OR-0173	Carlton Memorial	Carlton	3	0	16	0	19	24	79.17
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	32	0	68	0	100	87	114.94
OR-0184	Travis Moothart	Brownsville	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-9999	Sal Holding Sqdn	Tigard	0	0	0	0	0		
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>78.32</b>

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>79.42</b>

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1	OR Dist 0004 SAL	14	0	0	0	14	10	140.00
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# Detachment Of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 1/27/23 County Summary Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1		216	0	907	0	1,123	1,426	78.75
	<b>SUM:</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>79.42</b>



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# HELPING A HERO

## Changing Lives, One Veteran at a Time





**DAN BURKS**  
**DEPT 2ND VICE COMMANDER**

Legionnaires, it has been a very busy couple of months. I apologize for the lack of an article in last month's edition. I broke my thumb, making it quite difficult to type in the hand gear I had on. I was selected and approved to attend this year's National American Legion College (NALC), and happy to say I am now a graduate. It was a week packed with information and testing, not just on paper but a test of sheer mental willpower. The curriculum is not made public as they wish each new attending student to have the same experience. I will say, in short, if you have the opportunity to go take it. It will be an experience like no other, and the friendships developed along

the way are immeasurable. A month and a half later, I am still receiving text messages, some for advice, others to chat.

Between all the activities I have been attending, I've been quite busy. I have been receiving emailed reports from our Americanism Committee Chairs, and more importantly, I had the opportunity to speak to the Americanism Chair. Folks, our Americanism Programs are doing great. The committee chairs are diligently working on their programs and staying in regular contact with the chair. I have been receiving word that we will be getting more participation from students this year, including some from Districts that haven't been able to find candidates for some time. These programs are coming back, growing, developing adapting to our new standards. Help these programs by getting out there and finding candidates and participants for them. Oregon is rebuilding. Help be part of the team.



**Happy Valentine's Day!**



**LARRY HILL**  
**DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER**

**Post 16** – October was relatively quiet. Most efforts were put into working the "Save our VA Activities," Picketing, etc.

November – Prepared for and participated in the "BEST VETERANS DAY PARADE IN OREGON". We have held a Veterans Day drawing

for the 3 Henry Rifles. This year we garnered \$12k+ in sales. This was the best.

December – Quiet month. Attended a memorial service for our 92-year-old member. Held a post-Christmas Party.

**Post 26** – Participated in flag service in October. Observed Veterans Day with VFW. December – quiet. Commander underwent emergency surgery at River Bend and is on the Mend.

**Post 34** – Veterans Day observation.

**Post 36** – October – Commander resigned because he is "disgusted with the American Legion" – too many fund-raising solicitations and deviat-

ing from what he feels is the Legion and its mission. The Adjutant fell and broke his hip in November. So once there is a meeting scheduled I will be in attendance.

**Post 62** – Nothing to report.

**Post 76** – We are in the process of closing the Post and surrendering the charter.

**Post 121** – Nothing to report.

**Post 152** - Performed Veterans Day observances. Put out community flags.

The last membership report showed District 9 right in the middle of the 10 Districts. Historically, this position

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LARRY HILL ing is our norm  
DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER for January  
over the past couple of decades.

I recently received a call from a Post Commander who quit. I asked him why and he echoed what I have heard many, many times in the past and will continue to hear in the future. He said he was sick and tired of all the solicitations for funds he receives from all levels of the Legion. Secondly, his personal belief is that the Legion is straying from its historical path of service to veterans. It is becoming too woke for his liking. He is disappointed in the national leadership. This is only one person's opinion, but it does bare repeating. His comments reflect commonly held statements by numerous members.

Membership has been and will be a continuing uphill battle for the entire Department of Oregon and for us. We are all aware of the "whys" and the "hows." We are inundated with fixes, techniques, suggestions, and diatribes from up and down the food chain. I have no doubt that all of us, in our own way, are frustrated, disappointed, dispirited, and are at our wits end on which way to go and what works best in our situations.

All this being said, I hope and pray that the Department of Oregon and our individual Posts and Districts will once again begin to flourish as Spring springs on us and we are once again invigorated to begin a final push for this membership year.

## 4 Chaplains Day February 5th



George L. Fox



Clark V. Poling



John P. Washington



Alexander D. Goode

The Four Chaplains, also referred to as the Immortal Chaplains or the Dorchester Chaplains, were four World War II chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943,

in what has been referred to as the second-worst sea disaster of WW II.

So, as we honor these 4 Chaplains who sacrificed themselves so others could live 80 years ago on February 5th let's not forget those that were left behind.



