

# The Oregon Legionnaire

*The Voice of Oregon's Veterans Since 1919* May 2023

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

THE  
AMERICAN  
LEGION

FAMILY



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LARRY WITTMAYER  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

be celebrating the following:

Greetings  
fellow Le-  
gionnaires,

The month  
of May will  
be hectic.

In addition  
to continu-  
ing our sup-  
port of Be The  
One, we will

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Armed Forces Day 5/20  
National Poppy Day, 5/26  
Memorial Day 5/29

We will have just completed another  
DEC and have completed many tasks,  
including looking at least seven reso-  
lutions.,

There probably will be some changes  
in the way we conduct the Depart-  
ment's business as indicated by past

efforts to have virtual meetings.

All of these changes can be directly  
attributed to our declining member-  
ship. Please make a last-ditch effort to  
increase our membership.

Please remember that Consolidated  
Post Reports are due into Department  
NLT 5/15. We are presently at 8% par-  
ticipation.

# BE THE ONE

## Need to Know Dates

### 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

D-Day  
Flag Day  
Boys State  
Convention

### July

Independence Day  
New Officers  
Installations

Greetings comrades, the month of  
May is recognized as Mental Health  
Awareness Month and coincides quite  
well with our continuing efforts to 'Be  
The One' and in conducting buddy  
checks to ensure our fellow brother  
and sister veterans are doing well.

**NATIONAL ALA PRESIDENT  
KOUTZ** I appreciated seeing the  
nice turnout at McMinnville #21 for  
the welcome and dinner for National  
American Legion Auxiliary President  
Vickie Koutz (IN). It was her official  
visit to the Department of Oregon,  
and through a brief trip, it was a privi-  
lege to hear her address to the Legion  
Family members present.

For the 2022-2023 ALA year, Presi-  
dent Koutz's focus is to honor our vet-  
erans every day. She acknowledged  
our Vietnam-era veterans, as the Unit  
#21 event coincided with National  
Vietnam War Memorial Day, March  
29. President Koutz also spoke brief-  
ly about her President's project -Na-  
tional Veterans Creative Arts Festi-  
val companions - to aid in defraying  
companion costs in supporting our  
nation's veterans participating at the  
National Veterans Creative Arts Fes-  
tival.

Learn more about President Koutz

at [https://  
www.legion-  
aux.org/na-  
tional-presi-  
dent](https://www.legion-aux.org/national-president)



I encourage  
more of our  
Legion Fam-  
ily members  
to attend  
events like these  
when national-  
level leaders visit our department to  
show our support. Doing so demon-  
strates our care for not only the visitor  
but also all the veterans and programs  
being supported.

**HONOR THOSE WHO CAME  
BEFORE US** - one of our six value  
principles - easily comes to mind as I  
pause and consider the events coming  
before us in May. That value principle  
envelops our paying perpetual respect  
for all past military sacrifices to ensure  
new generations never forget them.

The sacrifices are many. Please make  
time to participate in your Post's and  
communities' recognition of the fol-  
lowing.

**Armed Forces Day | May 20, 2023 –  
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CORY BROCKMANN  
1ST VICE COMMANDER

Celebrate Armed Forces Day to honor the men and women who serve in our United States military.

**National Poppy Day | May 26, 2023** – The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

**Memorial Day | May 29, 2023** – Honor the more than one million men and women who have lost their lives defending America since the Revolutionary War.

**SPRING MEETINGS/NEC** - convene in Indianapolis, IN, the week of May 8-11th. Department of Oregon members participating in the meetings, in addition to our National Executive Committeeman (NEC), will be select appointees to the Americanism Council and the Media and Communications Council.

*Reminders: 1. Please ensure your Consolidated Post Report inputs are current and get them submitted! 2. Keep working membership, as there are a lot of unrenowned former members!*

Lastly, 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.

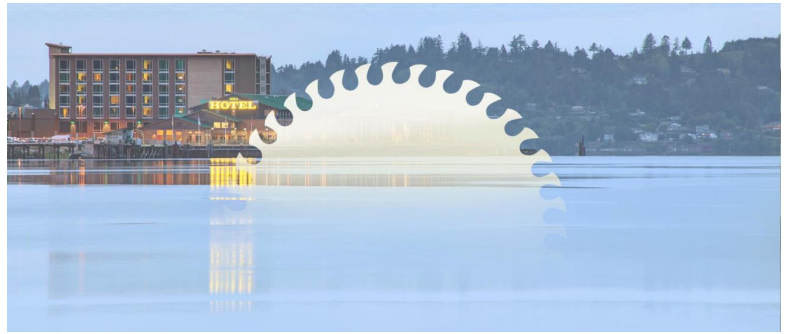
*We are Veterans Strengthening America.*



What World Changing Event happened in 1923?

- A. Gandhi
- B. Babe Ruth
- C. Pharaoh Tutankhamun
- D. Mother Teresa

## 2023 Department Convention on the Coast in Southern Oregon



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

JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

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.



## 2023 CONVENTION ADVERTISING RATES

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Questions? Please contact Renee Ohler at (503) 348-7160

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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.

We just completed our Spring Department Executive Committee Meeting in Redmond on Sunday, April 16. A good meeting, we conducted a lot of our Department business. We presented our Proposed Department 2023-2024 Budget; all your District Commanders received an electronic copy of the complete Proposed Budget to present in their District Meetings and Caucus. This will be printed in this copy of the May Legionnaire and again in the June Legionnaire. Please review this, and if you have questions, ask your District Commander. It is essential for our Department Convention Delegates from our Posts to understand the Proposed Department Budget as they represent our membership. This Proposed 2023-2024 Department Budget will now be presented to the Finance Convention Committee and then to the Post Delegates to our Department Convention for adoption. Some difficult decisions had to be made in our Proposed Budget. 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. Lower membership does affect our Department Budget and what we are able to do to complete our mission and our comm-

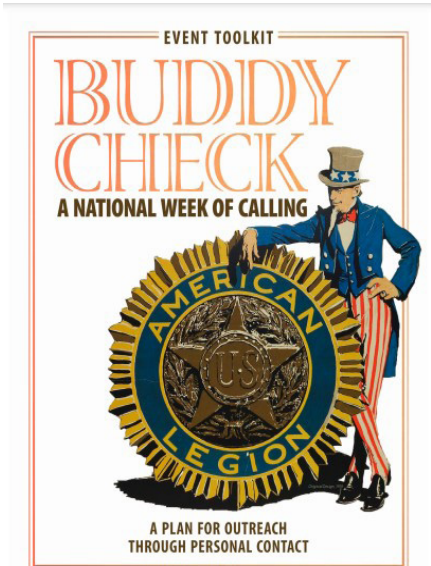
itments to our Members and Veterans Community.

Remember, for those Posts with a Tax Year of January 1 to December 31. **PDC, BOB HUFF** DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER It is time to get your financial information in order and file your 990-N, 990EZ, or 990 Tax Form. The end date for filing your IRS 990 is May 15, this month for Tax Year January 1 to December 31. Remember, there are no exceptions.

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. There are a lot of grants available. We have our Foundation, a 501c3, in which grants can be made out and earmarked for your Program.



Department Officers	
Commander	Larry Wittmayer
Imed. Past Cmdr	Don Weber
1st Vice Cmdr	Cory Brockmann
2nd Vice Cmdr	Dan Burks
Adjutant	S. Flynn Phillips
NECman	Kevin Owens
Alt NECman	Gene Hellickson
Finance Officer	Bob Huff
Chaplain	Steve Shollenberg
Historian	Dick Winders
Judge Advocate	Gene Hellickson
Service Officer	Ed Van Dyke
Veterans Service Officer	Jody Marsh
Sgt-At-Arms	Phyllis York
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Mike Morris
Asst Sgt-At-Arms	Ward Allen



The American Legion Proposed Budget for 2023-2024

	A	AB
1		
		2023-2024 PROPOSED
2	ACCOUNT NAME	
3	Membership Budget Based On:	10,875
4	Actual Membership	
5	Dues @ \$13.50 (per member)	\$ 146,812.00
6	Department Convention Income	
7	SAL Detachment Funds (1400 x \$15.00)	\$ 21,000.00
8	SAL Dues (1400 x \$5.00)	\$ 7,000.00
9	SAL Willie Williams Scholarship	
10	SAL Charitable Donations & Pins	
11	ALA Postage Reimbursement	\$ 600.00
12	ALA Phone Reimbursement	\$ 600.00
13	ALA Copier	\$ 400.00
14	Emblem Sales Royalty	\$ 1,200.00
15	Boys State Income	\$ 70,000.00
16	AL Baseball Income	\$ 12,500.00
17	Law Enforcement Career Camp	\$ 8,000.00
18	Revenue Enhancement Program	\$ 10,000.00
19	AGIA Insurance	\$ 35,000.00
20	USAA Insurance	\$ 9,000.00
21	Department Fund Challenge	\$ -
22	Veterans Childrens Fund (VCF)	
23	Other Income/Pass Throughs	\$ 3,536.00
24	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 325,648.00
25		
26	Dedicated VA&R Income	
27	AGIA Insurance (Dedicated VA&R)	\$ 2,000.00
28	OALF Disbursement to VA&R/VE&E	\$ 66,398.00
29	ODVA Rehabilitation Grant	\$ 90,000.00
30	Donations	\$ 3,000.00
31	Total Dedicated VA&R Income	\$ 161,398.00
32		
33	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 487,046.00
34		

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		2023-2024 PROPOSED
2	ACCOUNT NAME	
35	Boys State Expenses	\$ 70,000.00
36	Law Enforcement Career Camp	\$ 8,000.00
37	AL Baseball Expenses	\$ 12,500.00
38	Admin. Expenses - B-1	\$ 136,968.00
39	Officer & Conv Expenses - B-2	\$ 18,150.00
40	Other Activities Expenses - B-3	\$ 59,530.00
41	Rehabilitation Expenses - B-4	\$ 153,398.00
42	Publication Expenses - B-5	\$ 500.00
43	SAL Expenses- B-6	\$ 28,000.00
44	Other/Conv Expenses/Pass Throughs	
45	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 487,046.00



# Convention Delegate Fees



## ARMCHAIR GENERAL

There always seem to be those that know and those that are not informed about Convention Delegate fees and paying them. Some think since they are not sending anyone to the convention that, they don't have to or won't send in their required fees. This hurts the Department and the host Post's bottom line it **makes the Post ineligible to vote** at the convention.

Quoting from the latest Convention Code of Procedure found on our website under forms; <https://orlegion.org/media/resources/forms-publications/>

### CODE OF PROCEDURES CONVENTION COMMISSION

Approved Spring D.E.C. April 2023  
Article I

Section 1. Delegates and Alternates to the annual American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention shall pay a registration fee of twenty (\$20.00) dollars.

**A. The payment of Delegates and Alternates fees will be the responsibility of the Post and Auxiliary Unit.** One (1) check from the Post will be sent to the Department. Headquarters with the names of those Delegates and Alternates.

S. FLYNN PHILLIPS  
DEPT ADJUTANT

B. All American Legion Posts **will be assessed their total delegate fee** as determined by the membership. Any Post that has not paid their total fees will be **considered not in good standing** and will not be allowed to vote.

Section 2. Guests attending the Department Convention shall pay a fee not to exceed one-half (1/2) of the fee set for Delegates and Alternates, \$7.50 at this time.

A. Sons of The American Legion (S.A.L.) shall pay a Delegate and Alternate fee of \$20.00. This fee is to include the S.A.L. Detachment Convention and Guest Credentials to The American Legion Department of Oregon Convention. This fee shall be split \$15.00 to the Host Post and \$5.00 to The Detachment of Oregon.

