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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Notes from Commanders,
Commission Reports,
Auxiliary, SAL,
Trivia and so much more...



3-29 Dinner at American Legion
Family McMinnville Post 21



3-30 Breakfast at American Legion
Department in Wilsonville

AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY

3-30 (RT) Dinner at
American Legion Family
Oregon Trail Post 150

Madam National President Vickie Koutz Visits Oregon



3-30 Off to the Rock House at
American Legion Family
Forest Grove Post 2



3-30 Lunch was a Tea Party at
American Legion Family
Hillsboro Post 6



(Below) Oregon Trail Unit 150





LARRY WITTMAYER
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Planning for our Department DEC in Redmond 4/14-16 is well underway. Please plan to attend, important business decisions to be made.

Also detailed planning is underway for our 104th Annual Department Convention to be held in North Bend at the Mill Casino on 6/14-17.

Legionnaires, we're coming around



Need to Know Dates

April

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

May

St Louis Caucus
National Poppy Week
Armed Force Day
Mother's Day
Blue Star Salute
School Awards
Memorial Day
Kick Off American Legion
Baseball
American Education Week

June

Flag Day
Boys State
Convention

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Leadership as the District Commander

to election season, which brings me to address this past year and the future year.

The position's responsibilities or obligations as a District Commander could be demanding. You are the kingpin in the success of your District and its individual Posts. You need to be prepared to attend meetings, write reports and prepare yourself to vote for the will of your Posts.

So, when it comes time to make the decision to run for District Commander or not, let me leave you with

this thought. If you're not ready to know your posts intimately and encourage and communicate:

I think you should run, run as far away as you can, do not throw your hat in the ring for election or reelection. Please remain active but not as District Commander.

This Department and your Posts in your District need an actively involved District Commander.

Thank you.

Healthy families are vital to our communities and nation. The American Legion Family observes April as Children & Youth Month. Now is an excellent time to review your post's children and youth program and determine if there are new opportunities for growth in the coming year.



Now is **CORY BROCKMANN** 1ST VICE COMMANDER an excellent time to review your post's children and youth program and determine if there are new opportunities for growth in the coming year.

Department Officers

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| Commander | Larry Wittmayer |
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| Alt NECman | Gene Hellickson |
| Finance Officer | Bob Huff |
| Chaplain | Steve Shollenberg |
| Historian | Dick Winders |
| Judge Advocate | Gene Hellickson |
| Service Officer | Ed Van Dyke |
| Veterans Service Officer | Jody Marsh |
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| Asst Sgt-At-Arms | Mike Morris |
| Asst Sgt-At-Arms | Ward Allen |



Who invented the first 6 Pack?

- A. Pepsi Cola
- B. 7-up Bottling
- C. Coca Cola
- D. RC Cola

One opportunity may be sharing with your town's mayor and city council, local schools and newspaper, our children and youth flyer, and the specific efforts your post undertakes to support a healthy community through your children and youth programs. Increasing the level of awareness of others may help you increase participation in your program.

Last month National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola shared The

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2023 Department Convention on the Coast in Southern Oregon



The Mill Casino • Hotel & RV Park
3201 Tremont St. North Bend, OR 97459

JUNE 14th-17th

FUN! ADVENTURE! EDUCATION! PARTICIPATION!

PASSPORT To Education and Participation? We've got it!

GAMES? We've got them!

TRAINING? It's all here at Convention!

Come to this year's Convention at Coos Bay for this and much more!
All this and more, more, more at this year's Convention.



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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.

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American Legion's legislative priorities during testimony before a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committees, concluding the Washington Conference. During his testimony, National Commander Troiola cited the 'Be the One' initiative – to raise awareness and destigmatize asking for help – as “our organization's highest priority today.” Together, we can be the difference in ending veteran suicide. Helping to 'Be the One' leads to healthy families and communities.

CORY BROCKMANN
1ST VICE COMMANDER

The grassroots efforts of posts within their community are vital to The American Legion's success and have a critical role in supporting and strengthening our organization. One such example culminated last month in National Commander Troiola's testimony. Data collected from *Consolidated Post Reports* from across the nation construct the report to Congress of our significant accomplishments in the programs we delivered over the past year.

It is not too early to ensure your Consolidated Post Report inputs are current to date, then focus on finishing the year strong and getting the year-ending report submitted on time. We should have a 100% submission rate for all posts every year!



A quote from Helen Keller portrays a vital lesson for us all: “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Working together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to support our veteran community. Please join me to '**Be The One**' in your Post and community should the need arise.

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Money to help pay YOUR portion of hospital bills or you can use your cash benefits however you see fit!

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Putting together our Proposed 2022-2023 Budget for our Department of Oregon is serious business. We are a business. Some difficult decisions had to be made. It is our responsibility to come up with a balanced budget to present to you, our members, and your delegates to our Department Convention in June for adoption. This Proposed Budget will be presented before our Department Convention to your District Commanders and Department Officers at our Spring DEC in Redmond, then be published in the Legionnaire for all members and presented to the Department Convention Finance Committee at Convention, and then presented to your Post Delegates to our Department Convention at the Mill Casino in North Bend.

The Post Delegates will cast their vote for adoption. This is required by our Department Constitution and By-Laws. Our Department Budget Year is October 1 through September 30. This is also our Department Tax Year which is being submitted now. Lower membership does affect our Department Budget and what we are able to do to complete our mission and our commitments to our Members and Veterans Community. Our plan for our 2021-2022 Department Budget was for increased membership and matching funds to offset our shortfall, as agreed in our Spring DEC and Department Convention. We have not accomplished that requirement in our plan.

We had to revisit our budget, which we do monthly throughout the Budget year, which is part of that plan. We cannot have a negative budget. As we put this Proposed 2022-2023 Department Budget together, we were required to reduce our Membership income to support our actuals and make further reductions in expenses. We need to work on our membership. There are plenty of opportunities in

our Department for growth. Several Posts are active again and doing programs, doing a good job for their members and communities, and PDC, Bob Huff holding DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER events. All of us must work together as a team to turn this around. We have done it before and been very successful. **"Tace-et-Face."**



Remember, 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 IRS system has gone live.

Remember, the Oregon American Legion Foundation is a 501©3 and is there. Contributions are tax-deductible, and 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, and many grants are available. We have our Foundation, which is a 501c3 which the grants can be made out and earmarked for your Program.

BE THE ONE



PDC, Bob Huff
DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER



S. FLYNN PHILLIPS
DEPT ADJUTANT

The Tillamook Post 47 membership revitalization just wrapped up. Let's congratulate the New Commander Donovan Goff, 1st Vice

Nick Torres, and new adjutant Larry Emery. NVC Doug Uhrig and Membership engagement coordinator Michele Steinmetz were there to help. Doug inspired the people in attendance. Their trip was well worth it, and Tillamook is off and running again.

Maupin Post 73 has a new Commander, Dennis Wright, So we are seeing a rise in getting posts back in Action. It is amazing what happens when you engage folks with a positive attitude and a will to help get posts back on their feet. These two posts were all but written off. Attitude and Action are where it's at, Its good seeing people look at the glass as half full instead of empty.

The Department is tasked to host the convention, a hat tip to Richard Ramey for volunteering to lead our local brainstorming group to help put this together. So, think about volunteering to help us at the Mill Casino in North Bend.

The Department still struggles with a shortfall in funding. The root cause analysis is continued membership decline. Seeing the glass is half full, we can reach our goal of 3500 more members state-wide. Achieving that goal and sustaining that would put us back to where we need to be. But we should strive to shoot further. When you look at the membership standing,

we are in 50th place. We used to be in 32nd place before covid pandemic hit. So I invite any post to set up a recruiting booth and table. I can show up with our department tent and literature and buy you lunch. Let's get some tiger teams out there and show the communities what the value of a legion post is to every community. Let's don't talk about it; let's do it, and you won't be alone.

Oratorical was a huge success at the Lebanon Post, and now, we are ramping up for Boys State and the Jim Willis Law Enforcement Career Camp. ROTC and JROTC award events are already happening. Jr Shooting Sports and Baseball are getting ramped up.

We have a lot of good things on the horizon; Oregon Air Show, Hillsboro (tentative), Memorial Weekend events in Hillsboro, Portland, and Salem, NVWG-related activities and St. Paul Rodeo; preference first to NVWG/Bob H. needs, A-Legion Baseball tournament, Redmond, AAA-Legion Baseball tournament, Eugene, Salute to Service event, Hillsboro, LECC, Camp Rilea/Warrenton, GPP/NTT-IndyCar, Portland Oregon Air Show, McMinnville.

"Believe and Achieve," "Great attitudes stir excitement, and Action gets results." So I encourage everyone to get up off the couch and start living the dream



Stay safe.

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little."