In this file photo, Father George B. Ford, on behalf of the Committee of Catholics for Human Rights, presents citations on Nov. 28, 1945, to next of kin of the four chaplains who sacrificed their lives when the SS Dorchester went down. The four are, left to right: Mrs. George L. Fox; Mrs. Clark V. Poling; Mrs. Leonard A. Schwoebel (sister of chaplain John P. Washington); and Mrs. Alexander D. Goode.







*Members of Post, Unit, and Squadron preparing Christmas gifts for handout.*

## Post 116 Newport



*Santa and Ms. Claus handing out the gifts to the community. Photo by Mark Miranda*



**PDC, DON WEBER**  
**IMMEDIATE COMMANDER**  
20 years now. They spent the entire

On the 17th of December, Newport Post 116 handed out Christmas gifts to children of Newport. This is one of two major events the Post has been supporting for

year planning and fundraising for the event.

Members of the Post, Unit, and Squadron begin planning at the beginning of each year to make sure they can provide gifts for the children in their community. In May they put together a box lunch. The Post provides the side dishes, and labor to set up the event. The Unit provides desserts and preparation of the meal, and the Squadron provides a smoker and the meat to put together the meal. All

three groups serve the meals.

They continue other raffles and drawings leading up to the community Christmas event. For the distribution they have elves who organize all of the gifts by gender and age. Then the families come to the Post where Santa and Ms. Claus meet them and hand out the gifts. **This year they prepared 788 packages and handed out 554.** The smiles are will worth the year long planning said Wanda Deans, Unit President.



**PDC, DON WEBER**  
**IMMEDIATE COMMANDER**

On Dec 17, 2022, three Marines arrived at the beach in Newport, OR after walking on Hwy 20, 3,365 miles from Boston, Massachusetts. Retired Sgt. Maj. Coleman "Rocky" Kinzer, Retired Sgt. Maj. Justin "J.D." LeHew, and prior Marine Ray Shinoshara walked the longest road in the United States to raise awareness for Service Members Missing in Action. They began their journey on Jun 6, 2022, the anniversary of D-Day. The team called their trip The Long Road (TLR).

# The Marines Have Landed

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*TLR members JD, Rocky, and Ray at Ontario American Legion Post in front of a replica of Oregon's memorial sign.*

Dick Tobiason, from The American Legion, Department of Oregon, worked over five years to name Hwy 20 as the Medal of Honor highway in all twelve states. In addition, many states created memorials for each state's MOH recipients.

When TLR arrived in Oregon, Dan Burks, Department 2nd Vice Commander linked up with The American Legion National Security Director Mario Marquez and The American Legion Auxiliary President Vickie Koutz at the Ontario Oregon Boarder. Dan Burks continued coordinating

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# The Marines Have Landed

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**PDC, DON WEBER** Dept of Oregon  
**IMMEDIATE COMMANDER** Posts in eastern  
and central Oregon to provide lodg-  
ing, meals, and resources on the trip.

Once they passed the Cascade Mountain Range, Dale Jenkins, District 3 Commander, picked up the coordination. Dale commented on how exhilarating it was to work on this project. Upon arriving in Newport, OR, Post 116 coordinated a community event to greet them. Members of the community walked with them the last mile. The U.S. Coast Guard provided a Color Guard leading to the beach. Post 116 lined the road with U.S. flags to greet them. One community member etched a logo in the sand that was so large you could only see the whole thing from a high-point overlook. At the overlook, Dean Sawyer, Mayor of Newport, said, "History Flight will scour the world to find MIAs."



***Beach sculpture honoring the arrival of TLR***

Newport Post 116 coordinated a spaghetti dinner at the Newport Armory on Sunday. They prepared 450 meals for the community. At the dinner, Wanda Janes announced a Post goal to present the team with a dollar for every mile they walked. They exceeded the goal and presented TLR with \$3,465.



***TLR members Rocky, JD, and Ray entering the last mile in Newport OR.***



***US Coast Guard Honor Guard leading the procession to the beach in front of Newport Post 116.***



***Newport community lining the street in front of Post 116.***

***You can find more information on their trip on Facebook under "The Long Road."***



***Rocky's son greeting his Dad in Newport.***

At the dinner, J.D. talked about working to recover MIAs. One of his first recoveries was a Marine at Tarawa island who died on Nov 20, 1943. This Marine served in the same Marine Corps position that J.D. later served in. They "went through 10 pairs of boots during the walk," said J.D.



***JD addressing comments to the Newport community at the Oregon National Guard Armory.***





# 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](http://www.legion.org).**

ALA 08/2019

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



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

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

ALA 12/2013

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

ALA 09/2019

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_