Section 3. Except for paid staff of The American Legion Department of Oregon and The American Legion Auxiliary, each person attending the Convention activities shall be registered as a Delegate, Alternate, or Guest of the American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary and pay the appropriate registration fees. Delegate, Alternate, or Guest Credential Badges must be worn at all times while on the Convention floor.



PDC, KEVIN OWENS  
NECMAN

I recently read an article that struck a nerve with me. A gentleman was going on a camping trip with his family when the grandfather asked where his sunglasses were.

We searched high and low around the car, house, and even behind the fridge. We looked in the most unlikely places that we forgot to look at the oblivious spot on the grandfather's head. Many veterans are searching for a place for camaraderie and a place that provides help to others with our programs.

We think it is obvious, except for the ones we are trying to recruit. Are we talking up our programs? Are we seen in our community and in our schools? Just like the sunglasses on the grandfather's head, things are not always obvious to others, and it is up to all of us to make them obvious. I challenge every one of you to prioritize the American Legion in some fashion. You will get more from it than you need to put in, the feeling of making the day of a Veteran or a child when you sponsor a little league team and Legion Baseball. You will never go away without pride, knowing you played a part.

The NEC will have a meeting and will provide an update in the June issue of the Legionnaire. Thank you for being a member of the greatest veteran's organization in the world, The American Legion.

 **AMERICAN  
LEGION**

# Editors Notes

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# Calendar of Events

## 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

06 D-Day  
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

## July

### Celebrate America

04 Independence Day Closed  
20-22 Jr Shooting National  
23-29 Boys Nation DC  
26-28 DSO School National  
27-29 Membership Workshop Nat'l

## WORDS OF WISDOM

*"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."*

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

## Memorial Day

## May 29th 2023



**BETTY FISH-FERGUSON**  
**DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER**

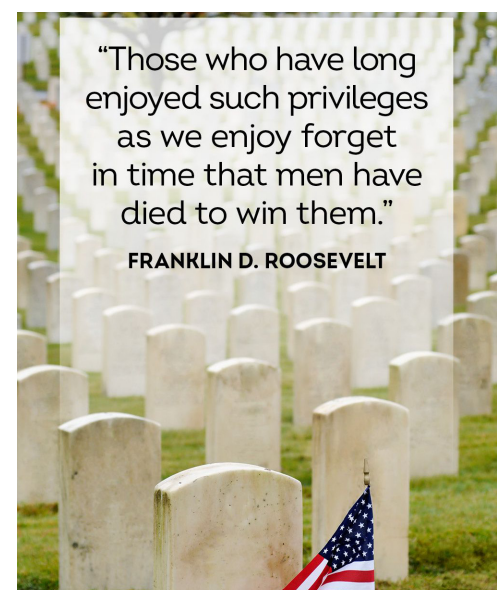
Hello, Legionnaires of District 2,

Here we are at the end of April. We are three quarters into this business year. Membership

is in its final push to make the goal, and caucuses are underway to elect the next leadership teams who will continue the work of the American Legion. This is a hectic time as we prepare for Dept Convention. Reservations are to be made, delegates are to be elected, and paperwork is to be submitted. Follow that with National Convention and everything that goes along, only on a grander scale.

I want to remind everyone to submit their Consolidated Post Reports. This information filters to National high lighting, all the good things happening in Oregon. But more importantly, it reminds us daily that we make a difference in the lives of Veterans and our communities.

The Next District meeting is on May 7th in Newberg. I hope to have all the Posts in District 2 represented.



*"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."*

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT





PDC, PNC, ROB LIEBENOW  
DETACHMENT COMMANDER

With the department convention coming up next month, I just wanted to let you know that I will be running for re-election as Detachment Commander.

We are having a great year, and I would like to continue that into the next Legion year. Lou has informed me that he is not ready to move up but will stay on as 1st Vice Commander if that is the wish of the Detachment

## The Son's of The American Legion

membership. We still need someone to step up and run for 2nd Vice Commander, and Ward would like someone to step up and replace him as adjutant. This mainly consists of taking and writing up the minutes of the DEC's and convention. I know that we have a lot of great leaders out there. They need a little push. As the Detachment of Oregon, we cannot remain a viable organization without the support of its members. That means stepping up and taking a leadership role within the Detachment. We also need Area Commanders for areas 3 & 4. I am asking everyone else to continue in their current roles for the coming

year. With your help, we will continue to grow as a detachment.

Please work on your year-end reports; they are a must if we are to continue the good work we have been doing all year.



RICHARD RAMEY  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR

Last month we reviewed the procedures for elections. After elections, Posts should start looking toward our Department Convention.

After electing your delegates, the first responsibility of the delegates is to attend the District Caucus meeting. At the Caucus meeting, delegates should get their first opportunity to hear from the leading candidates running for Department officer positions.

After hearing from the candidates, delegates should return to the Post and discuss with the Post membership what they heard from the candidates. It is then the duty of the delegates to listen to the membership as to what

## Convention Preparation

their desires are for who they should vote for to lead the Department in the coming year.

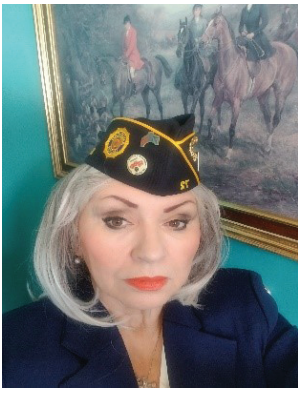
Another responsibility of delegates is to review any resolutions that are presented to change the Department Constitution and By-Laws. These resolutions will be sent out to the posts and appear in the Department of Oregon Legionnaire. These, too, should be discussed with the Post's membership, as they may directly affect the administration of Post operations in some way.

Once the delegates arrive and register at Convention, they will receive their delegate badge and a delegate bag with Convention materials. Items distributed to each delegate at the registration tables at Convention will include a Convention book, copies of

the proposed Department budget for the coming year, and resolutions to amend the Department Constitution and By-Laws.

Each delegate will likely be assigned to a Convention Committee. These committees review resolutions that have been submitted to effect change in the Department's administration of The American Legion programs within our state. Convention Committee assignments are posted at various locations near the Convention's main meeting location. Ask at the Convention delegate registration table for the location of where these assignments have been posted.

Proper preparation will provide for informed delegates and responsible decision-making at our Department's annual Convention.



**MARIA TYE**  
**ORATORICAL CHAIR**

made this year a success.

We want to congratulate ALL participants for entering, for their hard work and diligence. Our participants learned more about the Constitution, our laws, and being leaders this year.

It would be wonderful if schools

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program Committee Team Members, Aaron Wetterling, Debra Jacobson, Larry Hill, and Gerald Outslay,

made this year a success.

would focus more on our Constitution, which will help our youth in their future, our future, and our country's future.

The Constitution and its basic laws come from the ten commandments. We all know from what book they come from. Four of the ten commandments are the basic rules of law that are found in the U. S. Constitution. They are found in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. All our laws are based on this.

All veterans were soldiers for this nation and have always stood to help provide our nation's rights and privileges, mutual helpfulness, and love for our great country.

Our American Legion High School

Oratorical Scholarship Program's Constitutional Speech Contest's main purpose is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the United States Constitution among students. They earn scholarships, and they also grow in learning to be leaders. They learn more about being a responsible, lawful citizen of our great nation.

Thank you to ALL of their parents, participants, educators, post chair people, District chair people, and the wonderful Department staff and Department officers. A special thanks to our Department Commander Larry Wittmayer and Lou Neubecker for always being there and for providing their great leadership for this great program.

*Thank ya'll kindly.*



**LARRY WITTMAYER**  
**SCOUTING CHAIR**

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

Calendar of events.  
**Cascade Pacific Council**  
**503-225-5777**

- 5/1 Council Court of Honor
- 5/5-7 Wood Badge Part 2
- 5/12-14 OA Vigil Induction
- 5/13 Alaska Airline Aviation Day
- 5/19-21 OA Induction Camp Meriwether
- 5/26-28 Camp Clark Family Camp

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

## Scouting

**Oregon Trail Council 541-485-4433**

- 5/7 BALOO North & South
- 5/6-7 Wood Badge Part 2
- 5/12-14 Leader Skills for Troops
- 5/12-13 Outdoor Adventure Day

**Blue Mountain Council**

**509-735-7306**

- 5/6 Fire Safety Merit Badge
- 5/19 OA Induction

**Mountain West Council**

**208-376-4411**

- 5/5-7 Camp Wilson 2023
- 5/6 Rain Gutter Regatta
- 5/13 Leader-Specific Training



**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**  
**PF COMMISSION MEMBER**

Many articles have been written recently concerning the declining finances of the Department of Oregon. As you are probably aware, the main revenue source

for the Department is our membership dues. This is described in the Department Constitution, Article X-Finance: "The revenue of this Department shall be derived from the annual Department membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Department Executive Committee."

Soon you will see the Department budget printed in the Oregon Legion-

naire and it will indicate that there has been a significant reduction in our revenue and consequent reduction in what can be budgeted to support the programs we work on throughout the year. I invite you to review this budget conscientiously and prepare to ask questions of our Department leadership before and during the Convention this year. The delegates at the Convention will be voting on this budget.

In the previous article I wrote for the January issue of the Oregon Legionnaire, the question was asked: What positive actions can we do as people dedicated to supporting veterans and our communities? And the first action requested was to ramp up our efforts to increase our membership. As a Department, we will receive the membership cards for the new membership year at Convention. History shows that posts immediately start

working to renew members for the coming year. However, the 2023 membership year extends through December 31st, 2023, and our Department financial year extends through September 30th, 2023. So we can still renew members for this year, and it will impact the programs we finance this summer. So, while it is good to get a jump-start on the 2023-2024 membership year, we can significantly impact this year by continuing to recruit members for the 2022-2023 year as well.

So, as stated in the previous article, I encourage you to be active in your community, continue to work with The American Legion programs, and invite others to join us in working for our veterans and our communities. Getting others to become members is a Win-Win because we engage others in helping to operate our programs, and we help finance those programs now and in the future.



There is much that The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) does in supporting veterans and youth programs within our Department of Oregon Legion Family. Two recent and very timely examples include supporting efforts with the Department of Oregon's Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation (VAR) Commission related to addressing The American Legion's top priority – helping to bring an end to veteran suicide, as well as supporting the National Security Commission (NATSEC) in recognizing the outstanding efforts by our law enforcement and firefighting members, who put their lives in harm's way to keep our communities safe.

VAR – TOALF recently approved

purchases of two retractable banners and 5,000 wallet cards, which will provide key 'Be The One' outreach and engagement support at forward-facing public events, including the Oregon Women Veteran Conference in Salem, May 20-21, and the National Veteran Wheelchair Games in Portland, July 4-9, among other key events that are forthcoming.

NATSEC – To further strengthen our resolve in supporting a strong national security and healthy communities, TOALF approved funding for commissioning and acquiring law enforcement and firefighter challenge coins. One thousand coins each were purchased and are being used to recognize local firefighters and police officers for their service to our communities, either in one-on-one engagements or in planned recognition

events. Coins are available now and may be purchased for a nominal fee by contacting Greg Marvin, National Security Commission Chairman.