EDMUND BURKE



PDC, KEVIN OWENS
NECMAN

to go to legion.org and watch the video. We continue to make a difference because of all of you passing the PACT Act. Many more Veterans will receive the care that they should have had when they left active duty. Please continue with the Legislative Alerts to your representatives in Washington, DC.

They need to continue to hear The American Legion's message and our 118th Legislative Priorities. As spring approaches, we have the opportunity to make life-changing experiences for our youth with Baseball, Boys State, and the Jim Willis Law Enforcement Camp. I encourage you to get involved in at least one of these programs as they are one of our Four Pillars. Things have been slow with items coming to me as the NEC, but be assured that the desk will be full of articles to read and vote on in May at the National Executive Committee Meeting.

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It has been a hectic month between fighting with Mother Nature and the Department Revitalization that happened at Tillamook Post in March. They now have



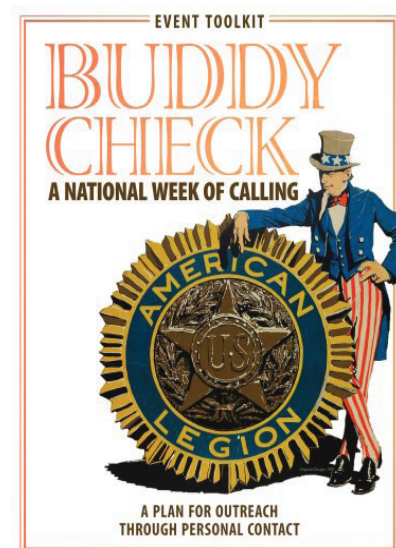
SUSAN HUGHES
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

new officers. Their meetings are on Wednesdays at 1 pm at the Elks lodge.

Most Posts have been extremely busy with community functions and events at their Posts.

Membership has been slow and steady was hoping it would have had better results after the holidays, but it hasn't picked up as much as I was hoping for.

The next meeting will be the District 1 caucus on May 13th at Seaside post 99. Lunch at 1130 meeting at 1 pm. Nominations and elections of District officers will take place. Also, maybe some officers for the Department will be in attendance.



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Calendar of Events

April

Children & Youth Month

01 Dist 6 Mtg Enterprise

07 Good Friday (Nat'l Clos)

09 Easter

15-16 DEC Redmond

22 Dist 4 Caucus Grants Pass

21-23 National Oratorical

29 American Legion Family Day

May

St Louis Caucus

06 Dist 10 Caucus Prairie City

06 Dist 7 Caucus Estecada

07 Dist 2 Caucus Newberg

07 Dist 6 Caucus Baker

10-11 Spring Mtgs (Nat'l)

13 Dist 1 Caucus St Helens

13 Dist 3 Caucus Lebanon

13 Dist 5 Caucus Prineville

16 Dist 8 Caucus Portland 1

19-20 OR Air Show Hillsboro

20 Dist 9 Caucus N Bend

20-21 Womens Veterans Conf.

Salem Convention Center

28-29 Memorial Day Events

Hillsboro & Portland

29 Memorial Day (Closed)

30 Application for National Legion

College Due not later than May 30th

to Department

June

State Convention Month

14 Flag Day

14-17 State Convention Mill Casino

in North Bend OR

25-July 1 Boys State

Summer Youth Programs need help and Support



BETTY FISH-FERGUSON
DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER

Hello Legionnaires,

Here we are in April. Spring is upon us, and we enter a new time to renew and refresh. Many

of the chores of District leader-

ship and Post visitations are completed, and now a new realm of activity, probably more enjoyable, is occurring. This includes Legion Birthday celebrations and installations of new Post Leadership, High School visitations, and the start of the Outdoor Farmer Markets, Not to mention next month's Memorial Day celebrations.

Membership continues. As of this writing, District 2 is in solid second place with 87.6%. Four Posts have already surpassed the 100% goal. Kudos to Newburg Post 57 and Sheridan Post 75 for leading the pack, followed by Mt Angel 89 and Post 136 in Salem. I was able to join leadership from Keizer Post 17 and Sheridan Post 75 as we visited classrooms at McMinnville High School and Sheridan High School, promoting the upcoming youth camps and programs.

We are hopeful of receiving applicants from both schools.

As the weather gets nicer, let's all get out there and promote these programs, putting a face on the American Legion in our communities.

I hope to see you all at the DEC in Redmond on April 14 and 15.

Have a Hoppy Easter





PDC, PNC, ROB LIEBENOW
DETACHMENT COMMANDER

The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and the Legion Riders make up the Legion Family. Without The American Legion, the other three would not exist. We must remember that the Auxiliary is a separate corporation, while the SAL and Riders are not. The posts do not control the auxiliary. The SAL and Riders are a program of The Legion and do fall under post guidelines.

The SAL is made up of our sons and grandsons. Some SAL members are dual members, meaning they are post

members and SAL members. Their purpose is to work alongside the post members. The post members should guide the SAL members but should not be controlling. The members of the SAL need to remember they need to work with the Post on legion programs and help with post activities; being a Program of the Post, the Post has the final say on what the squadrons do. The post members decide whether they want a Squadron or not. I hope the post leadership realizes the value of having a squadron and will work with them to make the squadron and post a better place for all. As I have stated, "the SAL is here to work with you, not for you." The post leadership should not stifle the squadrons but allow them to work independently in fundraising for their projects. The SAL donates more to the Child Welfare Foundation than the Legion

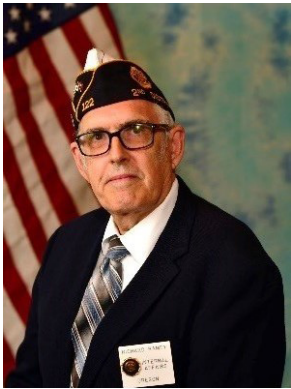
The American Legion Family

or Auxiliary.

LET'S GET ALONG AND WORK TOGETHER. WE WILL ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH MORE.

To belong to the Riders, you must be a Legion, Auxiliary, or Son's member. The same thing goes for the Riders as the SAL. You are a program, and the post-leadership has the final say on what you do. I would hope that the post members would realize the Rider program's importance and the value they bring to the Legion as a whole. The Rider's biggest contribution is to the Legacy Scholarship. They raise more funds each year than the Legion or Auxiliary.

IF WE ARE GOING TO BILL OURSELVES AS A FAMILY, LETS ACT LIKE ONE.



RICHARD RAMEY
INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR

By-Laws calls for "Each Post shall elect its officers for the ensuing year not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Department Convention" (Art. II, Sec. 3.). That would mean that all elections would be held prior to April 30, 2023.

So, what are some of the other requirements that should be considered in preparation for elections?

We are entering that season when Posts and Districts will be having elections for new officers. As you may already know, the Department of Oregon

Constitution

Department Adjutant shall issue to each Post not less than 60 days prior to Convention (April 15) the number of delegates and alternates each Post is entitled to Convention. (Const. Art. V, Sec. 4)

Each Post shall have the following Post officers; Commander, one or more Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, and Service Officer (By-Laws Art. II, Sec. 2.). These are elected, except for those that the Post Constitution and By-Laws designate as appointed.

Each District shall select a District Commander, one or more Vice Commanders, a District Adjutant, and such other elective or appointive officers as the District may determine at a meeting following the spring Department Executive Committee meeting,

Elections

and the results of said meeting to be received at Department Headquarters no later than 20 days prior to the opening of the Department Convention (May 26). Voting shall be any method determined by the District; however, Posts will vote at convention delegate strength (By-Laws, Art. I, Sec. 2). (Note: District officers must have a copy of their documentation showing eligibility to belong to the American Legion [i.e., DD214 or equivalent) on file at Department. Also, the District meeting minutes at which they were elected must be on file at Department.)

Any meetings must have a quorum of members, as designated by the Post/District Constitution and By-Laws, to conduct business for which a vote is required.

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Elections

RICHARD RAMEY

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR *Continued from Page 7*

If only one person is nominated, then that person can be elected by "acclamation". (A vote is still required, after which they are declared elected by acclamation.)

During elections, the person presiding over the election for that officer position must be someone other than the person nominated for the position. So, if the Commander presides over the meeting and he/she is nominated for the Commander position, then a Vice Commander should preside over the election for that position. Then, after the election, the Commander can resume presiding over the elections for any other officer position elections.

Any nominations for elections must be seconded prior to voting.

All election results must be recorded in the minutes, including the person elected and the position for which they were elected.

All meetings should include a sign-in of members for the record.

Delegates to the Convention should be voted upon.

Forms for documenting elections can be found on the Department website.



**WE BELIEVE...
IN PATRIOTISM**



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

Scouting



LARRY WITTMAYER
SCOUTING CHAIR

Activity is increasing, and units are planning summer and day camps. Two posts are considering chartering scout units.

Again this year, we have received no applications for Eagle Scout of the Year to date..