**CORY BROCKMANN**  
**TOALF MEMBER**

*How can you help make a difference? Donations to TOALF, a 501c3, are tax-deductible as permitted by law and may be made online at <https://or-legion.org/foundation>, or you can donate by check - make out to TOALF - and mail to department headquarters at The American Legion, Attn TOALF, PO Box 1730, Wilsonville, OR 97070.*



**RICHARD RAMEY**  
**TRAINING & DEVELOPEMENT**

This is the time when Posts, Districts, and Department elect new officers for the coming membership year. Some people will choose to continue in various leadership roles. Others will be new to leadership or new to positions. Some basic considerations will help transition to the New Year.

First, look back at the past year, and list your successes and where you would choose to make improvements. This will provide a background for new officers' assuming positions. It gives a picture of where the organization has been and allows for consideration of where to make changes.

Every officer, including the Committee Chairman, should view their role as a mentor for future leaders. This may consist of being a resource for background in programs or as a helper to act as a guide in helping the new person transition into the position.

It also helps to set goals for the coming year. People in positions in the last year know the history of a program's administration and thus are likely best informed about what could be improved. Make the goals reasonable. Small changes over the years will make incremental improvements in programs.

Lastly, if you have questions, ask the Department Commission or Committee for resources to help.

*Best of luck for the coming year.*



# VA & R



**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. Our Commission last met on Monday, April 10, at a virtual ZOOM meeting. In attendance were Commission members Dan Burks and Bob Huff; Ann Everetts was excused due to a medical appointment. We discussed action items from our previous virtual meeting. Our Commission is getting busier with increased activity in our Department to support our Veterans and their families. We have discussed the staffing of the Veterans Benefits Office in Portland for our Service Officers and looking at the outcomes before COVID-19.

We are changing our strategy as our history indicates that we can provide more support for claims processing and respond to Veterans' needs and questions using telephone communications and outreach. Our latest outreach at the Tillamook event in March was very well received, and we had positive outcomes. We are scheduled for additional outreach at several events in our Department, and more are being planned. The list is growing, which is good, and offers new chal-

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PDC, BOB HUFF lenges. We  
VA&R CHAIRPERSON have sched-  
uled 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, Educa-  
tion or Benefits event, or Revitaliza-  
tion for Membership, please let us  
know, and if it does not conflict 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. Remem-  
ber, Veterans and Families do not have  
to be members of our Legion Family  
to receive support from our Veterans  
Service Officers; we are available. We  
also have oversight of our Depart-  
ment's VAVS Program, and two of our  
team are VAVS Representatives. The  
VAVS program has representatives at  
our VA Facilities in Oregon, VAVS is  
voluntary, and all need more volun-  
teers desperately. If you have some  
extra time and looking for a challeng-  
ing volunteer assignment supporting  
Veterans, we need you. We have a lot  
of members in all areas of our De-  
partment, and we do not have a lot  
of volunteers. 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 commu-  
nity care. Both Roseburg and White  
City catchment areas need volunteer  
drivers to transport Veterans to Port-  
land VHA, Eugene VA appointments,  
and C&P appointments.

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. The VA has been respon-  
sive to this. Thank you to all of you  
that continue to support our Veteran's  
community. Keep up the good work.  
Face mask requirements are easing in  
a lot of our areas; some areas are by  
choice. The VAVS arm also supports  
the National Cemetery Administra-  
tion (NCA) with activity at our Na-  
tional 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 sup-  
ported four events in the past at our  
Roseburg and White City VAs with  
our National Organization. We are  
currently meeting for our Memorial  
Day Ceremonies at two of our Na-  
tional Cemeteries. I would encourage  
our member's Posts in the Northern  
Part of our Department to get en-  
gaged with Community Activity and  
with our VAs; we are welcome, we  
need to get engaged. We will be glad  
to explain how and make the first  
contact for your representatives to  
participate with these groups. We will  
be supporting the National Wheel  
Chair Games in Portland in July, and  
we have a booth at the Convention  
Center for the Disabled Sports, Rec-  
reation, and Fitness Expo on July 4th  
and 5th; the National Wheel Chair  
Games still need 3,000 volunteers to  
support the participants and games,  
volunteers are welcome and wouldn't  
it be great to see the Legion Family  
with logos supporting the games and  
our disabled veterans.

And remember, Save the Date for  
the 2023 Women Veterans Confer-  
ence, May 20 and 21, 2023. The event  
will be held at the Salem Convention  
Center/Grand Hotel. The Theme is  
"Stronger Together – Voices of Ser-  
vice". The Website is [wvc.oregondva.com](http://wvc.oregondva.com), and the contact at ODVA is Jes-  
sica Bradley, Women Veterans Pro-  
gram 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, and this is an excel-  
lent event. We will be there and sup-  
porting this event as we have in the  
past.

If your District is holding its meet-  
ing 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 sup-  
port you.

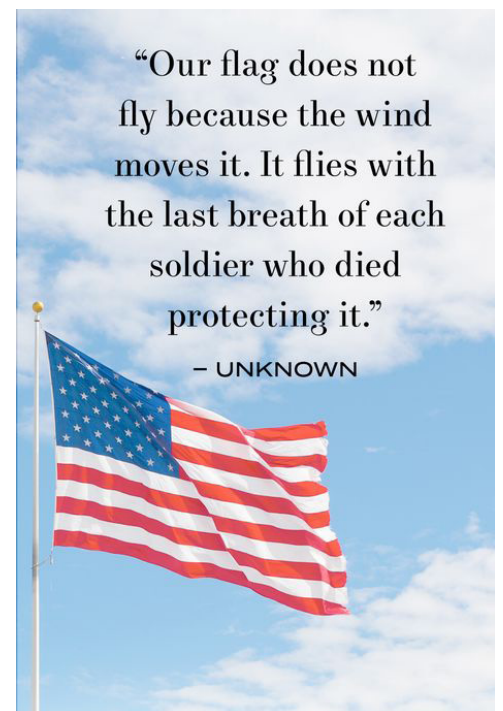
*Thank you*

## MEMORIAL DAY MAY 29TH

*ALL gave Some  
Lest we Forget those  
who gave ALL*

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

— UNKNOWN



# VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS



**PDC, BOB HUFF**  
**VEE & H CHAIRPERSON**

The Veterans Employment, Education, and Homelessness Commission and Committees members are District 9 Commander Larry Hill, District 4 Vice Commander Tom Fitzgerald, Ryan Shockley, and PDC Bob Huff (Chair). Our Commission held a virtual meeting on Zoom on Monday, April 10, and we continue to meet with our increased activity demands and scheduling more events now. We have increased activity in veterans' employment and homelessness. We are working/planning an

employment event with our partners currently in North Bend at SOCC on Wednesday, July 12. We will have a table at our Department Convention for information and what our team does and how we can help you and your Posts. We are supporting several other events in our Department, plus some in the planning stages, and will support our American Legion Booth at the National Wheel Chair Games in Portland in July. The Commission and Committees support Veterans' Employment, Education, Homelessness, Service Connected, and Veterans Small Business opportunities. Through our Commission, if you have employers, small, medium, or large, that are supporting veterans, disabled veterans, or older veterans' employment, we need to submit those employers for employment awards, both

National and Department. Two of our Posts submitted Large and Small Employers Award recommendations with supporting packages this past year. 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. Although neither won the National Award, we will also present Department awards. I encourage you, your Post to submit those Veteran Friendly employers for recognition. Our first pillar, Veterans, we have the opportunity and the tools to help Veterans and their families in our Department. If you have events helping veterans with employment, education, homelessness, or small business opportunities, please contact us. More to come.

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## Harney County Post 63 NEWS

Mark your calendars! American Legion Harney County Post 63 will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, at 7:00pm at the Post home located at 63 West C Street in Burns. Dinner, complementary of the Post, will be served at 6:00pm. All Legionnaires are welcome and encouraged to participate in the comradery.

As the Legion's 2023 membership campaign is nearing closure, Harney County Post #63 has reached, and surpassed its post goal. However, with two and a half months remaining in the campaign we all still have

time to invite a veteran to join our Post. Membership is The American Legion's strength when we advocate on Capitol Hill for veterans, their families, and our America. A strong membership creates a strong voice.

The 2023 Oregon Boys State session will be held June 25-July 1, 2023, on the campus of Oregon State University. Post members will be offering this opportunity to high students at Burns and Crane High Schools, Harney County Home Schoolers, and Silvies River Academy who have just completed their junior year of high school. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state

government, Boys State was founded in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county, and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, recreational and other programs. American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective education programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. Boys State is a week that shapes a lifetime.



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Or Mail to: The Department of Oregon  
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P.O. Box 1730  
Wilsonville, OR 97070-1730

Interesting things to make  
you say  
Hmmm.....



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.

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Department of Oregon

104<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention, North Bend, Oregon,  
June 14, 15, 16, 17, 2023

Resolution No: B-23-01

Title: Documentation of Department Meetings Proceedings

Origin: Department of Oregon Administrative and Advisory Commission

**WHEREAS,** Minutes are official record of actions taken during Department Executive Committee (DEC), Department Convention, Department Commissions/Committee meetings/proceedings; and

**WHEREAS,** Meeting minutes summarizes topics of discussions, decisions, votes on specific motions, activities, administrative information, date and time of meetings, and names all attendees; and

**WHEREAS,** Meeting minutes serves a historical purpose, a legal purpose while documenting a group's adherence to the proper procedures and organizational Constitution and By-Laws, Code of Procedures, Policies, State and Federal guidelines; and

**WHEREAS,** Minutes and recordings made during a meeting are discoverable in litigation; and

**WHEREAS,** In accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 60.771 - Corporation Records and Reports, a corporation shall keep as permanent records, minutes of all meetings of its shareholders and board of directors; a record of all actions taken by the shareholder or board of directors without a meeting and a record of all actions taken by a committee of the board of directors in place of the board of directors on behalf of the corporation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By Department of Oregon, Administrative and Advisory Commission at its April 6, 2023, virtual meeting, that Department of Oregon at its' annual meeting June 14-17, 2023 in North Bend, Oregon change Department of Oregon 2021-2022 By-Laws, Appendix A, Item 2 to read: "The Department Adjutant will transcribe a draft copy of minutes from each recorded Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting no later than 30 days after each adjournment. A formal, formatted copy of each meeting minutes will be distributed by the Department Adjutant to DEC members and to Department Chairpersons for their review no later than 35 days after adjournment. Comments on meeting minutes from members of the DEC and Department Chairpersons must be returned to the Department Adjutant no later than 45 days after adjournment of applicable DEC meeting. Department Adjutant will distribute copies of DEC meeting minutes, in final approval form, to members of the DEC and to Department Chairpersons no later than 15 days prior to the next DEC meeting. Minutes from the Pre-Convention and Post-Convention DEC meetings will be distributed simultaneously in accordance with the mentioned timelines;" and, be it finally

For Convention Use  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred to Standing Commission or Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Received and Recorded \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of Secretary

This is to certify that the above resolution was  
Adopted by the Department Executive Committee  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Department Commander  
Action Taken by Convention Delegation  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved with Amendments \_\_\_\_\_  
Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Adjutant, Department of Oregon

**RESOLVED,** That Department Executive Committee members, Department Commissions and Committees Chairpersons, and Department Headquarters Staff comply with all governing directives by recording, documenting, and maintaining historical archives of all Department Executive Committee meetings, Department of Oregon Convention proceedings, and all Department Commission and Committee meetings.

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Adjutant, Department of Oregon

Department of Oregon  
Department Administrative & Advisory Commission  
Resolution

No: B-23-02

Title: Documentation of Department Convention Proceedings

Origin: Department Administrative and Advisory Commission

**WHEREAS:** Minutes are official record of actions taken during Department of Oregon's Annual Convention, and

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Committee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Approved ☐  
Rejected ☐  
Referred to: ☐  
Other Action ☐

Charles E. Schmidt, Chairman  
Administrative and Advisory Commission

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Committee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Approved ☐  
Rejected ☐  
Referred to: ☐  
Other Action ☐

Charles E. Schmidt, Chairman  
Administrative and Advisory Commission

Signature, Resolutions Committee



National Poppy Day  
May 26th

 AMERICAN  
LEGION



# Post 21 Getting it Done Whose a 101 Year Young?



On the morning of April 8, 2023, five Legion Riders (Berweger, Amodeo, White, Naig, and Connelly) from The American Legion Post 21 McMinnville, pulled a Pearl Harbor sneak attack on the birthday girl Peggy Lutz.

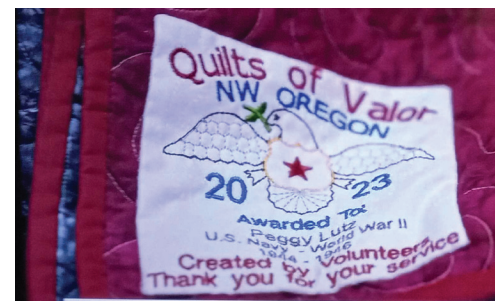
A 101-years-young, WWII US Navy WAVE. She was an Air traffic Controller in Klamath Falls and Astoria, Oregon. She was presented with a bouquet of Red and White roses highlighted with blue beauty.

Matt of Eagle Eye Droneography, was there to film both events.

Channel 12 from Portland, Oregon helped capture the moment. It was aired Wednesday, April 12th on the 10 o'clock news.



On Wednesday, April 12th, at The American Legion Post 21 Peggy was honored with a beautiful "North West Quilt of Valor", a gift made by volunteers.



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in  
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# CORY E. BROCKMANN

Aloha #104

For

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

2023-2024

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



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# MEMBERSHIP



## Department of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 5/3/23

### 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	54	135	10	205	245	83.67
OR-0012	Clatsop Inc	Astoria	20	56	227	1	304	410	74.15
OR-0042	J H Wellington Inc	St Helens	4	17	73	4	98	120	81.67
OR-0047	Tillamook	Tillamook	9	2	15	13	39	15	260.00
OR-0056	Argonne Inc	Sherwood	8	31	143	2	184	235	78.30
OR-0068	T Les Galloway	Clatskanie	4	20	86	0	110	120	91.67
OR-0090	John Kalmbach	Banks	4	19	84	0	107	142	75.35
OR-0099	Seaside	Seaside	40	39	232	7	318	320	99.38
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	30	66	318	2	416	500	83.20
OR-0119	Vernonia Inc	Vernonia	4	2	26	0	32	38	84.21
OR-0124	Beaverton	Beaverton	1	14	56	0	71	115	61.74
OR-0126	Neill Walker	Nehalem	0	3	5	0	8	15	53.33
OR-0158	Tigard	Tigard	29	68	327	7	431	584	73.80
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	4	10	103	2	119	151	78.81
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2,559</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>81.24</b>

### OR Dist 0002 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0007	Delbert Reeves	Silverton	0	9	16	3	28	27	103.70
OR-0009	Capital	Salem	0	40	101	2	143	180	79.44
OR-0017	Keizer	Keizer	6	2	33	3	44	44	100.00
OR-0020	Carl B Fenton	Dallas	1	16	89	1	107	131	81.68
OR-0021	Mc Minnville	Mc Minnville	44	49	300	9	402	449	89.53
OR-0033	Independence	Independence	0	5	30	2	37	40	92.50
OR-0046	Woodburn	Woodburn	1	10	34	3	48	53	90.57
OR-0057	Lester C Rees	Newberg	18	8	54	5	85	75	113.33
OR-0058	Stayton	Stayton	17	24	131	5	177	173	102.31
OR-0075	Sheridan	Sheridan	12	8	58	1	79	58	136.21
OR-0089	Mt. Angel	Mt. Angel	5	2	52	1	60	58	103.45
OR-0110	Aurora Inc	Aurora	0	3	7	2	12	15	80.00
OR-0122	Canby	Canby	12	49	182	5	248	300	82.67
OR-0136	Salem	Salem	1	33	108	0	142	130	109.23
OR-0149	Pioneer Inc	Salem	2	12	15	0	29	40	72.50
OR-0159	Mill City-Gates	Mill City	0	2	1	0	3	22	13.64
OR-0173	Carlton Memorial	Carlton	8	12	76	1	97	105	92.38
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>91.63</b>

### OR Dist 0003 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0003	Eugene Inc	Eugene	0	17	39	0	56	65	86.15
OR-0010	Albany Inc	Albany	29	83	361	5	478	527	90.70
OR-0011	Corvallis	Corvallis	0	19	46	0	65	94	69.15
OR-0032	Calvin Funk	Cottage Grove	9	12	45	5	71	62	114.52
OR-0040	Springfield	Springfield	0	25	61	4	90	106	84.91
OR-0051	Santiam Inc	Lebanon	29	53	468	4	554	636	87.11
OR-0059	Francis M Yost	Florence	5	13	61	0	79	105	75.24
OR-0061	Tri-Counties	Junction City	1	16	52	5	74	75	98.67
OR-0064	Cascade	Oakridge	1	6	16	1	24	27	88.89
OR-0083	North Eugene-Santa Cla	Eugene	19	31	163	2	215	273	78.75
OR-0097	Lincoln City	Lincoln City	0	10	20	0	30	29	103.45
OR-0100	Mary's River	Philomath	0	1	8	0	9	15	60.00
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	43	29	211	6	289	299	96.66
OR-0133	Timber City	Sweet Home	0	8	15	0	23	29	79.31
OR-0184	Travis Moothart	Brownsville	4	12	44	0	60	58	103.45
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>88.21</b>

### OR Dist 0004 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0008	Klamath	Klamath Falls	9	34	174	0	217	281	77.22
OR-0014	Guy T Applewhite	Ashland	0	4	10	0	14	24	58.33
OR-0015	Medford	Medford	0	38	108	6	152	232	65.52
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	9	30	210	4	253	288	87.85
OR-0050	Williams Valley	Williams	7	6	39	0	52	43	120.93
OR-0069	Rogue River	Rogue River	0	2	5	0	7	15	46.67
OR-0070	Glenn Morrison	Cave Junction	2	4	20	4	30	38	78.95
OR-0084	Malin Inc	Malin	1	10	41	0	52	63	82.54
OR-0129	Myers-Holland Inc	Central Point	0	4	113	0	117	132	88.64
OR-0192	White City	White City	0	8	46	0	54	84	64.29
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>79</b>

### OR Dist 0005 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0004	Stevens-Chute	Bend	0	25	66	3	94	145	64.83
OR-0019	The Dalles Inc	The Dalles	1	13	45	1	60	84	71.43
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	1	10	43	0	54	73	73.97
OR-0025	Frank Burns	Condon	1	4	20	0	25	32	78.13
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	19	21	182	5	227	236	96.19
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	4	41	165	12	222	266	83.46
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	35	80	253	2	370	416	88.94
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	1	20	24	83.33
OR-0073	Maupin	Maupin	1	0	6	0	7	15	46.67
OR-0086	Sisters	Sisters	1	11	75	0	87	141	61.70
OR-0125	Jefferson County Vetera	Madras	0	6	26	0	32	48	66.67
OR-0131	Deer Ridge	Madras	0	1	1	0	2	31	6.45
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>63</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>77.31</b>

### 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	1	14	56	2	73	87	83.91
OR-0037	Hermiston	Hermiston	21	13	83	0	117	110	106.36
OR-0041	John Noble Holcomb	Baker City	1	10	33	1	45	65	69.23
OR-0043	La Grande	La Grande	5	35	159	3	202	233	86.70
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	33	0	50	41	121.95
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
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>82.53</b>

### OR Dist 0007 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0030	Gresham	Gresham	0	15	52	4	71	130	54.62
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	57	2	90	180	50.00
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
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>66.88</b>

# OR Dist 0008 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	11	59	223	5	298	425	70.12
OR-0005	Willamette Falls Inc	Oregon City	4	7	40	7	58	75	77.33
OR-0065	Wilsonville	Wilsonville	1	5	29	3	38	65	58.46
OR-0127	Sandy	Sandy	0	2	9	2	13	20	65.00
OR-0150	Oregon Trail	Portland	7	21	63	4	95	110	86.36
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	26	38	415	10	489	605	80.83
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>76.23</b>

# OR Dist 0009 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0016	Earle B Stewart	Roseburg	8	48	113	10	179	256	69.92
OR-0026	Bandon	Bandon	4	5	46	5	60	60	100.00
OR-0034	Bay Area	North Bend	1	25	114	22	162	160	101.25
OR-0036	Coquille-Myrtle Point	Coquille	0	6	35	8	49	52	94.23
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	7	57	56	101.79
OR-0123	Fallin	Canyonville	5	6	48	4	63	81	77.78
OR-0152	Baird-Heaton	Oakland	1	5	30	0	36	44	81.82
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>78.53</b>

# OR Dist 0010 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0063	Harney County	Burns	7	12	96	1	116	113	102.65
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	23	0	26	29	89.66
OR-0096	Vale	Vale	9	4	35	1	49	59	83.05
OR-0106	Prairie	Prairie City	5	4	62	0	71	63	112.70
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>91.74</b>

# OR Dist 0099 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0114	Headquarters	Portland	0	75	411	0	486		
		<b>SUM:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>486</b>		

# Department of Oregon Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>9,216</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>14,174</b>	<b>85.97</b>

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1	OR Dist 0001 LGN	170	436	1,902	51	2,559	3,150	81.24
2	OR Dist 0002 LGN	127	284	1,287	43	1,741	1,900	91.63
3	OR Dist 0003 LGN	140	335	1,610	32	2,117	2,400	88.21
4	OR Dist 0004 LGN	28	140	766	14	948	1,200	79.00
5	OR Dist 0005 LGN	63	229	921	24	1,237	1,600	77.31
6	OR Dist 0006 LGN	32	112	466	9	619	750	82.53
7	OR Dist 0007 LGN	31	100	278	9	418	625	66.88
8	OR Dist 0008 LGN	49	132	779	31	991	1,300	76.23
9	OR Dist 0009 LGN	21	120	460	57	658	801	82.15
10	OR Dist 0010 LGN	35	38	336	2	411	448	91.74
11	OR Dist 0099 LGN	0	75	411	0	486		
	<b>SUM:</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>9,216</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>14,174</b>	<b>85.97</b>

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1		696	2,001	9,216	272	12,185	14,174	85.97
	<b>SUM:</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>9,216</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>14,174</b>	<b>85.97</b>



# Detachment Of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 5/3/23



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	7	0	36	0	43	44	97.73
OR-0006	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	1	0	21	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	14	0	63	0	77	75	102.67
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	8	0	40	0	48	54	88.89
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	0	0	5	0	5	10	50.00
OR-0024	Milton-Freewater	Milton-Freewater	1	0	14	0	15	14	107.14
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	4	0	19	0	23	23	100.00
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	29	0	29	32	90.63
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	2	0	11	0	13	23	56.52
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	14	0	46	0	60	61	98.36
OR-0048	Eugene Cougar Greene,	Warm Springs	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0051	Santiam	Lebanon	17	0	72	0	89	94	94.68
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	8	0	0	0	8	10	80.00
OR-0083	North Eugene-Santa Cla	Eugene	18	0	32	0	50	44	113.64
OR-0095	Ione	Ione	1	0	16	0	17	21	80.95
OR-0099	Seaside	Seaside	36	0	92	0	128	115	111.30
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	36	0	92	0	128	120	106.67
OR-0110	Aurora	Aurora	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	8	0	55	0	63	67	94.03
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	19	0	54	0	73	71	102.82
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	8	0	82	0	90	101	89.11
OR-0173	Carlton Memorial	Carlton	3	0	19	0	22	24	91.67
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	42	0	78	0	120	87	137.93
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>298</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,427</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>100.07</b>

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>101.91</b>

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1	OR Dist 0004 SAL	14	0	0	0	14	10	140.00
1		298	0	1,129	0	1,427	1,426	100.07
	<b>SUM:</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>101.91</b>

# Detachment Of Oregon 2023 Membership as of 5/3/23 County Summary Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1		312	0	1,129	0	1,441	1,436	100.35
	<b>SUM:</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>101.91</b>



# Indianapolis High School Senior Wins American Legion Oratoricals Earns \$25K Scholarship, National Championship

INDIANAPOLIS (April 23, 2023) — A home-schooled senior from Indianapolis capped a busy weekend of competition in her home city by earning a \$25,000 college scholarship and first place in The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – “A Constitutional Speech Contest.” Haley Bock’s winning prepared oration was titled “The Black Hole of American Democracy: American Territories are Where Voting Rights Vanish.”