Council Events:

Cascade Pacific Council
503-225-5777

3/31-4/1 Cub Superweekend
Camp Clark

4/1 Outdoor Leader Training
4/2 Leave No Trace Instructor Training

4/2 BALOO
4/4 Climb Training Ground School

4/14-16 Woodbadge Part 1 Camp Baker

4/22 Scout Day at TVFR
4/28-30 Cascadia District Camporee Climbing Training Practical

4/29 Council Court of Honor

Oregon Trail Council
541-485-4433

4/1 Troop Leader Training
Coos Bay Troop Leader Training Corvallis

4/8 Central Serv Area Merit Badge Fair

4/14-16 Woodbadge Part 1 Camp Baker

4/14-15 IOLS

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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 to join our team. If you are interested in joining or participating with this elite team and being part of our future supporting Veterans and families in our Department, don't hesitate to get in touch with us. Our Commission has held virtual Zoom meetings, and we are scheduling another now as we are getting busy with increased activity to support our Veterans and their families. With discussion on the staffing of the Veterans Benefits Office in Portland and looking at the outcomes before COVID-19, we are changing our strategy, and we will be having discussions in our Commission. We have scheduled Veteran Service Officers to do outreach and be present at all our Department events and support our District and Post events. If your Post or District is scheduling a Veterans Stand-Down, Employment, Education or Benefits event, or Revitalization for Membership, please let us know, and if not conflicting with another event, we will support it in person. We are getting busy, and that is good; supporting our veterans and their families is our mission. Remember, Veterans and Families do not have to be members of our Legion Family to receive support from our Veterans

VA & R

Service Officers; we are available. We also have oversight of our Department's VAVS Program and two of our team are VAVS Representatives. The VAVS program has representatives at our VA Facilities in Oregon, which all need more volunteers desperately. If you have some extra time and looking for a challenging volunteer assignment supporting Veterans, we need you. I know I am repeating this, it is important to our Veterans; with the closing of Compensation and Pension (C&P) activities in Roseburg and White City catchment areas with staffing issues and reassigning clinical staff to higher priority assignments, and moving patient needs to community care. Roseburg and White City catchment areas need volunteer drivers to transport Veterans to Portland VHA, Eugene VA, and C&P appointments. Roseburg and White City catchment areas have also been changing to CERNER, the new computer program supporting the VA, which has been challenged.

We have been requested by VA SORCC and NCA to hold a venue in the rural communities to support the new PACT activity. We have started adding the new PACT Act dialog to events that we are scheduling with VA Speakers. Thank you to all of you that continue to support our Veterans' community. Keep up the good work. Face mask requirements are easing in a lot of our areas, including the VA non-medical Buildings. The VAVS arm also supports the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) 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, and the contact at ODVA is Jessica Bradley, Women Veterans Program Coordinator. The event website is live, and you can sign-up for this important event. We have several Legionnaires interested in attending this event and are reserving rooms for the event. Please get the word out to all Women Veterans in Oregon, all 25,000 of them; this is an excellent event. We will be there and supporting this 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 get in touch with me, and we will be happy to support you.

Thank you

**April Is
Children & Youth
Month**



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- 4/21-23 OA Service Weekend
- 4/22 Cub Leader Training Cascade/
Greenwood
- 4/28-30 Spring into Scouting

Blue Mountain Council

509-735-7306

- 4/18 Badger Mountain Adventure
Race
- 4/21 BALOO Council Camporee
Introduction to Outdoor
Leader Skills (IOLS)

Mountain West Council

208-376-4411

- 3/31-4/1 OA Developing Youth
Leadership Conference
OA NLS Seminar BALOO
- 4/14-16 Willow
Creek 2023
- 4/21-23 Venturing
RAVE
- 4/22 Trainers
EDGE



PDC, BOB HUFF
VA&R CHAIRPERSON
Listed below
are the out-
reach events that we have scheduled
for the next few months:

April 29 Saturday, American Legion
Family Day?

May 19-21 Friday, Saturday, Sunday
OR Air Show, Hillsboro

May 20, 21 Saturday and Sunday,
Women Veterans Conference, Salem
Convention Center, Cory and I will
also be there.

May 28, 29 Sunday, Monday Me-
morial Day Events in Hillsboro and
Portland

June 14-17 Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, Saturday, Mill Casino, De-
partment of Oregon Convention

July 3-4 Monday, Tuesday National
Wheelchair Games, Portland Inter-
national Airport and Convention

Center

July American Legion Baseball AA
and AAA Playoffs possible activity in
Redmond and Eugene **July 1-9** and
21-26

August 4-6 Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
Salute to Service Event, Hillsboro
September 1-3 Friday, Saturday, Sun-
day, GPP-NTT, Indy Car Portland
September 13 Wednesday, Roseburg
Stand-Down

September 29-30 & October 1 Air
Show McMinnville

November 4 Saturday, Washington
County Veterans Stand-Down, Sun-

rise Church, Hillsboro

We will have additional events, in
planning are more Veterans Stand-
Downs and Benefit Events, a Revital-
ization in Pendleton, and ODVA Expo
2023 and additional Revitalizations
being planned in our Department of
Oregon.

I will be adding to this list as we are
getting a lot of changes and new op-
portunities to help our Veteran com-
munity.

Outreach Events

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS



PDC, BOB HUFF
VEE & H CHAIRPERSON

Our Commission and Committees are District 9 Commander Larry Hill, District 4 Vice Commander Tom Fitzgerald, Ryan Shockley, and PDC Bob Huff (Chair). Our Commission has held virtual meetings on Zoom and is scheduling more now as we are getting active with events planned and more demands for more events. We have been discussing upcoming events in our Department that we will be supporting and new events planned in

The members of the Veterans Employment, Education, and Homelessness Commission and Committees are District 9 Commander Larry Hill, District 4 Vice Commander Tom Fitzgerald, Ryan Shockley, and PDC Bob Huff (Chair). Our Commission has held virtual meetings on Zoom and is scheduling more now as we are getting active with events planned and more demands for more events. We have been discussing upcoming events in our Department that we will be supporting and new events planned in

our Department with increased activity in Veterans' Employment and Homelessness. We are still seeking more Commission and Committee members to provide coverage for the whole Department as we need coverage in all areas of our Department with upcoming and projected events. 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 submitted Large and Small Employers Award recommendations with supporting packages. Both were reviewed and submitted to the National VE&E Division in Washington, DC, for consideration for the National Award for Large and Small Employers. We will

also present Department awards. I just returned from Washington, DC, for the Washington conference and the National Veterans Employment and Education meetings, where we had discussions on awards and employment opportunities, apprenticeships, education, and a panel on Veterans in need and Veterans Homelessness and grants and support services available. VA, one of our partners, has relaxed some of their requirements for the 50-participant participation cap; we are now in discussion with the VA for events to support our communities, which can be approved at the local level. We are currently reviewing the requirements for our Commission to participate in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and are actively holding dialog on this event. Extensive communication in the past 30 days, more to come.

ADAM GETTMANN

POST 104 COMMANDER

Aloha Post 104 hosted an Aloha Baseball Club annual fundraiser on March 11, 2023. The Post was able to raise just north of \$5,000.00. The Post secured food donations and sold tickets for \$25.00 each. The evening included raffle baskets donated by parents and local supporters and a trivia event.

The Aloha baseball club players served dinner, waited/bussed tables, and even had the Third Place team in the Trivia Game, including baseball and music trivia. (They may have had some help). The Aloha Baseball Club will be representing Aloha Post 104 in Legion Baseball this year, and the boys are all excited and ready to represent us.

Aloha Post 104 Commander challenged the Post in November to raise \$500.00 by the time the season started for the team. This was in addition to the \$500.00 they donated to the team annually. We could not only raise \$500.00 from just donations, but our SAL Squadron 104 also donated another \$500.00 to the team.



ADAM GETTMANN

Facebook, POST 104 COMMANDER Instagram, TikTok, and all the other social media sites that I cannot name. They are all about instant gratification. Our younger generation also is all about that instant gratification. The American Legion is a Historic Veterans organization with members from WWII to the current War on Terror and everything in between.

The American Legion is also experiencing a historic low number in membership. So I pose this question. Why are we not attracting younger members now like we once were in previous generations? We are still all about our Community, State, and Nation, as well as advancing and promoting Veteran benefits, and this younger generation is as well.

The personal connection you get at

Facebook,

Instant Gratification

an American Legion Post is one that takes time to develop. However, they can be much more beneficial to a veteran than any online or social media support group. We have veterans that have 'Been there, Done that'; however, those relationships take time to develop. Our WWII, Korean, and Vietnam vets have gone through the same stuff our younger War on Terror Veterans have gone through; however, they have also gone through the aftermath and the post-war experience without social media and without that *"Instant Gratification"*.

They took years to develop those relationships they needed to get through. Call it Shell Shock, Battle Fatigue, PTSD, or whatever. This younger generation does not want to take years, and they are used to getting

gratification now because of the new technology and social media available to them. They do not need an American Legion Post or a VFW Post.