Bock started the weekend as one of 49 state or department champions in the 84th annual contest. She advanced to the championship through three rounds of intense competition. She was sponsored by American Legion Post 3 in Indianapolis.

Ian Chung, a senior from Vestal, N.Y., earned a \$22,500 college scholarship with a second-place finish, while Emma Johnson, an 11th grade student from Powell, Wyo., earned \$20,000 and third place in the competition. The scholarships account for a small portion of post-secondary scholarships that The American Legion, the nation’s largest veterans organization, awards annually.

In her prepared oration, Bock opened her remarks about Luis Segovia, a U.S. citizen and Guam resident who served tour tours in Iraq and Afghanistan with the Illinois National Guard.

“Luis Segovia was willing to give his life for his country,” she said. “He protected Iraqi citizens’ right to vote. But

back home in America, Luis, along with four million residents of the American territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands were denied their right to vote.”

“They’re calling out but they’ve yet to be heard,” she concluded. “So, who will give them their voice? When will we all speak out, rise together, and grant those the rights they too have fought for and deserve?”

In each round of the weekend competition, orators delivered a rehearsed 8- to 10-minute address and a randomly assigned 3- to 5-minute oration on a constitutional topic, each without the benefit of notes and in front of a live audience, including the judges. The nearly 1.7-million-member American Legion developed the contest to encourage young people to improve their communications skills and to study the U.S. Constitution. More than \$3 million in scholarships have been awarded over the history of the contest.



## The American Legion Bay Area Post 34

Members from The American Legion Bay Area Post 34, Coos Bay Elks 1160, and Voiture 316 40-8 recently participated in the “Flags for First Graders” program. Approximately 300 children participated from North Bay, Hillcrest Eastside Elementary Schools.

Each first grader received a bag with a coloring book, a book about the US Flag, and a small US Flag. The kids were excited and learned about veterans, the US Flag, what each fold of the flag means when it is folded, and why we should respect it.

We appreciate the cooperation with the administrations of both elementary schools and their teachers. The event was our First Annual Flags for First Graders, and we look forward to our organization’s continued partnership with each other at the elementary schools.



(Above) Pictured Left to Right: Ralph Rhea, Eric Stallings, and Lou Kolkhorst.  
Eastside Elementary School,  
Coos Bay, Oregon

(Left) Pictured Left to Right: Lou Kolkhorst, Ralph Rhea, Eric Stallings, Kevin Owens, and John Trauth.  
North Bay Elementary School,  
North Bend. Oregon

Candidate for 2023-2024

Department President

Catherine Brockmann



Aloha Unit #104



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**Advocate for Veterans**

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

**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  
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- Paint and distribute patriotic rocks in communities

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- Department Vice President
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RESOLUTION

104<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention, North Bend, Oregon, June 14, 15, 16, 17, 2023

Resolution No. B-23-03 By-Laws Amendments

Referred to Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Richard Ramey

WHEREAS, ARTICLE VI – DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION, Section 1 states:

Section 1. The immediate Past Department Commander, the Department Commander, and the Department Adjutant shall be delegates to the National Convention. The remaining delegates shall be elected by Districts, and the number from each District will be allotted by the Department Executive Committee on the basis of membership prior to the Convention; provided, however, each Legion District shall always be entitled to at least one delegate. The immediate Past Department Commander shall be the Chairman of the delegation.

And, WHEREAS the newly elected Department Commander is the only officer with official duties to represent the Department of Oregon; and

WHEREAS other delegates can assume any requirements in administering responsibilities deemed necessary as determined at National Convention; and

WHEREAS this change will allow funds that would have been required for the Immediate Past Commander and Adjutant for travel and per diem to be used for other purposes in the administration of the Department throughout the year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The American Legion Department of Oregon at its annual Convention to be held in North Bend, Oregon on June 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2023, change Constitution By-Laws Article VI, - DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION, Section 1 to read:

Section 1. The Department Commander shall be a delegate to the National Convention. The remaining delegates shall be elected by Districts, and the number from each District will be allotted by the Department Executive Committee on the basis of membership prior to the Convention; provided, however, each Legion District shall always be entitled to at least one delegate. *The Department Commander shall be the Chairman of the delegation.*

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this change take effect upon its adoption.

For Convention Use  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred to Standing Commission or Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Received and Recorded \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of Secretary

This is to certify that the above resolution was  
Adopted by our Post No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adjutant \_\_\_\_\_  
Action Taken by Convention Delegation  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Approved with Amendments \_\_\_\_\_  
Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Adjutant, Department of Oregon

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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104<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention, North Bend, Oregon, June 14, 15, 16, 17, 2023

Resolution No. C-23-02 Appendix A Rule 15

Referred to Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Richard Ramey

**WHEREAS**, Department of Oregon Constitution and By-Laws APPENDIX A STANDING RULES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF OREGON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, Rule 15, states: Any time a poll is needed, the Department Adjutant shall send out a letter of explanation with a ballot to be returned within five (5) working days; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department Constitution, Article VII, Section 1 states Between Department Conventions, the administrative power of the Department shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, All polls should have the approval of the D.E.C.; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That The American Legion Department of Oregon at its annual Convention to be held in North Bend, Oregon on June 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2023, change Constitution and By-Laws, Appendix A, Rule 15 to read:

*Any time a D.E.C. directed poll is needed, the Department Adjutant shall send out a letter of explanation with a ballot to be returned within five (5) working days; and, be it finally*

**RESOLVED**, that this change take effect upon its adoption.

For Convention Use  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred to Standing Commission or Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Received and Recorded \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of Secretary

This is to certify that the above resolution was  
Adopted by the Department Executive Committee  
Signature Department Commander \_\_\_\_\_  
Action Taken by Convention Delegation  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Approved with Amendments \_\_\_\_\_  
Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Adjutant, Department of Oregon

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104<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention, North Bend, Oregon, June 14, 15, 16, 17, 2023

Resolution No. C-23-01 Appendix A Rule 9

Referred to Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Richard Ramey

**WHEREAS**, Department of Oregon Constitution and By-Laws APPENDIX A STANDING RULES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF OREGON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, Rule 9, states: Members of the D.E.C. should submit their reports in writing and reports shall be limited to five (5) minutes and a copy of same be given to the Department Administrative Assistant; and

**WHEREAS**, All officers AND Commission /Committee Chairman should submit their reports in writing; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department Adjutant, as detailed in Constitution By-Laws, Article III, Section 5, is the Administrative Officer of the Department and required to conduct the necessary administrative and clerical acts properly to conduct the business of the Department, and therefore receive all reports to determine their proper dispensation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That The American Legion Department of Oregon at its annual Convention to be held in North Bend, Oregon on June 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2023, change Constitution and By-Laws, Appendix A, Rule 9 to read:

*Members of the D.E.C. and Commission/Committee Chairmen, should submit their reports in writing and reports shall be limited to five (5) minutes and a copy of same be given to the Department Adjutant, and, be it finally*

**RESOLVED**, that this change take effect upon its adoption.

For Convention Use  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred to Standing Commission or Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Received and Recorded \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of Secretary

This is to certify that the above resolution was  
Adopted by the Department Executive Committee  
Signature Department Commander \_\_\_\_\_  
Action Taken by Convention Delegation  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Approved with Amendments \_\_\_\_\_  
Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Adjutant, Department of Oregon

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Resolution No. C-23-03 Article V Section 6 Amendments

Referred to Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Richard Ramey

**WHEREAS**, Chairman of Department Standing Commissions and Commanders of the intermediate bodies constituted under authority of Section 7 of Article VII of this Constitution shall have the privilege of the floor, without the power to vote, at a Department Conventions, and Chairman of Department Standing Commissions, if elected delegates to the Convention, shall be Chairman of their respective Convention Committees with power to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman of Department Standing Commissions and Commanders of intermediate bodies, if elected delegates to the Convention, do have the power to vote; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The American Legion Department of Oregon at its annual Convention to be held in North Bend, Oregon on June 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2023, change Constitution Article V, - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION, Section 6 be changed for clarity to be two sentences with the first sentence to read:

*Chairman of Department Standing Commissions and Commanders of the intermediate bodies constituted under authority of Section 7 of Article VII of this Constitution, if elected delegates to the Convention shall have the privilege of the floor, with the power to vote, at a Department Convention; and*

**RESOLVED**, A second sentence be added to state:

*Chairman of Department Standing Commissions, if elected delegates to the Convention, shall be Chairman of their respective Convention Committees with power to vote; and, be it finally*

**RESOLVED**, This change take effect upon its adoption.

For Convention Use  
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## Vet News - National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Like many Americans I barely knew when the official end of the much hated Vietnam war finally came to a close. According to what I've read, very little was published in the newspapers.

I volunteered for Vietnam way back when, September 9, 1968, with just over 2 years remaining in my enlistment with the Marines. I remember the day rather well. Our gunny arrived in the jet engine shop and loudly announced, "Fall in!" In one hand he held a sheet of paper and in the other he held a large piece of rail road chalk. As we fell into ranks he calmly bent over and drew a long white line on the concrete floor.

With a soggy short cigar firmly clenched in his teeth he asked, "I need four volunteers for Vietnam."

My good friend and co-worker, Benny Kell, and I, discussed the opportunity with a glance and quickly stepped across the line. A moment later two more Marines made the choice to go 'OCS,' "over choppy seas."

We were well trained, young, adventurous, and ready to go. To this day I do not regret my decision.

The next day we began checking out and were soon on our way home for a brief 20 day leave before we flew west to Staging Battalion in Camp Pendleton, CA for 30 days of intense training and a boat load of shots.

We were considered, 'replacement troops' and did not travel to Nam as combat unit. We were going to fill the gaps created by troops "returning to the world" after a 13 month tour. At that time the Marines served 13 months and other branches served 12. After I arrived someone way up the chain-of-command saw fit to shorten our tours to 12 months.

Since most of us were either in our teens or early 20s the flight on a contracted commercial Continental Airlines 707 was full of frivolity. A year later the flight home was more like a droning morgue. Hardly anyone talked. I remember one young man, who had matured considerably, went to the small toilet several times throughout the flight just to wash his hands of Nam.

Upon arriving in Okinawa we were processed through the labyrinth of paperwork and 7 quick days later were once again heading westerly to Danang, this time aboard a South Korean Airline.

As we deplaned the heat, humidity, and the noise of the busiest air base in the world said, "Welcome to Southeast Asia's Vacationland." An occasional explosion punctuated the atmosphere.

Now I had to find a flight to Chu Lai which was somewhere south of this swirling mass of flying machines and sweating humanity. I gathered my 66 pound sea bag, hoisted it to my shoulder and trudged to the terminal which seemed to be miles away. The line was long and the Marines manning the flight manifest counter sounded more like comedians calling out flights to "Dong Ha ha ha," "Phu Bai bye," and "Lovely Khe Sahn." No Chu Lai that evening, I had to report back in the morning and hope for a flight.

Now I had to find a place to spend the night. I was directed back to where I had deplaned earlier and found a very sparse screened walled structure with nothing but bare olive drab cots for furniture. By the time I fell asleep the 'vacationland motel' was full of snoozing and perspiring Marines.

Morning came, and I was hungry. Hadn't had a meal in almost 24 hours and I had to tote my sea bag back to the comedy shack and get my name on a flight manifest to my future home.

Within hours of arriving in Chu Lai I was settled into a hootch and busy looking for the mess hall which was conveniently 150 yards away. The next morning I was assigned to my shop, a crew, and Response Platoon. Response Platoons were quickly assembled and trucked to the perimeter to repel income enemy forces.

The work pace was somewhat frenetic and the shifts were 12 hours long and if you were on dayshift, like I was, your night was interspersed with bunker duty where you hunkered down for the night peering into the darkness listening for anything that wasn't supposed to be out there. Rain or shine.

So much happened during my time there. Rocket attacks, mortar attacks, rats, sapper probes, a brief detail in the bomb dump assembling explosive hardware, filled sand bags, stacking sand bags, jets going out on missions, planes and choppers ferrying troops to various locations throughout, nightly fireworks displays, and the list goes on.

Then it happened. President Nixon was parlaying with the North, at the Paris Peace Talks, to end the war in a peaceful manner. A plan was put into place to bring the troops home via Phases. One day I was summoned to the office, along with 3 other Marines, and informed that we were going to finish our tours in Japan. Two months early for me.

All too soon 12 Air Force C-130s were flying 600 tired Marines north. Two months later I was on a return flight back to "The World" aboard an American Airlines 707. We landed at Travis AFB and were soon bused to either Treasure Island or the San Francisco airport. Our bus route took us right by protesting hippies who were living in tents along California freeways. Yep, that was our "Welcome Home."

Or was it? Some returning troops faced angry responses from people while others were given wide berth as though they had an incurable disease.

When the Vietnam War finally came to a close we all knew the outcome. We lost the war and in the process we lost over 58,000 people, one of which was a childhood friend.

Due to space I cannot add to this epistle, but several years ago I spent a portion of every day recounting and writing of my tour in Nam, mainly for my kids. It took 375 days to write 375 chapters.

When you see a veteran remember this, tucked away in his or her brain housing group therein lies a library of personal history.

I was a Vietnam Vet before it became popular.

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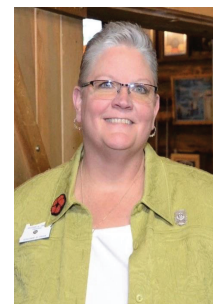
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RESOLUTION

104<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention, North Bend, Oregon, June 14, 15, 16, 17, 2023

Resolution No. C-23-04 Article XV Section 2 Amendment

Referred to Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Richard Ramey

*WHEREAS*, Department of Oregon, Constitution ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS, Section 2 states: Department of Oregon, Constitution ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS, Section 2 second sentence states:

The Department Adjutant shall, not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening of such Convention, forward a copy of each proposed amendment to each Post in the and post the proposed amendment on the Department Website and Facebook; and

*WHEREAS*, the second sentence does not specify where the Department Adjutant is to Post the proposed amendment; and

*WHEREAS*, Facebook pages have less restrictive administrative privileges, and the other notifying avenues are adequate for advising members, the Facebook requirement should be deleted; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The American Legion Department of Oregon at its annual Convention to be held in North Bend, Oregon on June 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2023, change Constitution Article XV, - AMENDMENTS, Section 2, second sentence to read:

The Department Adjutant shall, not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening of such Convention, forward a copy of each proposed amendment to each Post in the Department and post the proposed amendment on the Department Website; and, be it finally

**RESOLVED**, This change take effect upon its adoption.

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104<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention, North Bend, Oregon, June 14, 15, 16, 17, 2023

**Resolution No. C-23-05** : Add language to The Department of Oregon Constitution and By-laws Article VII Convention Rules to clarify the responsibilities of the Resolution Assignment Committee

**Origin:** Department Resolution Committee

**Submitted By:** Terry Brown, Chair Resolution Committee

*WHEREAS*, The Department of Oregon Constitution and By-laws Article VII Convention Rules states: A resolution offered on the floor of the Convention shall automatically and without reading be referred to the appropriate Convention Committee, or, in the absence of such Committee, to the Resolutions Assignment Committee for referral to the appropriate Convention Committee for proper consideration; and, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Department of Oregon Constitution and By-laws Article VII Convention Rules be changed to read: A resolution offered on the floor of the Convention shall automatically and without reading be referred to the appropriate Convention Committee, or, in the absence of such Committee, to the Resolutions Assignment Committee for review and edit for format, punctuation, spelling and other known errors before referral to the appropriate Convention Committee for proper consideration; and, be it finally

**RESOLVED**, This change take effect upon its adoption at The American Legion Department of Oregon at its annual Convention to be held in North Bend, Oregon on June 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF OREGON  
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**Resolution No. C-23-006:** Remove language from The Department of Oregon Constitution and By-laws Standing Commission to clarify Resolution “Assignment” Committee

**Origin:** Department Resolution Committee

**Submitted By:** Terry Brown, Chair Resolution Committee

*WHEREAS*, Within the Department of Oregon Constitution and By-laws there currently exists the same title “Resolution Assignment Committee” for two Resolution Committees that have different functions and responsibilities; and

*WHEREAS*, Department of Oregon Code of Procedures specifies the Resolution Committee shall consist of 5 members, who’s terms shall be: one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and two for one year; and

*WHEREAS*, The Code of Procedures specifies the Resolution Committee shall review and edit resolutions for format, punctuation, spelling and other known errors without changing the spirit of the resolution and assign resolutions to the proper commissions and committees throughout the year except at the annual Department Convention; and

*WHEREAS*, The Department of Oregon Constitution and By-laws Article VII Convention Rules states the CONVENTION Resolution Assignment Committee shall be appointed from qualified members attending the Convention and the committee shall be dissolved at the end of the Convention; and

*WHEREAS*, The Department of Oregon Constitution and By-laws Article VII Convention Rules states: A resolution offered on the floor of the Convention shall automatically and without reading be referred to the appropriate Convention Committee, or, in the absence of such Committee, to the Resolutions Assignment Committee for referral to the appropriate Convention Committee for proper consideration; and, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, Department of Oregon Constitution and By-laws ARTICLE IX - DEPARTMENT STANDING COMMISSIONS Section 2.3, remove the word “Assignment” from the Resolution Assignment Committee; and,

**RESOLVED**, Department of Oregon Constitution and By-laws ARTICLE IX - DEPARTMENT STANDING COMMISSIONS Section 6. Remove the word “Assignment” from the Resolution Assignment Committee; and, be it finally

**RESOLVED**, This change take effect upon its adoption at The American Legion Department of Oregon at its annual Convention to be held in North Bend, Oregon on June 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2023.

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# In Oregon, two volunteers give unclaimed human remains a proper burial

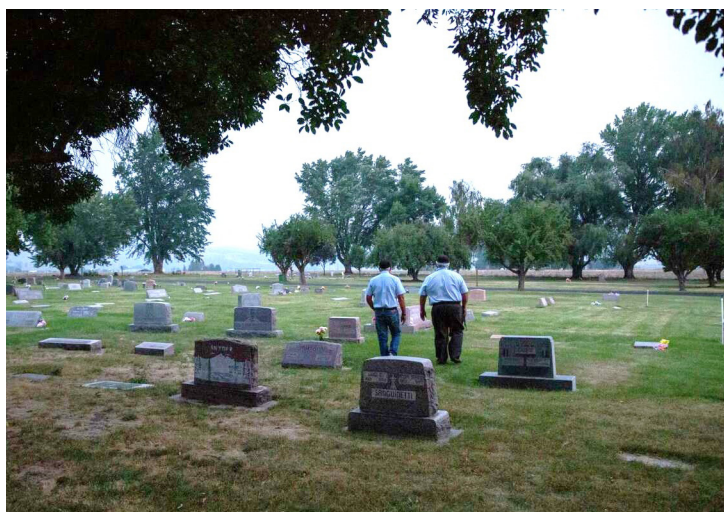
## 2017 Burial

### **Potter's Field Dedication and Burial**

On November 18, 2017, Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Klamath Falls, Oregon provided a final resting place for 148 abandoned or unclaimed cremains. A year earlier, cemetery leaders learned that approximately 30 sets of cremains that have been stored at a local funeral home. The Board of Directors and employees of Mt. Calvary voted unanimously to dedicate a portion of the cemetery as a Potter's Field to allow these cremains to receive a proper burial. Everyone involved with Mt. Calvary sees their activities as a ministry exercising the Corporal Work of Mercy to 'Bury the Dead.' After contacting a second funeral home about the Potter's Field, both funeral homes identified 148 sets of cremains that were abandoned or unclaimed.

In a moving ceremony, an estimated 160 people attended the dedication of the Potter's Field and burial. Being that there were 11 veterans among the cremains, the ceremony started with Military Honors being rendered by the combined Veterans of Foreign Wars and Marine Corps League Color Guard. Following Military Honors, Father Shiju Thuruthiyil of St. Pius X Catholic Church presided over the Catholic Rite of Christian Burial.

At least every two years, Mt. Calvary will canvas the local Funeral Homes to see if there are any more abandoned or unclaimed remains. If there is a need, Mt. Calvary will take possession and ensure that the cremains receive a dignified burial in the Pot-



Benjamin Quen left, and Ipo Ross at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Klamath County, OR. The two work to give unclaimed cremains a proper burial.

Photo for The Washington Post by Arden S. Barnes

ter's Field.

The internment of the cremains was assisted by the Knights of Columbus, Civic Leaders, including Mayor Carol Westfall, and Faith Community Leaders. The desire was to make the day a community as well as an ecumenical event to promote unity among the Klamath Falls Christian community in the burial of our brothers and sisters. There has been every indication that this was accomplished. Feedback has been extremely positive, with most people saying how wonderful it was to see community leaders and Pastors from different Christian Churches come together to pay final respects to the abandoned and unclaimed cremains. There were 15 below-ground ossuaries in place to receive ten sets of cremains each. In a very reverent fashion, 15 Pastors and community leaders were invited to read ten names, lower them into the ossuary and offer a prayer. It was truly a moving process that expressed everyone's respect and desire to provide a proper burial for these brothers and sisters.

Publicity of the overall effort has been documented in the local newspaper and a few television news outlets, including EWTN. The publicity has allowed several of the cremains to be reunited with their families. While the publicity is appreciated, we must give thanks to God for allowing us the opportunity to perform this Corporal Work of Mercy. As it states in Colossians 3:17, *"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

## 2021 Burial

### **Unclaimed Cremains Laid to Rest at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery**

The Knights of Columbus Oregon Council gathered in Klamath Falls from April 30 to May 2, 2021, for their annual state convention. The 113th Convention was hosted by Klamath Falls Knights of Columbus Mt. McLaughlin Council 2255 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. In addition to hosting the Convention, Council 2255 celebrated its 100-year anniversary on April 24, 2021.

The theme for this year's Convention was 'Mercy in Motion.' The theme was selected because the Knights of Columbus are continuously performing Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy that extends God's compassion and mercy to those in need. At every state convention, a community service project is undertaken.

This year the Corporal Work of Mercy to Bury the Dead was selected. On Sunday, May 2 The Knights of Columbus  
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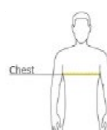
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Mens Polo w/ Pocket



How to measure



CHEST WIDTH

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Chest	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57	58-60	61-63
Qty										
Cost Ea	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00
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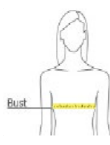
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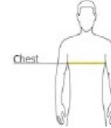


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Bust	32-34	35-36	37-38	39-41	42-44	45-47	48-51	52-55	58-59	60-63
Qty										
Cost Ea	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00
Total Ea										

Youth Polo



How to measure



CHEST WIDTH

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Youth Polo	XS	S	M	L	XL
Size	4	6-8	8-12	14-16	18-20
Chest	25-26	26-28	28-30	30-32	32-35
Qty					
Cost Ea	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Total Ea					



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# In Oregon, two volunteers give unclaimed human remains a proper burial

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assisted with the interment of 143 sets of cremains that have been abandoned or unclaimed. The interment took place in the Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery Potter's Field and was witnessed by approximately 100 people. The cremains came from Klamath, Lake, Jackson, and Harney Counties, as well as one from Riverside, CA. Dedicated in 2017, Potter's Field provides a final resting place for brothers and sisters whose cremains have been abandoned or unclaimed. The May 2 interment brings a total of 291 cremains that have been laid to rest in Potter's Field. We're pleased to report that after the 2017 interment, 14 sets of cremains were subsequently claimed by family members.

The May 2nd interment was presided over by the Most Reverend Liam Cary, Bishop of the Dioceses of Baker. His words were very solemn as well as uplifting. Uplifting in that the cremains were finally given a dignified burial. One set of cremains has been unclaimed for over 57 years. Since 7 of the cremains were United States Military Veterans, Military Honors were provided by a Joint Honor Guard consisting of members from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pelican Post 1383, and Marine Corps. League Crater Lake Detachment 373. Also present were local government officials, including Mayor Carol Westfall and Capt. Ryan Brosterhous, Klamath Falls Police Department. They assisted the Knights in placing the cremains into their final resting place.

In his closing remarks, Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery President Benjamin Quen encouraged Knights throughout Oregon to work with their local funeral homes and cemeteries to establish a Potters Field within their communities. "We're certain that there are countless numbers of abandoned and unclaimed cremains sitting on shelves throughout Oregon. They, too, deserve the respect to have a dignified burial."

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery is located at Highway 140 East and Pine Grove Rd. and has been there since 1932. The Potter's Field is located behind the Mt. Calvary Oratory building.

Submitted by Benjamin Quen, President – Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery

82nd OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2023 Regular Session

## House Bill 2147

Introduced and printed pursuant to House Rule 12.00. Presession filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Veterans and Emergency Management for Representatives Christine Goodwin, Dacia Grayber)

### SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs governing body of each county to designate person to ensure interment of unclaimed human remains of veteran or survivor of veteran. Limits civil liability except for gross negligence.

Requires certain funerary entities in possession of unclaimed human remains of veteran or survivor of veteran, under certain circumstances, to release human remains and associated veteran status information upon request to veterans' remains coordinator, notify county veterans' service officer and apply for state or federal benefits.

Limits civil liability for release of veteran status information except for gross negligence.

Authorizes certain funerary entities in possession of unclaimed human remains of veteran or survivor of veteran to cremate, reduce or inter unclaimed human remains under certain circumstances.

Directs county veterans' service officer to report information about veteran or survivor of veteran to United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Requires county veterans' service officer to establish and maintain list of reported information and to make information available upon request to veterans' remains coordinator.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to veterans; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 97.170.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** Sections 2 to 6 of this 2023 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 97.110 to 97.450.

**SECTION 2.** As used in sections 2 to 6 of this 2023 Act:

(1) "County veterans' service officer" means a county veterans' service officer appointed under ORS 408.410.

(2) "Eligible decedent" means the unclaimed human remains of a veteran or spouse, dependent or survivor of a veteran that are entitled to interment under federal law at a national cemetery administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(3) "Entity in possession of an eligible decedent" means a funeral establishment licensed under ORS 692.146, cemetery authority, crematory operator, alternative disposition facility operator, funeral service practitioner licensed under ORS 692.045 or other entity in possession of an eligible decedent.

(4) "Veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.

(5) "Veteran status information" means the data required by the Department of Veterans Affairs to verify that human remains are those of a veteran or spouse, dependent or survivor of a veteran for purposes of eligibility for interment in a national cemetery, including the person's name, service number, Social Security number, date of birth, date of death, place of birth, branch of the service and military rank.

(6) "Veterans' remains coordinator" means a person recognized by a county as a paid employee or unpaid volunteer authorized to verify and inter unclaimed human remains of a veteran or spouse, dependent or survivor of a veteran.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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HB 2147

**SECTION 3.** (1) The governing body of each county shall designate one or more veterans' remains coordinators who shall exercise due diligence to:

(a) Identify unclaimed human remains located in the county in consultation with the county veterans' service officer, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, a national cemetery administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the United States Social Security Administration or another entity;

(b) Establish that the unclaimed human remains meet the definition of "eligible decedent"; and

(c) For an eligible decedent who died in the county, cause interment at a national cemetery administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(2) An interment under subsection (1) of this section may not occur at a cemetery used only for the interment of indigent persons.

**SECTION 4.** (1) Before causing the interment of an eligible decedent under section 3 of this 2023 Act, the veterans' remains coordinator shall report to the county veterans' service officer:

(a) The facts relied upon to establish eligibility for interment under section 3 of this 2023 Act;

(b) The plan for the interment of the eligible decedent; and

(c) The date of death and place of interment of the eligible decedent.

(2) The county veterans' service officer shall establish and maintain a record of information received under subsection (1) of this section.

**SECTION 5.** (1) An entity in possession of an eligible decedent shall, upon request of a

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Resolution No. CB-2023-C-005 : **Electronic meeting initiative requiring all Department of Oregon meetings to be held electronically and physically.**

Origin: District 8, Post 05

Submitted By: Tim Troupe, District 8 Commander

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Oregon is in dire monetary state, and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Oregon has been forced to cut all travel funding, and

**WHEREAS**, The current format does not work well with mobility impaired Veterans, and

**WHEREAS**, The budget for travel and per diem has been suspended, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That all department meetings will be jointly held electronically and physically, and

**RESOLVED**, That the meetings will be hosted from the Communications command center Department HQ in Wilsonville, OR, or Districts may pick a post in their District to host the meeting, and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, This change take effect upon its adoption at The American Legion Department of Oregon at its annual Convention to be held in North Bend, Oregon on June 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2023.

For Convention Use	This is to certify that the above resolution was
Approved _____ Rejected _____	Adopted by the Department Executive Committee
Consolidated with _____	_____ Signature Department Commander
Other Action _____	Action Taken by Convention Delegation
Referred to Standing Commission or Committee	Approved _____ Rejected _____
Received and Recorded _____	Approved with Amendments _____
Other Action _____	Consolidated with _____
Signature _____	Signature _____
Chairman of Secretary	Department Adjutant, Department of Ore

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Resolution No. C-23-08 Finance  
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, be it finally

**RESOLVED**, That upon approval at the Department Convention, this resolution be placed for effect beginning the 2025 membership year.

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Approved _____ Rejected _____	Adopted by the Department Executive Committee
Consolidated with _____	_____ Signature Department Commander
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Signature _____	Signature _____
Chairman of Secretary	Department Adjutant, Department of Oregon

# In Oregon, two volunteers give unclaimed human remains a proper burial

23 veterans' remains coordinator, release the veteran status information associated with the  
24 eligible decedent to the veterans' remains coordinator.

25 (2) A veterans' remains coordinator may use the veteran status information received  
26 under subsection (1) of this section only for disclosure to the Department of Veterans' Af-  
27 fairs to verify the interment benefits of an eligible decedent.

28 (3) If disposition arrangements have not otherwise been made under law, an entity in  
29 possession of an eligible decedent shall notify the county veterans' service officer for the  
30 county in which the eligible decedent is located of the existence of the eligible decedent no  
31 later than six months after the date of death associated with the eligible decedent.

32 (4) An entity in possession of unclaimed human remains shall, upon request of a  
33 veterans' remains coordinator, provide reasonable assistance to the veterans' remains coor-  
34 dinator to identify and establish that the unclaimed human remains meet the definition of  
35 "eligible decedent" under section 3 of this 2023 Act.

36 (5) An entity in possession of an eligible decedent shall, upon request by a veterans' re-  
37 mains coordinator, release the eligible decedent to the veterans' remains coordinator for  
38 interment under section 3 of this 2023 Act, provided that the following conditions are satis-  
39 fied:

40 (a) The veterans' remains coordinator has verified the interment benefits of the eligible  
41 decedent with the department or county veterans' service officer and provided documenta-  
42 tion of that verification to the entity in possession of the eligible decedent.

43 (b) The veterans' remains coordinator has exercised due diligence to provide notice of the  
44 plan to inter the eligible decedent to any agents or family members of the eligible decedent  
45 with the legal right to control the disposition of the eligible decedent.

1 (c) An agent or family member of the eligible decedent with a legal right to control the  
2 disposition of the eligible decedent has not exercised that right.

3 (d) The entity in possession of the eligible decedent has possessed the eligible decedent  
4 for at least six months.

5 (6) An entity in possession of an eligible decedent that releases veteran status informa-  
6 tion under subsection (1) of this section is not subject to civil liability except for gross  
7 negligence.

8 (7) A veterans' remains coordinator who inters an eligible decedent under section 3 of  
9 this 2023 Act is not subject to civil liability for acts or omissions arising from the interment  
10 except for gross negligence.

11 **SECTION 6.** (1) A county veterans' service officer who identifies or locates an eligible  
12 decedent shall report to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs:

13 (a) Veteran status information known about the veteran associated with the eligible

14 decedent; and

15 (b) Contact information for the place and person in possession of the eligible decedent.

16 (2) The county veterans' service officer shall establish and maintain a list of eligible  
17 decedents that are reported under subsection (1) of this section and make the list available  
18 in person or by telephone upon request by a veterans' remains coordinator.

19 **SECTION 7.** ORS 97.170 is amended to read:

20 97.170. (1) As used in this section, "indigent person" means a deceased person who does not have  
21 a death or final expense benefit or insurance policy that pays for disposition of the deceased  
22 person's body or other means to pay for disposition of the deceased person's body and:

23 (a) Who does not have a relative or other person with the legal right to direct and the means  
24 to pay for disposition of the deceased person's body;

25 (b) Whose relative, or other person, with the legal right to direct the disposition of the deceased  
26 person's body does not pay or arrange to pay for, or refuses to direct, the disposition of the deceased  
27 person's body within 10 days of being notified of the death; or

28 (c) For whom no person other than a person described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection  
29 wishes to direct and pay for the disposition of the deceased person's body.

30 (2) The State Mortuary and Cemetery Board shall maintain a list of institutions that may accept  
31 or process bodies for education or research purposes.

32 (3)(a) A funeral establishment licensed under ORS 692.146, **cemetery authority, crematory**  
33 **operator, alternative disposition facility operator or licensed funeral service practitioner** that  
34 takes custody of the unclaimed body of a deceased person shall, within five days after taking custody  
35 of the body:

36 (A) Submit a report of death under ORS 432.133;

37 (B) Obtain all contact information known to the medical examiner, a health care facility or law  
38 enforcement regarding persons listed in ORS 97.130;

39 (C) Attempt to locate and notify the persons listed in ORS 97.130;

40 (D) Arrange with any person listed in ORS 97.130 who will pay the expenses to make disposition  
41 of the body;

42 (E) **Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection**, if no person listed in ORS 97.130  
43 can be located to pay the expenses to make disposition of the body, arrange with a person or insti-  
44 tution not listed in ORS 97.130 that will pay the expenses to make disposition of the body;

45 (F) Determine whether the State Treasurer or other person is appointed as the personal repre-

1 must be in the least costly and most environmentally sound manner that complies with law. The  
2 board shall adopt rules establishing the requirements and process for reimbursement and setting the  
3 amount that may be reimbursed to a funeral establishment under this subsection.





# IN MEMORIAM

## Hermiston Auxiliary Unit Ever Lasting Cathy Stolz

Cathy Stolz 1949-2023. On the evening of April 26, the news of Cathy's passing came as a big surprise. Our 74-year-old Auxiliary President had quietly been promoted to Glory.

Over the past few months, she complained a bit of not feeling at the top of her game but recently informed her church's associate pastor that she was feeling better and was ready to resume her rotation in helping with the children.

Several years ago, I asked her brother if Cathy had ever married, to which he replied, "No. She's married to Jesus." It was quite evident that she loved the LORD.

In 1967 Cathy graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in Grant County and attended Multnomah School of the Bible for two years earning an Associate's Degree and then transferred to Wheaton, IL, where she attended Wheaton College working as a Graphic Editor.

She moved to Astoria, OR, a short time later and worked for a local newspaper.

Around 1985, she moved to Hermiston to assist her mother and stepfather in operating the family restaurant, The Chuckwagon, known for its down-home cooking. After her stepfather passed away, Cathy assumed the helm and managed the restaurant until three years ago.

Cathy was always a promoter, often tooting her kazoo to announce the celebration of a birthday or anniversary being held in her restaurant. There were times she had contests in which people left their autographed receipts in a glass jar where they waited for a chance to be drawn for a free meal. The Chuckwagon was known for its salad bar, great meals, and scrumptious desserts, and Cathy always seemed to be in attendance to welcome her "family of friends."

Between five and Ten years ago, Cathy began attending the Auxiliary and became a member. The Auxiliary was not humming along as it should be, and during one meeting, three officers quit and walked out the door, leaving the remaining members in a quandary of what to do. Seeing the need for leadership, Cathy rose to the occasion and was soon 'elected' as President. Within a short while, the Auxiliary was moving forward and has done so ever since.

There is one thing I can say about Cathy that will explain her desire to see the Auxiliary succeed. She loved veterans! She and I have been guests on the local radio station to promote American Legion events, and it would be during our segment that Cathy would tear up as she told the listening audience how much she loved the veterans and often called them her heroes.

She was a big promoter of Poppy do-

nations.

Every Spring, she and her staff would put together a "Hearts for Veterans" banquet; in the fall she'd plan a "Salad and Potato Bar" dinner; every December, she would prepare a Christmas Dinner and invite all the vets to attend. No one went away hungry, and often guests went home with a little extra.

Cathy promoted the annual American Legion Yard Sale every October to raise funds for the Auxiliary.

In 2022 Cathy pulled off one of the most significant events by inviting Ken Buckles of "Remembering America's Heroes" of Canby, OR, to speak at Hermiston High School and the VH-VHQ in Albany to display the "Wall of Honor" in our local convention center. This made a significant impact on our community.

The best way to sum up the life of Cathy Stolz is this. She is missed.



RESOLUTION  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
STEVENS-CHUTE POST 4  
BEND, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO:

TITLE: National Medal of Honor Highway

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON  
104<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention  
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**WHEREAS**, The Medal of Honor award was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in 1861 and 1862, and

**WHEREAS**, 3,511 members of the Armed Forces of the United States have been awarded the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor for *acting with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of one's life* during wars against enemies of the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, During 2017-2018, the nonprofit Bend Heroes Foundation managed creation of the 451-mile border to border Oregon Medal of Honor Highway across Oregon on US Highway 20 honoring all of Oregon's 29 Medal of Honor recipients of all wars and was the first state in our nation to do such, and

**WHEREAS**, During the 5-year period 2018-2022, Bend Heroes Foundation managed creation of the Medal of Honor Highway Across America through 12-states located along the 3,565-mile coast to coast U.S. Highway 20, the longest highway in our nation, and

**WHEREAS**, Numerous American Legion Posts and Departments across our nation have supported or led designations of the 12-state Medal of Honor Highways which complement one of the purposes stated in The American Legion's Preamble: *"To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars"*, and

**WHEREAS**, Each of the 12-state Medal of Honor Highways honors the state's Medal of Honor recipients and recipients from any state who travel on it, and

**WHEREAS**, The 12-state Medal of Honor Highways along U.S. Highway 20 collectively honor about two - thirds of our nation's 3,511 Medal of Honor recipients with the remaining thirty-eight states accounting for about one- third of all awardees, and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Congress designated the coast-to-coast Lincoln and Eisenhower Highways honoring two former Commanders-in-Chief who either created or presented Medal of Honor awards during war, and

**WHEREAS**, Not a single highway across the United States has been designated by the United States Congress to honor all of our nation's Medal of Honor recipients since the Medal of Honor award was created 161 years ago; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By Stevens-Chute Post 4, The American Legion, Department of Oregon assembled in Bend, Oregon, February 1, 2022, respectfully requests The American Legion Department of Oregon to support this resolution and request The American Legion national organization to support and encourage the United States Congress to designate the coast to coast U.S. Highway 20 as the "National Medal of Honor Highway" and require appropriate highway signage including display of the three versions of the Medal of Honor medal on all signs, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, A National Medal of Honor Highway will raise public awareness of the Medal of Honor award and the bravery of our nation's war heroes - an objective of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society chartered by Congress, and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, Designating the Newport, Oregon to Boston, Massachusetts coast-to-coast U.S. Highway 20 as the National Medal of Honor Highway by the United States Congress would honor all of our nation's current and future Medal of Honor recipients and promote education of the traveling public on the "bravest of the brave" American war veterans

Resolution No. M-23-02 : Department of Oregon endorse the Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds

Origin: VAR Convention Committee

Submitted By: VAR Convention Committee

**WHEREAS**, Spanning two decades, the United States had 2.7 million Americans which served during the Vietnam War resulting in 58,318 Americans that died, of which 710 were Oregonians killed-in-action, and four Oregon families which lost two sons in the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, Our mission is to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; and

**WHEREAS**, Our value principles include honoring those who came before us, and that The American Legion pays perpetual respect for all past military sacrifices to ensure they are never forgotten by new generations; and, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, Department of Oregon endorses Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds efforts to create a perpetual memorial that honors the services and sacrifices made by Oregon's Vietnam War Veterans and educates the public heretofore; and, be it finally

**RESOLVED**, This endorsement takes effect upon its adoption at The American Legion Department of Oregon 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention held in North Bend, Oregon on June 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2023.

For Convention Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was

Committee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Approved ☐  
Rejected ☐  
Referred to: ☐  
Other Action: ☐

Robert Huff, Chairman, VA&R Convention Commission

Received and Recorded \_\_\_\_\_

Approved with Amendments \_\_\_\_\_

Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman of Secretary

Department Adjutant, Department of Oregon

## Oregon State Penitentiary Veterans Association 2022



Post 58 members are in the red shirts, Left to right, Bill Devereaux, Ron Christensen, and Mike Sowles

We visit our Incarcerated veterans every month, assist with getting our clothes and rides to their assigned County on release, and help with referrals to employment, housing, food, living needs, and veteran assistance. We also offer the same services to Oregon State Corrections Institute.





2023 Department Convention  
June 14-17 | North Bend, OR  
Lodging Information

Department Officers, District Commanders/Presidents and Chairman are highly encouraged to stay at the Headquarters Hotel. You are responsible to make your own reservations.

To get rates listed below, you must make your reservations by May 31, 2023

Headquarter Hotel The Mill Casino • Hotel & RV Park  
3201 Tremont Ave  
North Bend, OR 97459

(800) 953-4800 | (541) 756-8800 (Corrected)

Single King or Double Queen - \$150.00/Night + tax  
Note: There are a few "Bayside" Double Queens available for \$165 + tax

RV rate is \$50 per night for interior sites and \$55 per night for bayside sites.

\*\*Mention that you are with The American Legion for the above rates\*\*

Meal Reservation Form will be forthcoming!

## 2023 American Legion Convention at The Mill Casino

Convention Meal Order Form

RSVP by May 12, 2023

**\*Advance Meal Reservations are Required \***

Location	Function	Time	Cost	QTY	Total
<b>Thursday, June 15th</b>					
Mill Casino	<b>Breakfast - White Tops</b> (Legionnaires Only) Two Eggs, Bacon, & Hashbrowns w/ coffee, tea and juice	7:00 AM	\$20		
Mill Casino	<b>VA &amp; R / ALVS Lunch - All Welcome</b> Breaded Pork Cutlets w/ Onion Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Cookie, & Beverage	11:30 AM	\$20		
Mill Casino	<b>Mix and Mingle - All Welcome</b> sponsored by The Oregon American Legion Foundation Hors d'oeuvres, Silent Auction, Corn Hole Tournament & Raffle Drawings <small>*although this is a no cost event, please indicate if you are attending*</small>	5:00 PM	N/C		N/C
<b>Friday, June 16th</b>					
Mill Casino	<b>Americanism Lunch - All Welcome</b> Roasted Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole, Vegetable, Salad, Roll, Cookie, & Beverage	11:30 AM	\$20		
Mill Casino	<b>President &amp; Commander's Banquet - All Welcome</b> (5:30 Social Hour - No Host Bar) * Please circle Option Option 1: Carved-To-Order Prime Rib of Beef with Au Jus & Creamy Horseradish Option 2: Chicken Breast with a Roasted Garlic Rosemary Sauce Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Bread, & Dessert w/ Coffee, Tea (hot/ iced), or Soda	5:30 PM	\$48		
<b>Saturday, June 17th</b>					
Mill Casino	<b>Breakfast - GNUTS</b> (Commander & Adjutants) Two Eggs, Bacon, & Hashbrowns w/ coffee, tea and juice	7:00 AM	\$20		
Elks	<b>Victory Party - w/ Hors d'oeuvres</b> Live Band & No Host Bar *although this is a no cost event, please indicate if you are attending	4:00 PM	N/C		N/C

Fill out this form and mail along with Check or Money Order Payable to:

The Department of Oregon Convention  
PO BOX 1730, Wilsonville, OR 97070

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post #: \_\_\_\_\_ District #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please join your Legion Family for food, fun, and fellowship. Your participation in these events will greatly assist the Department in keeping expenses at a minimum.**



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# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female (Gender) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:**

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

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Received From

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Department of



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Previous Unit City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Membership pending approval of application.**

## ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

If Living: American Legion Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Veteran Served:**

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

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

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

**Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:**

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

**To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer**

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

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Recruiter's Name

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Recruiter's Signature

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Recruiter's Phone #