Suppose this organization will continue to thrive and survive to support our communities, states, and Nation. In that case, we need to be available to them for that instant gratification, or at least some sort of support from them that does not take months or years to develop.

I encourage all members to take the time to help our younger members, help them develop these relationships, and keep in touch with them through whatever means necessary, be it social media, texting, email, or even old-school phone calls. It is every member's responsibility to foster and develop these younger members. They are our replacements.

Pioneer Post #149 Legionnaire of the Year



BETTY FISH-FERGUSON
POST 149 ADJUTANT

The Leadership team of Pioneer Post #149 is proud to announce the awarding of the high honor of Legionnaire of the Year for the Year 2022-2023 to Commander Ann M. Everetts. This award was presented at the Legion birthday celebration held on 11 March at a restaurant in Salem. She was given this honor for her organization and implementation of a food box program throughout District 2 during the past two years. She received recommendations for this award from Commander Stayton Post.#58 and Salem Post #136 and the Director of Grace House in Salem,

a transitional housing facility in Salem for women leaving incarceration. She also received high marks for her continuous efforts to promote the Post and women in the Military at public events, most recently at the Yard and Garden Show at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. She is also a member of the 20&4, the Honor Society of Women Legionnaires.

Her support of Veterans and the American Legion is worthy of this high honor.

Respectfully submitted

The Oregon American Legion Foundation

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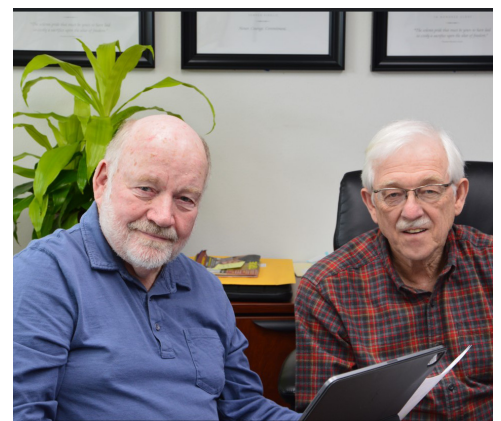
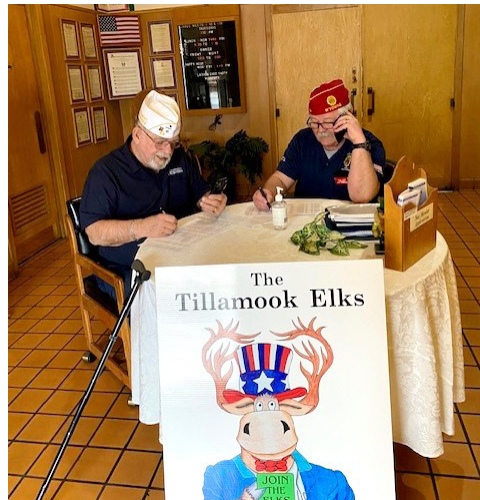


All telephone
service in the
US and Canada was silenced
for one minute on August 4th,
1922 to mark the funeral of
Alexander Graham Bell.

Tillamook Post 47 Revitalization

Good afternoon. While in rainy Oregon with NVC Doug, here is this week's National Commander's Travel Report for the Western Region. We are working on a revitalization in District 1 and doing very well. NVC Doug is making phone calls! Thanks to the Tillamook Elks Lodge for hosting our event.

Have a great week, all. Michele Steinmetz Membership Engagement Coordinator.





**PDC, JON MARSH
PFC MEMBER**

As many know, our department has been hit hard by our declining membership, the current economy, rising prices, and the stock market. Our

budget shortfall is the top-

ic of many robust discussions among the leadership. What expenses do we cut, and which programs can we manage with more sweat and less equity? These are difficult questions, and the answers are even more so!

The reality is our department budget is no different than your own personal budget. At times, money goes out faster than it comes in, and, in some instances, you have to do without.

Mileage and per diem for District travel and Department meetings have been suspended at this time. This decision was not made lightly. The work of The American Legion in Oregon must endure, and there is much business to conduct. We are fortunate to have members committed to our principles and the Four Pillars who continue to authenticate their pledge to our organization and the veterans and their families we serve.

More hard conversations and decisions are needed to make us leaner and stronger. A dues increase is one way...increasing our membership is a better way...and the solution may be a combination of the two. All facets of membership, renewals, reinstated

members, and coveted new members drive our income.



L-rt, Dan Burks, John Lee behind Charlie Schmidt, Greg Marvin, Daniel Seehafer, Bob Huff, Rob Liebenow.

**Photo provided by James "Mike" Rohan, B.S.Ed., M.S. Ed.
Secretary/Treasurer Verona American Legion
Veterans Foundation, Inc.WI.**

During the DC Conference, PNC Charlie Schmidt hands a donation letter to leading candidate Daniel Seehafer, a prior US Navy Chaplain. Daniel Seehafer has been to La Pine Post 45 in the past as a membership engagement coordinator and most recently attended our DEC in Burns, Oregon. Dan is a dynamic speaker and motivator. We will warmly welcome him when he visits Oregon as the National Commander when elected.

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CORY E. BROCKMANN

Aloha #104

For

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

2023-2024

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism.

Tenets of good leadership - *trust, purpose, direction, reliability, accountability and values* - are required to be effective.

Join with me to *help strengthen* our American Legion.



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VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA



MEMBERSHIP



Department of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 3/29/23

OR Dist 0001 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| OR-0002 | Washington | Forest Grove | 7 | 35 | 72 | 3 | 117 | 140 | 83.57 |
| OR-0006 | Hillsboro Inc | Hillsboro | 6 | 55 | 132 | 10 | 203 | 245 | 82.86 |
| OR-0012 | Clatsop Inc | Astoria | 18 | 56 | 220 | 1 | 295 | 410 | 71.95 |
| OR-0042 | J H Wellington Inc | St Helens | 3 | 17 | 73 | 4 | 97 | 120 | 80.83 |
| OR-0047 | Tillamook | Tillamook | 1 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 25 | 15 | 166.67 |
| OR-0056 | Argonne Inc | Sherwood | 8 | 31 | 134 | 2 | 175 | 235 | 74.47 |
| OR-0068 | T Les Galloway | Clatskanie | 3 | 20 | 79 | 0 | 102 | 120 | 85.00 |
| OR-0090 | John Kalmbach | Banks | 4 | 19 | 75 | 0 | 98 | 142 | 69.01 |
| OR-0099 | Seaside | Seaside | 39 | 39 | 215 | 7 | 300 | 320 | 93.75 |
| OR-0104 | Aloha | Aloha | 30 | 66 | 310 | 2 | 408 | 500 | 81.60 |
| OR-0119 | Vernonia Inc | Vernonia | 4 | 2 | 26 | 0 | 32 | 38 | 84.21 |
| OR-0124 | Beaverton | Beaverton | 1 | 14 | 55 | 0 | 70 | 115 | 60.87 |
| OR-0126 | Neill Walker | Nehalem | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 15 | 53.33 |
| OR-0158 | Tigard | Tigard | 28 | 68 | 318 | 7 | 421 | 584 | 72.09 |
| OR-0168 | Cannon Beach | Cannon Beach | 4 | 10 | 100 | 2 | 116 | 151 | 76.82 |
| | | SUM: | 156 | 437 | 1,824 | 50 | 2,467 | 3,150 | 78.32 |

OR Dist 0002 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| OR-0007 | Delbert Reeves | Silverton | 0 | 9 | 15 | 2 | 26 | 27 | 96.30 |
| OR-0009 | Capital | Salem | 0 | 40 | 95 | 2 | 137 | 180 | 76.11 |
| OR-0017 | Keizer | Keizer | 5 | 2 | 33 | 3 | 43 | 44 | 97.73 |
| OR-0020 | Carl B Fenton | Dallas | 1 | 16 | 85 | 1 | 103 | 131 | 78.63 |
| OR-0021 | Mc Minnville | Mc Minnville | 36 | 49 | 293 | 7 | 385 | 449 | 85.75 |
| OR-0033 | Independence | Independence | 0 | 5 | 30 | 1 | 36 | 40 | 90.00 |
| OR-0046 | Woodburn | Woodburn | 1 | 10 | 34 | 2 | 47 | 53 | 88.68 |
| OR-0057 | Lester C Rees | Newberg | 18 | 8 | 51 | 5 | 82 | 75 | 109.33 |
| OR-0058 | Stayton | Stayton | 8 | 24 | 127 | 3 | 162 | 173 | 93.64 |
| OR-0075 | Sheridan | Sheridan | 11 | 8 | 57 | 1 | 77 | 58 | 132.76 |
| OR-0089 | Mt. Angel | Mt. Angel | 4 | 2 | 52 | 1 | 59 | 58 | 101.72 |
| OR-0110 | Aurora Inc | Aurora | 0 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 15 | 80.00 |
| OR-0122 | Canby | Canby | 11 | 49 | 180 | 4 | 244 | 300 | 81.33 |
| OR-0136 | Salem | Salem | 1 | 33 | 108 | 0 | 142 | 130 | 109.23 |
| OR-0149 | Pioneer Inc | Salem | 1 | 12 | 13 | 0 | 26 | 40 | 65.00 |
| OR-0159 | Mill City-Gates | Mill City | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 13.64 |
| OR-0173 | Carlton Memorial | Carlton | 8 | 12 | 75 | 1 | 96 | 105 | 91.43 |
| | | SUM: | 105 | 284 | 1,256 | 35 | 1,680 | 1,900 | 88.42 |

OR Dist 0003 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| OR-0003 | Eugene Inc | Eugene | 0 | 17 | 33 | 0 | 50 | 65 | 76.92 |
| OR-0010 | Albany Inc | Albany | 27 | 83 | 349 | 5 | 464 | 527 | 88.05 |
| OR-0011 | Corvallis | Corvallis | 0 | 19 | 43 | 0 | 62 | 94 | 65.96 |
| OR-0032 | Calvin Funk | Cottage Grove | 9 | 12 | 45 | 5 | 71 | 62 | 114.52 |
| OR-0040 | Springfield | Springfield | 0 | 25 | 58 | 4 | 87 | 106 | 82.08 |
| OR-0051 | Santiam Inc | Lebanon | 27 | 53 | 461 | 3 | 544 | 636 | 85.53 |
| OR-0059 | Francis M Yost | Florence | 5 | 13 | 57 | 0 | 75 | 105 | 71.43 |
| OR-0061 | Tri-Counties | Junction City | 0 | 16 | 52 | 5 | 73 | 75 | 97.33 |
| OR-0064 | Cascade | Oakridge | 0 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 21 | 27 | 77.78 |
| OR-0083 | North Eugene-Santa Cla | Eugene | 17 | 31 | 160 | 2 | 210 | 273 | 76.92 |
| OR-0097 | Lincoln City | Lincoln City | 0 | 10 | 20 | 0 | 30 | 29 | 103.45 |
| OR-0100 | Mary's River | Philomath | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 15 | 53.33 |
| OR-0116 | Newport | Newport | 40 | 29 | 207 | 5 | 281 | 299 | 93.98 |
| OR-0133 | Timber City | Sweet Home | 0 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 21 | 29 | 72.41 |
| OR-0184 | Travis Moothart | Brownsville | 4 | 13 | 43 | 0 | 60 | 58 | 103.45 |
| | | SUM: | 129 | 336 | 1,562 | 30 | 2,057 | 2,400 | 85.71 |

OR Dist 0004 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| OR-0008 | Klamath | Klamath Falls | 9 | 34 | 171 | 0 | 214 | 281 | 76.16 |
| OR-0014 | Guy T Applewhite | Ashland | 0 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 14 | 24 | 58.33 |
| OR-0015 | Medford | Medford | 0 | 38 | 105 | 6 | 149 | 232 | 64.22 |
| OR-0028 | Grants Pass | Grants Pass | 6 | 30 | 194 | 4 | 234 | 288 | 81.25 |
| 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 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 2 | 27 | 38 | 71.05 |
| OR-0084 | Malin Inc | Malin | 1 | 10 | 35 | 0 | 46 | 63 | 73.02 |
| OR-0129 | Myers-Holland Inc | Central Point | 0 | 4 | 113 | 0 | 117 | 132 | 88.64 |
| OR-0192 | White City | White City | 0 | 8 | 45 | 0 | 53 | 84 | 63.10 |
| | | SUM: | 25 | 140 | 735 | 12 | 912 | 1,200 | 76 |

OR Dist 0005 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| OR-0004 | Stevens-Chute | Bend | 0 | 24 | 63 | 2 | 89 | 145 | 61.38 |
| OR-0019 | The Dalles Inc | The Dalles | 1 | 13 | 45 | 0 | 59 | 84 | 70.24 |
| OR-0022 | Hood River | Hood River | 1 | 10 | 42 | 0 | 53 | 73 | 72.60 |
| OR-0025 | Frank Burns | Condon | 1 | 4 | 20 | 0 | 25 | 32 | 78.13 |
| OR-0029 | Crook County | Prineville | 17 | 21 | 179 | 5 | 222 | 236 | 94.07 |
| OR-0044 | Ray Johnson | Redmond | 4 | 41 | 160 | 9 | 214 | 266 | 80.45 |
| OR-0045 | La Pine | La Pine | 34 | 80 | 236 | 2 | 352 | 416 | 84.62 |
| OR-0048 | Eugene Cougar Greene, | Warm Springs | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 20.00 |
| OR-0049 | Sherman County | Moro | 0 | 9 | 20 | 0 | 29 | 44 | 65.91 |
| OR-0055 | Mosier Inc | Mosier | 0 | 2 | 17 | 0 | 19 | 24 | 79.17 |
| OR-0073 | Maupin | Maupin | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 40.00 |
| OR-0086 | Sisters | Sisters | 1 | 11 | 74 | 0 | 86 | 141 | 60.99 |
| OR-0125 | Jefferson County Vetera | Madras | 0 | 6 | 26 | 0 | 32 | 48 | 66.67 |
| 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: | 59 | 228 | 890 | 18 | 1,195 | 1,600 | 74.69 |

OR Dist 0006 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| OR-0023 | Pendleton | Pendleton | 0 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 17 | 37 | 45.95 |
| OR-0024 | Milton-Freewater | Milton Freewater | 0 | 14 | 54 | 2 | 70 | 87 | 80.46 |
| OR-0037 | Hermiston | Hermiston | 20 | 13 | 81 | 0 | 114 | 110 | 103.64 |
| OR-0041 | John Noble Holcomb | Baker City | 1 | 10 | 33 | 1 | 45 | 65 | 69.23 |
| OR-0043 | La Grande | La Grande | 5 | 35 | 155 | 3 | 198 | 233 | 84.98 |
| 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 | 32 | 0 | 49 | 41 | 119.51 |
| OR-0130 | Athena | Athena | 1 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 18 | 18 | 100.00 |
| OR-0140 | George St Dennis | Mission | 0 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 27 | 37.04 |
| OR-0157 | Wallowa Lake | Joseph | 1 | 7 | 49 | 0 | 57 | 63 | 90.48 |
| | | SUM: | 30 | 112 | 457 | 9 | 608 | 750 | 81.07 |

OR Dist 0007 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| OR-0030 | Gresham | Gresham | 0 | 15 | 49 | 4 | 68 | 130 | 52.31 |
| OR-0074 | Carl Douglas | Estacada | 19 | 36 | 85 | 2 | 142 | 180 | 78.89 |
| OR-0098 | St Johns Inc | Portland | 2 | 13 | 42 | 1 | 58 | 55 | 105.45 |
| OR-0108 | Corbett | Corbett | 0 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 75.00 |
| OR-0134 | Frederick And John Ravi | Portland | 9 | 22 | 56 | 1 | 88 | 180 | 48.89 |
| OR-0137 | Dana King | Portland | 0 | 4 | 19 | 0 | 23 | 36 | 63.89 |
| OR-0185 | City Of Roses Musicians | Portland | 1 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 19 | 24 | 79.17 |
| | | SUM: | 31 | 100 | 274 | 8 | 413 | 625 | 66.08 |

OR Dist 0008 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| OR-0001 | Portland | Portland | 11 | 59 | 223 | 3 | 296 | 425 | 69.65 |
| OR-0005 | Willamette Falls Inc | Oregon City | 4 | 7 | 15 | 2 | 28 | 75 | 37.33 |
| OR-0065 | Wilsonville | Wilsonville | 1 | 5 | 23 | 2 | 31 | 65 | 47.69 |
| OR-0127 | Sandy | Sandy | 0 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 20 | 55.00 |
| OR-0150 | Oregon Trail | Portland | 7 | 21 | 62 | 3 | 93 | 110 | 84.55 |
| OR-0180 | Milwaukie | Milwaukie | 23 | 38 | 406 | 7 | 474 | 605 | 78.35 |
| | | SUM: | 46 | 132 | 737 | 18 | 933 | 1,300 | 71.77 |

OR Dist 0009 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| OR-0016 | Earle B Stewart | Roseburg | 7 | 48 | 109 | 5 | 169 | 256 | 66.02 |
| OR-0026 | Bandon | Bandon | 4 | 5 | 41 | 5 | 55 | 60 | 91.67 |
| OR-0034 | Bay Area | North Bend | 1 | 25 | 109 | 22 | 157 | 160 | 98.13 |
| OR-0036 | Coquille-Myrtle Point | Coquille | 0 | 6 | 34 | 8 | 48 | 52 | 92.31 |
| OR-0062 | Reedsport | Reedsport | 2 | 14 | 17 | 1 | 34 | 45 | 75.56 |
| OR-0076 | Port Orford | Port Orford | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 47 | 38.30 |
| OR-0121 | Sutherlin | Sutherlin | 0 | 2 | 48 | 5 | 55 | 56 | 98.21 |
| OR-0123 | Fallin | Canyonville | 4 | 6 | 44 | 4 | 58 | 81 | 71.60 |
| OR-0152 | Baird-Heaton | Oakland | 0 | 5 | 30 | 0 | 35 | 44 | 79.55 |
| | | SUM: | 18 | 120 | 441 | 50 | 629 | 801 | 78.53 |

OR Dist 0010 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| OR-0063 | Harney County | Burns | 6 | 12 | 92 | 1 | 111 | 113 | 98.23 |
| OR-0067 | Ontario | Ontario | 12 | 10 | 88 | 0 | 110 | 131 | 83.97 |
| OR-0077 | Ellis Tracy | John Day | 2 | 5 | 32 | 0 | 39 | 53 | 73.58 |
| OR-0079 | Nyssa | Nyssa | 0 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 18 | 29 | 62.07 |
| OR-0096 | Vale | Vale | 8 | 4 | 34 | 1 | 47 | 59 | 79.66 |
| OR-0106 | Prairie | Prairie City | 5 | 4 | 60 | 0 | 69 | 63 | 109.52 |
| | | SUM: | 33 | 38 | 321 | 2 | 394 | 448 | 87.95 |

OR Dist 0099 LGN

| Post | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|------|-----------|
| OR-0114 | Headquarters | Portland | 0 | 75 | 395 | 0 | 470 | | |
| | | SUM: | 0 | 75 | 395 | 0 | 470 | | |

Department of Oregon Totals

| | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Transfers | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Sum: | 632 | 2,002 | 8,892 | 232 | 11,758 | 14,174 | 82.95 |

| | District | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|----|------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | OR Dist 0001 LGN | 156 | 437 | 1,824 | 50 | 2,467 | 3,150 | 78.32 |
| 2 | OR Dist 0002 LGN | 105 | 284 | 1,256 | 35 | 1,680 | 1,900 | 88.42 |
| 3 | OR Dist 0003 LGN | 129 | 336 | 1,562 | 30 | 2,057 | 2,400 | 85.71 |
| 4 | OR Dist 0004 LGN | 25 | 140 | 735 | 12 | 912 | 1,200 | 76.00 |
| 5 | OR Dist 0005 LGN | 59 | 228 | 890 | 18 | 1,195 | 1,600 | 74.69 |
| 6 | OR Dist 0006 LGN | 30 | 112 | 457 | 9 | 608 | 750 | 81.07 |
| 7 | OR Dist 0007 LGN | 31 | 100 | 274 | 8 | 413 | 625 | 66.08 |
| 8 | OR Dist 0008 LGN | 46 | 132 | 737 | 18 | 933 | 1,300 | 71.77 |
| 9 | OR Dist 0009 LGN | 18 | 120 | 441 | 50 | 629 | 801 | 78.53 |
| 10 | OR Dist 0010 LGN | 33 | 38 | 321 | 2 | 394 | 448 | 87.95 |
| 11 | OR Dist 0099 LGN | 0 | 75 | 395 | 0 | 470 | | |
| | SUM: | 632 | 2,002 | 8,892 | 232 | 11,758 | 14,174 | 82.95 |

| | District | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | | 632 | 2,002 | 8,892 | 232 | 11,758 | 14,174 | 82.95 |
| | SUM: | 632 | 2,002 | 8,892 | 232 | 11,758 | 14,174 | 82.95 |



Detachment Of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 3/29/23



| 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 |
| | | SUM: | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 10 | 140 |

| Squadron | Name | Location | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|----------|-------------------------|------------------|------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| OR-0001 | Portland | Portland | 5 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 40 | 44 | 90.91 |
| 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 | 12 | 0 | 16 | 20 | 80.00 |
| OR-0012 | Clatsop | Astoria | 13 | 0 | 59 | 0 | 72 | 75 | 96.00 |
| OR-0015 | Medford | Medford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| OR-0019 | The Dalles | The Dalles | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 70.00 |
| OR-0021 | Mc Minnville | Mc Minnville | 7 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 46 | 54 | 85.19 |
| OR-0022 | Hood River | Hood River | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 40.00 |
| OR-0024 | Milton-Freewater | Milton-Freewater | 1 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 15 | 14 | 107.14 |
| OR-0028 | Grants Pass | Grants Pass | 3 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 18 | 23 | 78.26 |
| OR-0029 | Crook County | Prineville | 14 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 75 | 79 | 94.94 |
| 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 | 26 | 0 | 26 | 32 | 81.25 |
| OR-0044 | Ray Johnson | Redmond | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 12 | 23 | 52.17 |
| OR-0045 | La Pine | La Pine | 8 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 47 | 61 | 77.05 |
| OR-0048 | Eugene Cougar Greene, | Warm Springs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| OR-0051 | Santiam | Lebanon | 15 | 0 | 69 | 0 | 84 | 94 | 89.36 |
| OR-0056 | Argonne | Sherwood | 7 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 54 | 59 | 91.53 |
| 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 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 20.00 |
| OR-0083 | North Eugene-Santa Cla | Eugene | 3 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 30 | 44 | 68.18 |
| OR-0095 | Ione | Ione | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 21 | 76.19 |
| OR-0099 | Seaside | Seaside | 34 | 0 | 89 | 0 | 123 | 115 | 106.96 |
| OR-0104 | Aloha | Aloha | 34 | 0 | 92 | 0 | 126 | 120 | 105.00 |
| OR-0110 | Aurora | Aurora | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| OR-0116 | Newport | Newport | 5 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 55 | 67 | 82.09 |
| OR-0122 | Canby | Canby | 13 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 58 | 52 | 111.54 |
| 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 | 17 | 0 | 53 | 0 | 70 | 71 | 98.59 |
| OR-0168 | Cannon Beach | Cannon Beach | 8 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 88 | 101 | 87.13 |
| OR-0173 | Carlton Memorial | Carlton | 3 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 22 | 24 | 91.67 |
| OR-0180 | Milwaukie | Milwaukie | 40 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 117 | 87 | 134.48 |
| OR-0184 | Travis Moothart | Brownsville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| OR-9999 | Sal Holding Sqdn | Tigard | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | SUM: | 252 | 0 | 1,087 | 0 | 1,339 | 1,426 | 93.9 |

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| Sum: | 266 | 0 | 1,087 | 0 | 1,353 | 1,414 | 95.69 |

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| 1 | | 252 | 0 | 1,087 | 0 | 1,339 | 1,426 | 93.90 |
| | SUM: | 266 | 0 | 1,087 | 0 | 1,353 | 1,414 | 95.69 |

Detachment Of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 3/29/23 County Summary Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

| | District | New | PUFL | Renewal | HQ Tran | Totals | Goal | % of Goal |
|---|-------------|------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | | 266 | 0 | 1,087 | 0 | 1,353 | 1,436 | 94.22 |
| | SUM: | 266 | 0 | 1,087 | 0 | 1,353 | 1,414 | 95.69 |

Department of Oregon Convention

Held June 13th – 18th, 2023

Resolution Page 1 of 1

No.:

Title: Membership Per Capita Increase
Origin: Membership and Post Activities

WHEREAS, a majority of the revenue generated by the American Legion Department of Oregon is through membership per capita; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Department of Oregon has experienced a significant decrease of membership since our last increase in 2006 from 20898 members to 13282 members, a 36.44% decrease; and

WHEREAS, this decrease in membership has resulted in a decrease in revenue in excess of \$100,000.00 per year while the cost of doing business has increased 48.4%; and

WHEREAS, with this decrease in revenue coupled with cost of inflation over the last 17 years that has since been absorbed by The American Legion Department of Oregon it has reached a point that Department will either have to reduce its programs or eliminate them entirely; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been written and approved unanimously by the Membership and Post Activities Commission during a virtual meeting held March 15th, 2023, is now recommended to the Department of Oregon Convention for favorable action now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by a majority vote, The American Legion Department of Oregon Convention assembled at the Mill Casino in North Bend Oregon raise the Department Per Capita from \$13.50 to \$18.50 an increase of \$5.00 in efforts to sustain funding of our office operations and our programs; and therefore, be it finally

RESOLVED, that upon approval by the Department Convention, this resolution be placed for effect beginning the 2025 membership year.

National Security Commission Blood Donor Program



GREG MARVIN
NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR

The American Legion began the Blood Donor Program in 1942 and became the largest organizational blood donor to the Red Cross in the nation.

The Blood Donor Program is a part of the Department of Oregon Trophy & Awards Questionnaires pamphlet Number 3 Blood Donor and is judged and presented by the National Security Blood Donor program. There are several ways that a Post can win the Blood Donor award:

The Post can sponsor one or more Blood Drives:

- The number of Blood Drives
- The number of Prospective Donors and the number of productive Units collected and the number of Post and Unit members of who:
 - A. Gave Blood
 - B. Worked in Donor Center
- The number of man-hours of service donated to the Blood Program by the Post and Unit Members
- The number of miles traveled by Legion/Auxiliary and Donors.

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OREGON WOMEN VETERANS CONFERENCE

May 20-21, 2023 | Salem, Oregon



The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is excited to announce the in-person return of the **Oregon Women Veterans Conference**, which will be held **May 20-21, 2023**, at the **Salem Convention Center**.

This free biennial conference, hosted by ODVA for more than 25 years, celebrates the contributions, diversity and strength of Oregon's women veteran community, and is the largest gathering of women veterans, across every generation of service, in the state. This year's agenda will include inspirational speakers, informative seminars and breakout sessions, and opportunities to network with other women veterans and receive direct assistance in accessing earned benefits and other resources

The 2023 conference registration will also incorporate social community connections through the **Whova** platform, which will further allow women veterans to access conference information and resources, and connect with one another before, during and after our in-person event.

Attendance is free, but registration is required. Registration is now open for this event. If your organization is interested in conference sponsorship or exhibitor opportunities, please visit our [Sponsors](#) and [Exhibitors](#) pages.

REGISTER FOR 2023 WOMEN VETERANS CONFERENCE

"This was an exceptional conference. I only wish I had known it existed earlier. I will try to attend this every year!"

https://whova.com/portal/registration/owvc_202305/

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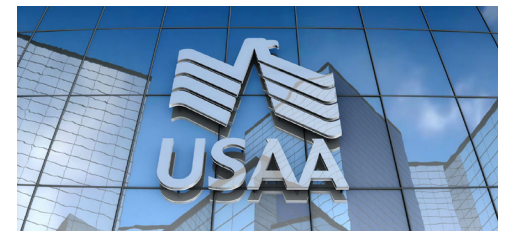
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GREG MARVIN

Posts not sponsoring Blood Drives can also get awards by Donating Blood and volunteer at Blood Drives. The awards are broken down into categories by Post size so that Posts compete with others of their size. The Post size category allows all Posts an equal chance to receive awards.

We often hear about blood shortages due to epidemics (flu), pandemics (Covid-19), Fires, Floods, and other natural disasters. Our Posts/Units can greatly help supply Blood to the Blood Bank supplies and offer another source of programs to help their members. Thank you for being so supportive of this Program.



Answer: C. Coca Cola

Coca-Cola developed the first six-pack in 1923 in order to encourage consumers to drink more of the soda and to take it home.

All Coca-Colas produced between late 1923 and 1937 are referred to as "Christmas Bottles," due to a renewed bottle patent issued on December 25, 1923.

Post 63 News

The next Post Yard Sale will be held April 7th and 8th during the hours of 8:00AM-2:00PM. Any and all volunteers will be appreciated anytime during sale hours.

Candidate for 2023-2024

Department President

Catherine Brockmann



Aloha Unit #104



In the spirit of selfless Service and a strong Advocacy for the Auxiliary Mission-areas:

Support the American Legion

- 'Be the One' initiative advocacy
- Supported George White remembrance

Honor the Sacrifice and Enhance lives of Veterans, Military, and their Families

- Coordinated comfort supplies to deployed troops
- Organized Christmas gifts for local military families

Advocate for Veterans

- Registered *Legislative Action Alerts* advocate
- Conducted legislative outreach supporting veterans

Current Offices:

- Department Vice President
- Membership Chairman

Previous Leadership Positions:

- District President
- Unit President
- Unit Vice President
- Unit Membership Chair
- Unit Children & Youth Chair

Educate our Citizens

- 'Be the One' Trail Blazers engagement event
- Oregon International Air Show outreach

Mentor Youth

- Department Oratorical contest volunteer

Promote Patriotism, Good Citizenship, Peace and Security

- Paint and distribute patriotic rocks in communities

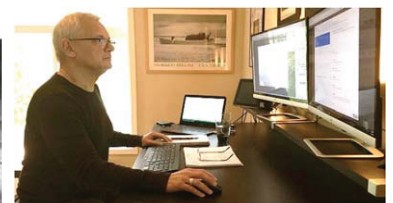
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True Compass Designs is a digital development company that has been in business for more than 17 years. Certified in 11 different Adobe programs, Mick Bird of Camas, Wash., builds websites for clients while working from the comfort of his home. Mick is The American Legion Department's Web Designer.

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Post 37

Vet News - **Yellow Ribbon**



Aaron Wetterling
Vet Scuttlebutt

Recently, our local American Legion Post 37 was invited to attend the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) event held at the Pendleton Convention Center. Four of us attended and set up a table with brochures, miniature American flags, candy, and a “Welcome Home” handshake.

What is this Yellow Ribbon gig anyway? From our observational viewpoint, it was a well-put-together event to promote the well-being of National Guard and Reserve members, their families, and communities by connecting them with resources needed for reintegration following an overseas deployment.

Who was this for, you might ask? Our local National Guard unit, B3-116 CAV (AR) (Tank) had just returned from a year of deployment overseas.

We observed and heard that Saturday was a welcome sight for us old Viet Vets who received little to zero information about returning to civilian life once released from active duty. One of my long-time friends informed me of his experience. Upon arriving at Travis Air Force Base, he was processed one day and discharged the next with a pocket full of cash, his separation papers, and a bus ride to the San Francisco airport. “That’s all, folks, and thanks for your service. Next!”

The only thing I remember from my separation experience was what the chaplain said concerning our sometimes colorful language, “Gentlemen, remember, when you ask for the butter, don’t describe it.”

The Yellow Ribbon event was designed to mitigate a smooth transition from a year-long deployment in a foreign country to what seems to be a normal life upon returning home. Things change on the home front while service members are away. Siblings grow up, parents get older, and the old hometown also seems to change. If you’re married and have kids, service members are in for a big surprise when they return home. Some children have never met the other parent or do not recognize them. There are emotional barriers to overcome as well.

Here is what the Yellow Ribbon event provided access to information on healthcare, education, employment, financial and legal benefits, counseling, job training, and resume enhancement.

Once again, I want to say to our returning vets of the National Guard unit, B3-116 CAV (AR) (Tank), “Thank you and Welcome Home,” and please take advantage of the services mentioned above.

Now for a little info about Vet Help. There are many veterans looking for employment and need a helping hand

from an employment specialist who will assist them in acquiring housing, drivers licenses, job training, and resume enhancement. For an employment specialist call, **Vet Rep Oregon Employment Dept. 541-975-4519**. They work with employers to get the vet a job, then get the vet ready to work.

Here is another number to call for employment assistance, **“Work Source” at the Hermiston office, 541-567-3381**.

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.

For more information about the American Legion **541-720-1815**.

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

Important phone numbers for Vets:

The Veterans Crisis new number -
988 then press 1
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
Chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.
net/Chat. **Text 838255**.
Walla Walla Vet Help Center
509-526-8387

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Dan Burks
For the High Office of
Department 1st Vice Commander

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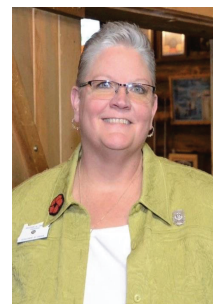
I have a passion for the American Legion, and right now it could use our help. I ask for your vote, your support and more importantly, JOIN ME on this mission to rejuvenate OUR American Legion Department of Oregon! Together we can bring our programs and this Department back to new heights, "United we stand!" If you want someone who loves the American Legion, and is ready to work, vote Dan Burks for the high office of 1st Vice Commander Department of Oregon.



RE-ELECT TEAM NEC AND ALTERNATE NEC
 OREGON FOR 2023-2025



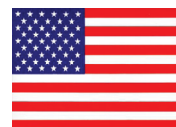
KEVIN OWENS, NEC POST 34



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JODY MARSH, ALT NEC UNIT 99



JOHN W. LEE

Candidate for 2023-2024
 Department of Oregon 2nd Vice Commander



Post 184 Commander District 3 Commander



The number of veterans who die by suicide every day is estimated at between 17 and 22.

Please be the one to prevent the next one.

Past Department Chairman of the
 Jim Willis Law Enforcement Career Camp Committee
 and the
 Training and Development Committee
 Current Chairman of the Department Legislative Commission

Served on the Nation Americanism Council and Legislative Council
 Currently serving on the National Cemetery Committee



RENEE OHLER FOR DEPARTMENT 2ND VICE COMMANDER

- ❖ Legion Offices held District 2 Commander (3 years), Vice Commander, and currently serves as the District 2 Judge Advocate
- ❖ Post level, 5-time Post Commander, Vice Commander, and Adjutant and Judge Advocate at Sheridan Post 75
- ❖ Current Chair Legionnaire Committee, and Membership and Post Activities Committee member
- ❖ Forty-five years of experience serving Veterans and their Families
- ❖ Forward-thinker and methodical planner

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**2023 LETTER TO THE EDITOR:
APRIL IS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH
2022 Historic Milestone Achieved ... One Million Transplants in the U.S.**

Dear Editor:

The Children's Organ Transplant Association was founded in April 1986 when residents of Bloomington, Indiana, rallied around a toddler who needed a life-saving liver transplant. In less than eight weeks, the community raised more than \$100,000 to place the boy on the organ waiting list. Sadly, he died before an organ was found. Those community volunteers, along with his parents, turned tragedy into triumph by using the funds to help other transplant families. That was our beginning, and those volunteers were our first Miracle Makers.

For more than 35 years, thanks to the commitment of the men and women of The American Legion Family, we have assisted thousands of children and young adults by helping to raise funds for a lifetime of transplant-related expenses. Extensive volunteer networks across the nation are working to ensure that no child or young adult needing an organ or tissue transplant is excluded from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds.

We need your help today to make sure that tragedies, like the one that was the catalyst in founding COTA, are not repeated.

The United States achieved a historic milestone in 2022 with one million transplants performed – more than any other country in the world. However, 17 people die each day in the United States waiting for an organ transplant. Another person is added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list every nine minutes. One organ donor can save eight lives. April is National Donate Life Month, and I am asking everyone within The American Legion Family to go to www.RegisterMe.org and register to be a designated organ and/or tissue donor.

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

Sincerely,



Rick Lofgren, President
rick@cota.org

COTA's priority is to assure that no child or young adult is denied a transplant or excluded from a waiting list due to lack of funds.

2501 West COTA Drive · Bloomington, Indiana 47403
800.366.2682 · Kristin@cota.org · COTA.org



PDC, Bob Huff
VA&R Chairperson

Here is a copy of the Poster for the March 29th Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War for all Vietnam War Era Veterans which was held at the VA SORCC Camp White Museum and Community Center at 10am, on Wednesday, March 29th.


We have held this event at the Eagle Point National Cemetery since 2018 with the closing of the VA SORCC Theater for safety reasons and the COVID 19 restrictions. This was a good opportunity to view the new Camp White Museum and Community Center at our VA.

The special label pin honoring Vietnam Veterans was be handed out at the end of the ceremony.

Please distribute this to your organizations and Vietnam Era Veterans.

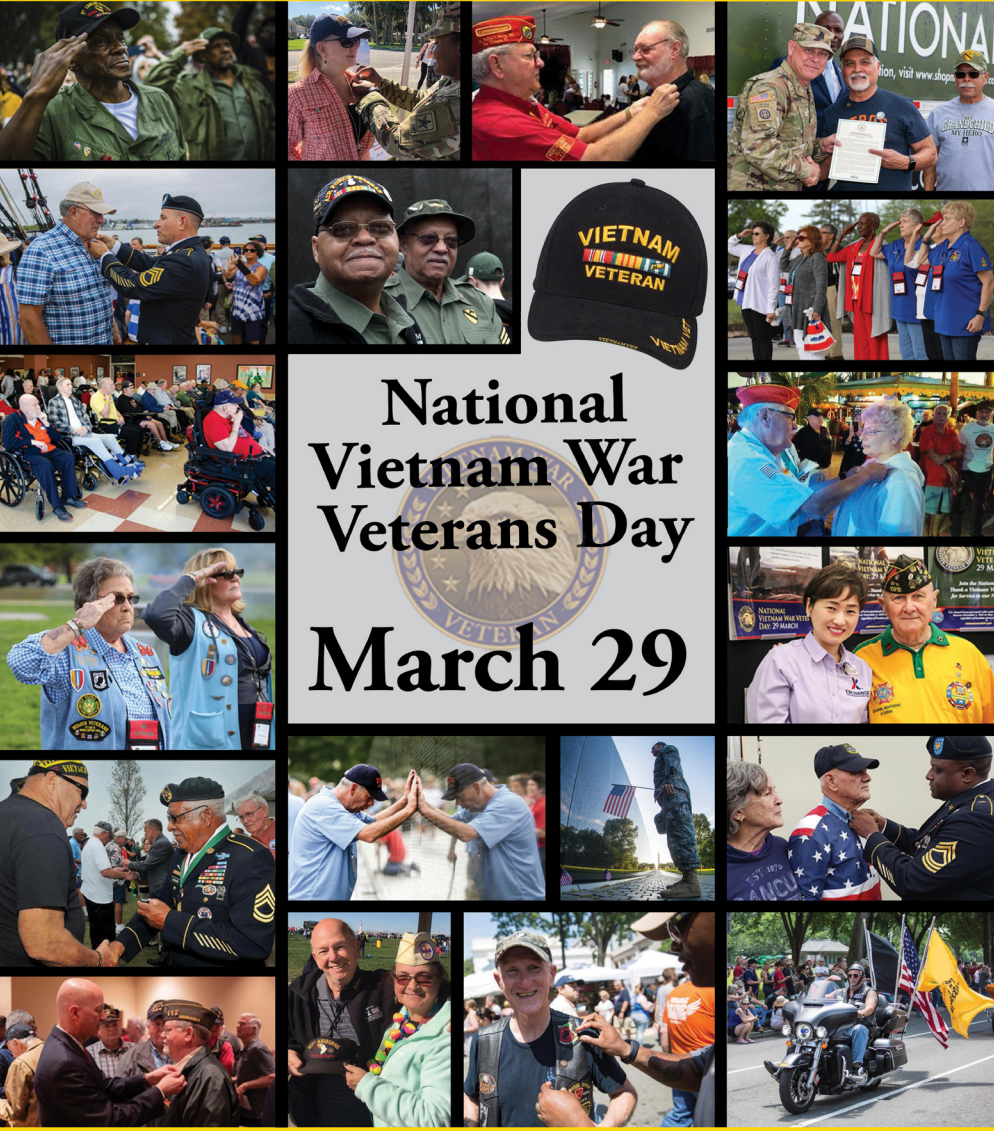
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50th



**National
Vietnam War
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March 29**



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We are mailing Accidental Death (AD) on April 14th.

Quick reminder about AD:

Provides the member's beneficiary with a check if they were to pass away in a covered accident.

Benefits up to \$150,000 are available.

Guaranteed Acceptance – i.e. no medical exams or health history.

Product may not be available in all states and may not mail all your members. If you want a more detailed description of this product, visit www.TheLIT.com/Accident-Protection.

WHAT'S MAILING THIS MONTH?



Here's what it will look like to most people who receive it.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- The next mailing is Cancer Care Insurance on May 3rd.
- The LIT Trust Meeting will be held April 23-26th at the Tradewinds Island Grand Resort.

HOW DID IT DO?



We are excited to report that the Travel Accident Insurance direct mail campaign we mailed in December brought in over 2,400 new insureds!

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Questions? Contact Cristina Garibay
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American Legion Expects VA to Correct Housing Pay Snafu

WASHINGTON (March 31, 2023) – The head of the nation’s largest veterans organization called on VA to assure student veterans who have been impacted by missed Post-9/11 GI Bill housing stipends today to “quickly make the situation right and assure veterans that it never occurs again.”

“Veterans understand that when they fail in uniform, the only acceptable responses are ‘no excuses!’ and ‘I’ll correct it!’ This is the type of response that The American Legion expects VA to offer all the students who were expecting their housing stipend today,” said American Legion National Commander Vincent “Jim” Troiola. “Yesterday, a senior VA official assured us that their inspector general has been notified and the department is working to ensure that electronic payments reach veterans by Monday and checks are mailed out that same day. They are going to conduct a root cause analysis and contact schools to ensure that they are aware of what occurred. VA will also provide letters to veterans to share with creditors. These measures are a good start. The American Legion understands that when mistakes occur, it is the corrective response that is most important. The American Legion has always believed that VA has a responsibility to serve veterans as well as veterans have served this country. We expect VA to quickly correct whatever flawed process led to this error and ensure that veterans are not further inconvenienced by this delayed payment.”

About The American Legion. [The American Legion](https://www.legion.org) is dedicated to the motto of “Veterans Strengthening America” and calls on all Americans to [“Be the One”](#) to stop veteran suicide. Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans. Legionnaires in more than 12,000 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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Media Contact: John Raughter, (317) 630-1350, jraughter@legion.org



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

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

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

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

Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:

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

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____ Name of Recruiter _____

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

ALA 08/2019

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date

Received From

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

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

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

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

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

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

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

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

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

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Squadron No.

Department of



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Membership pending approval of application.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

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

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

Veteran Served:

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

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

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

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

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

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

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

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____

Date

ALA 09/2019

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date

Received From

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #