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102nd American Legion Auxiliary,

51st Sons of the American Legion,

Convention June 14-17 2023



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Discussions about the national debt and the debt ceiling have commanded much attention from the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress and the White House. The American Legion likes to remind the public of another debt – the debt owed to America's veterans. Providing for our common defense is a constitutional mandate. Not only have veterans protected this nation since its founding, but it is their continued service that enables our government to operate and debate in a free society. Veterans did not cause the current budget dilemma and The American Legion will oppose any efforts to balance the budget by forgetting our obligations to America's heroes.

Thanks to the efforts of Legionnaires throughout your department, Congress passed the PACT Act last year. Lawmakers heard your message, and the president signed the most comprehensive health-care legislation dealing with military toxic exposures in history. American Legion service officers continue to assist veterans in obtaining the care and benefits they need. They do this free-of-charge and regardless of whether or not the veteran is a member of The American Legion.

Donations to The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation go toward training our excellent service officers and also provide Temporary Financial Assistance to American Legion Families in need. During the prolonged government shutdown of 2019, The American Legion provided more than \$1 million in TFA grants to Coast Guard families



who were experiencing pay interruptions. Your continued support of the Veterans & Children Foundation is most appreciated.

Priority one for The American Legion is to save veterans' lives. Our Be the One message to prevent veteran suicide is making a difference. VA is now required by law to conduct an annual buddy check week to encourage peer support and outreach to vulnerable veterans. If you or someone that you know is having suicidal thoughts, I implore you to call 988, the national crisis line.

I thank you for your service to America and The American Legion. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable department convention.

For God and Country,

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Vincent "Jim" Troiola National Commander

## CAPT Breanna Knutson U.S. Coast Guard

CAPT Knutson serves as the Commanding Officer of Air Station North Bend. She is responsible for Coast Guard air operations throughout the rugged, remote Oregon Coast which includes direct oversight of five MH-65 helicopters, and Air Facility in Newport, Oregon.

Prior to serving as the Commanding Officer of Air Station North Bend, CAPT Knutson served as the House of Representatives Liaison Officer for the Coast Guard. In this capacity she ensured the Coast Guard's prompt response to the House's 435 members and staffs by coordinating and conducting policy briefs, preparing senior Coast



Guard leaders for Congressional hearings and engagements, and planning and leading Congressional delegations to Coast Guard units throughout the country.

She previously served as The Chief Pilot and Operations Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Detroit where she directed the operations of 5 MH-65 Dolphin helicopters, 26 pilots and 35 air crew members in the conduct of Search and Rescue missions on the Great Lakes from the St. Lawrence Seaway to eastern Lake Michigan.

CAPT Knutson's first operational assignment was as a deck watch officer aboard USCGC MOHAWK in Key West, Florida. Following this assignment, CAPT Knutson was selected for Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida and began flight school in the summer of 2001. She earned her wings in the fall of 2002.

CAPT Knutson served at Coast Guard Air Station's in North Bend, Oregon, and New Orleans, Louisiana. In 2007 she earned a dual qualification in the Rotary Wing Air Intercept mission and deployed to the National Capitol Region ten times supporting National Security missions. In 2010 CAPT Knutson was assigned to the Coast Guard's Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron in Jacksonville, Florida where she conducted Airborne Use of Force – Counter Drug missions, deploying aboard four Coast Guard cutters in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and Western Caribbean Sea.

In 2014 CAPT Knutson was selected as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Department Of Homeland Security, Joint Task Force –East, the first ever Joint Task Force of its kind. In this capacity she supported the Director and Executive Leadership in executing the foundational processes of standing up a new unit tasked with improving the Department of Homeland Security's ability to operate as a unified team.

CAPT Knutson graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1999 with a Bachelors of Science



degree in Management. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Human Resources Management from American Military University.

USCGC Eagle (WIX-327): Eagle is home ported at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. It is used for training voyages for Coast Guard Academy cadets and Coast Guard officer candidates. USCGC Eagle was built in Germany as the Horst Wessel, and was taken by the United States as a war reparation in 1945.

## **City of North Bend**



Fire Chief, Jim Brown 1880 McPherson Ave, North Bend, OR 97459, (541) 756-8581(office) Jbrown@northbendcity.org



Dear Friends,

I am delighted to extend a cordial welcome to the City of North Bend and the greater Coos Bay area as you participate in the American Legion Department of Oregon's 103rd annual convention. The cities of North Bend and Coos Bay are delighted you have chosen to convene here for your Conference.

Have a fantastic time, and please enjoy our restaurants, shopping, cultural events, and public spaces. I am confident the facilities at The Mill Casino Hotel & RV Park will accommodate your activities and facilitate the achievement of the goals of your Conference. I also hope that North Bend will provide an exciting and interesting setting during your visit here when you are not committed to Conference events. Be sure to explore our revitalized North Bend downtown with its shops and activities.

Once again, best wishes for a great event and success in your activities in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Jim Brown Fire Chief North Bend



Mark Anderson has been an employee with the City of Coos Bay since January 1989. He began as a Firefighter/Engineer and was promoted to the rank of Captain in December of 1991. In 1994 Mark accepted the position of Deputy Chief of Operations and Training. The fire department restructured the organization in 2002 and his title was changed to Battalion Chief. He assumed the role of Acting Fire Chief in June 2013 and maintained that position until February 2014 when he was appointed as the Fire Chief of Coos Bay Fire Department

Prior to joining the Coos Bay Fire Department, Mark was a volunteer firefighter with the Marion County Fire District #1 in Salem, Oregon. He graduated with an AS degree from Chemeketa Community College's Fire Science program in 1986. In 2002, Mark completed the Executive Fire Officer program through the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He is a certified technician with the OSFM Regional

Emmitsburg, Maryland. He is a certified technician with the OSFM Regional Hazardous Materials Team, Emergency Medical Technician, and Instructor.

Mark has been married to his wife Angie since July of 1987. Together they have seven children. They are very active in their church and community.



**Departments:** Fire Department **Title:** Fire Chief **Phone:** (541) 269-1181 ext. 3301

# CORY E. BROCKMANN

Aloha #104

For

# DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

2023-2024

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

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

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



One Legion. One Family. THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY.



## **VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA**

Veterans Get More!

To support the health care needs of over 16 million veterans in the United States, several health insurance programs are available. These include VA benefits, Tricare for Life, and Medicare. Veterans eligible for Medicare and VA or Medicare and Tricare for Life health coverage, may also be eligible for a Medicare Advantage plan designed with them in mind. These Medicare Advantage plans offer benefits that complement existing VA or Tricare for Life benefits.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services pays private companies to offer Medicare Advantage plans to Medicare beneficiaries, including veterans!

Private insurance companies with Medicare contracts, can offer zero premium plans that provide veterans with additional benefits such as a monthly reduction in the Medicare Part B

Premium, preventive and comprehensive dental coverage, Vision benefits, Hearing benefits, Free gym memberships, and Credits to buy over-the-counter products like pain management, cold remedies and vitamins instore or online for home delivery. In addition to complementary benefits, veterans gain access to a wide network of doctors. This gives our Nation's heroes options for non-VA treatment at other hospitals and doctor's offices.

To qualify you must have both Medicare Parts A and B and live in a plan's service area. You are encouraged to reach out to your Medicare Representative to learn more. Additional information can be found at <u>www.PatientSupportServicesUSA.com</u> or by calling 1 (866) 670-0242.





## Dan Burks

# For the High Office of

## **Department 1st Vice Commander**

## A VOTE FOR DAN GETS YOU;

- RELIABILITY
  - INTENSITY
    - PASSION
- PRODUCTIVITY
  - TRADITIONS

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





THE AMERICAN LEGION Department of Oregon Officers





Larry Wittmayer Department Commander



PDC, Don Weber Immediate Past Commander



Cory Brockmann 1st Vice Commander



Dan Burks 2nd Vice Commander



S. Flynn Phillips Department Adjutant



PDC, Kevin Owens National Executive Committee Person



PDC, Gene Hellickson Alt. National Executive Committee Person



PNC, PDC, Charles Schmidt



PNVC, PDC, Rob Liebenow



THE AMERICAN LEGION Department of Oregon Officers





PDC, Bob Huff Finance Officer



Steve Shollenburg Chaplain



Dick Winders Historian



PDC, Eugene Hellickson Judge Advocate





Ed Van Dyke Service Officer



Phyllis York Sgt-At-Arms



Ward Allen Asst. Sgt-At-Arms



PDC, Mike Morris Asst. Sgt-At-Arms









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Betty Fish-Ferguson District 2



Dale Jenkins District 3



David Applegate District 4



John Reish District 5





Randy Tye District 6



James Moriarty District 7



Tim Troupe District 8



Larry Hill District 9



James Jerome District 10



### The American Legion 104<sup>th</sup> Department of Oregon Convention The Mill Casino, North Bend, OR June 14-17, 2023

## Wednesday, June 14, 2023

- **9:00 AM-1:00 PM** Registration at The Mill Casino, North Bend, OR.
- 2:00 PM-3:30 PM Pre-Convention DEC
- **3:45 PM** Line Up for opening
- **4:00 PM-6:30 PM** Joint Opening of the 104<sup>th</sup> American Legion, 102<sup>nd</sup> American Legion Auxiliary, 51<sup>st</sup> Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders Annual Department Conventions

#### **Immediately Following Opening**

Joint Memorial Service of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of the American Legion & American Legion Riders conducted by Department Chaplain Steve Shollenburg and Auxiliary Chaplain Gregoria Hernandez

7:00 PM-9:00 PM Past Department Commanders Meeting

## Thursday, June 15, 2023

- 7:00 AM-8:00 AM White Tops Breakfast
- 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Registration Continues
- **8:30 AM-11:00 AM** The American Legion Training in Salmon Room (West) 15-minute training/information sessions
  - 0830-0845 Welcome
  - **0845-0900** Noel LaLanne (Dir. Eagle Point/Roseburg Nat. Cemetery)
  - **0905-0920** Steve Bates Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
  - 0925-0940 Kirk Michelsen Dir Fund/Development David's Chair
  - 0945-1000
    - **1005-1020** Kevin Owens The Oregon American Legion Foundation

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	1025-1040 1045-1100	Convention Protocol Richard Ramey Consolidated Post Reports & Volunteer Hours
8:30 AM-11:00 AM		ogram Information Tables for Committees: w Enforcement Career Camp ng Sports
9:00 AM	Constitution & Meeting	& By-Laws/Internal Affairs Convention Committee
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Noel LaLan	eon ne, Director Eagle Point/Roseburg National Cemetery Isen, Director of Fundraising and Development for David's
1:15 PM-2:30 PM	The American Reconvenes	Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Convention
1:00 PM-3:30 PM	Childr Orator Legisla Legior	ative
2:30 PM-4:00 PM	Ameri Public VA&R Conve Financ	ention – West Salmon Room near Dias (a stage) ee nal Security – West Salmon back of the room
4:00 PM	Ameri Financ Consti Legisla Nation Vetera	tution & By-Laws/Internal Affairs ative nal Security ns Affairs and Rehabilitation
	This	Agenda is subject to change

#### Resolutions Convention Public Relations

- **4:30 PM** The 104<sup>th</sup> Department Convention is in recess
- **5:00 PM-7:00 PM** The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) Mix & Mingle

## Friday, June 16, 2023

8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Registration Continues
8:30 AM-11:30 AM	The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Convention Reconvenes
8:30 AM-11:00 AM	Post-Level Program Information Tables for Committees Internal Affairs Constitution & By-Laws Resolutions Sons of The American Legion Training and Development
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Americanism Luncheon Guest Speaker: Ken Buckles, Remembering America's Heroes (RAH)
1:00 PM-3:30 PM	Post-Level Program Information Tables for Committees Trophy and Awards Membership and Post Activities Foreign Relations/ROTC National Guard & Reserve VA&R
1:00 PM	Sons of the American Legion Pre-Convention DEC Sons of the American Legion Convention (Following Pre-Conv DEC)
3:45 PM	The 104 <sup>th</sup> Department Convention is in recess
5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Pre-Banquet No-Host Bar and Social Hour
6:30 PM-8:30 PM	President and Commanders Banquet
	Dinner (Dress Code - Coat and Tie, Dresses, etc.) Special Award Presentation: The American Legion Department of Oregon

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Firefighter of the Year Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Service Officer of the Year Adjutant of the Year Legionnaire of the Year Auxiliary Member of the Year TAL/ALA Unity Award

## Saturday, June 17, 2023

7:00 AM-8:00 AM	GNUTS Breakfast
8:00 AM	Sons of the American Legion Post-Convention DEC
8:30 AM	The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Convention Reconvenes
10:00 AM-11:30 AM	Joint Installation of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Riders Officers for 2023-2024 Department Officers, District Officers, National Committee Members and Delegates to National Convention
	The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary Convention Reconvenes
12:00 PM-2:00 PM	
12:00 PM-2:00 PM 1:30 PM	Reconvenes
	Reconvenes American Legion Riders Meeting Post-Convention DEC



This Agenda is subject to change

# VOTE FOR RENEE OHLER FOR THE HIGH OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT 2ND VICE COMMANDER

# **"VOTE FOR LEADERSHIP AND RESULTS"**

Military Service

1978 to 2008



SMSgt USA/ USAF 30 Years TAL 12 Years

Renee is devoted to Helping, Teaching, and Supporting the needs of The American Legion at Department, District and Post level

A proven leader in the Armed forces, The American Legion, as A successful business owner, A youth program mentor, and A community advocate

# "A VOTE FOR RENEE IS A VOTE FOR YOU"

# JOHN W. LEE

## Candidate for 2023-2024 Department of Oregon 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander





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

Please be the one to prevent the next one.

Post 184 Commander District 3 Commander

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

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

# 2023-2024 Proposed Budget

ACCOUNT NAME	2023-2024 ROPOSED
Membership Budget Based On:	10,875
Actual Membership	
Dues @ \$13.50 (per member)	\$ 146,812.00
Department Convention Income	
SAL Detachment Funds (1400 x \$15.0	\$ 21,000.00
SAL Dues ( <b>1400</b> x \$5.00)	\$ 7,000.00
SAL Willie Williams Scholarship	
SAL Charitable Donations & Pins	
ALA Postage Reimbursement	\$ 600.00
ALA Phone Reimbursement	\$ 600.00
ALA Copier	\$ 3,600.00
Emblem Sales Royalty	\$ 1,200.00
Boys State Income	\$ 70,000.00
AL Baseball Income	\$ 12,500.00
Law Enforcement Career Camp	\$ 8,000.00
Revenue Enhancement Program	\$ 10,000.00
AGIA Insurance	\$ 35,000.00
USAA Insurance	\$ 9,000.00
Department Fund Challenge	\$ -
Veterans Childrens Fund (VCF)	
Other Income/Pass Throughs	\$ 336.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 325,648.00
Dedicated VA&R Income	 
AGIA Insurance (Dedicated VA&R)	\$ 2,000.00
OALF Disbursement to VA&R/VE&E	\$ 66,398.00
ODVA Rehabilitation Grant	\$ 90,000.00
Donations	\$ 3,000.00
Total Dedicated VA&R Income	\$ 161,398.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 487,046.00
Boys State Expenses	\$ 70,000.00
Law Enforcement Career Camp	\$ 8,000.00

ACCOUNT NAME		2023-2024 ROPOSED
AL Baseball Expenses	\$	12,500.00
Admin. Expenses - B-1	\$	136,968.00
Officer & Conv Expenses - B-2	\$	18,150.00
Other Activities Expenses - B-3	\$	59,530.00
Rehabilitation Expenses - B-4	\$	153,398.00
Publication Expenses - B-5	\$	500.00
SAL Expenses- B-6	\$	28,000.00
Other/Conv Expenses/Pass Throughs		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	487,046.00





WE SUPPORT District 2 The 4 Pillars Legion Families







# Aloha Post 104 proudly supports Cory Brockmann



For Department of Oregon Commander



## Sheridan American Legion Post 75 In Sheridan Oregon

Built in 1926, Sheridan Post 75 has lived a legacy all its own. From a hopping dance hall and social hangout back in the day to bingo every Friday night with an occasional weekend breakfast or afternoon feed today.

Our Legion members encompass the Sheridan, Carlton, McMinnville, Willamina, and Grand Ronde area.

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 pm with a gathering at 6:00 pm for coffee.

## 125 N. Bridge St. Sheridan Oregon 97378



The American Legion Post 75, American Legion Post 75 Riders, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 75, and Auxiliary Unit 75

## Endorse Renee Ohler for your 2023-2024 Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander



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





**KEVIN OWENS, NEC POST 34** 



**KRISANN OWENS, NEC UNIT34** 





**GENE HELLICKSON, ALT NEC POST 86** 

JODY MARSH, ALT NEC UNIT 99



## Candidate for 2023-2024

# **Department President**



Aloha Unit #104

# **Catherine Brockmann**



#### **Current Offices:**

- Department Vice President
- Membership Chairman

#### **Previous Leadership Positions:**

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

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

#### **Support the American Legion**

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

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

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

#### **Advocate for Veterans**

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

#### **Educate our Citizens**

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

#### **Mentor Youth**

• Department Oratorical contest volunteer

#### Promote Patriotism, Good Citizenship, Peace and Security

• Paint and distribute patriotic rocks in communities

## The American Legion Family





## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY National Officers



American Legion Auxiliary

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country

Greetings, American Legion Auxiliary Members:

It is an honor for me to welcome you to your 2023 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention! Thank you for your continued commitment of serving veterans, military, and their families.

Not only is our focus on veterans, but for the 2022-2023 administrative year, we are placing an extra emphasis on companions of National Veterans Creative Arts Festival veterans. We are also raising awareness of our country's Prisoners of War/Missing in Action. I look forward to concentrating our attention on these causes with you!

As you conduct business at your department's convention, remember that everything should circle back to our mission and why we were created over a century ago. I hope everyone attending learns something new, makes a new friend, and takes away ideas to put into practice at the unit level throughout your department.

You are the present and the future of this organization, and the business conducted at your department gathering makes a difference for our members and for our mission.

I hope you continue to remember your *why* as an ALA member — the reason you joined in the first place — to help our veterans, military, and their families.

Thank you for your continued membership and your active participation in the American Legion Auxiliary.

I hope you have a wonderful department convention!

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Vickie Koutz 2022-2023 National President



VICKIE KOUTZ



LINDA BOONE (1992-1993) Past National President



KRISANN OWENS National Executive Committee



JODY MARSH Alternate NEC

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Oregon Officers

Hello Team Oregon, and welcome to the American Legion Families Annual Convention, June 14th-17th, 2023!!

Convention is a time to reflect on the year. And what a year we have all had. I have had 2 of the best years of my life, doing what I love. Meeting our members, traveling the state, learning new things, and serving our veterans. I will forever cherish and hold in my heart, all the memories we have made together. What a great organization that we all belong to. We have had some bumps in the road, but together we have smoothed them out. Proving that teamwork really works. Each other sharing ideas, knowledge, concerns, and together making plans. We have had some of the best training classes. Filled with lots of fun and many questions. I have always had a passion for teaching our membership. It is important to share our knowledge and build that bridge to success.



DEBRA GODWIN Department President

It is with a heavy heart that I must turn over the gavel. My work is not done, as I continue to learn and grow. From my first Unit visit to my last Unit visit as your Department President, I will be forever grateful for all of your hard work, dedication, love of our organization, and all the hospitality and feelings of home. Thank you, Team Oregon, for allowing me to represent our Department as your Department President 2021-2023! **Debra Godwin** 



CATHERINE BROCKMANN Vice President



LINDA LIEBENOW Secretary



HELEN HISAW Treasurer



GREGORIA HERNANDEZ Chaplain



GEANNE HORNE Historian



PAM SEELYE Parliamentarian



SUE DRIVER SGT-At-Arms



SUZANNE HURD Asst. Sgt.-At-Arms



CINDY HILLYARD Admin Assistant

2022

## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY** Department of Oregon District Presidents



DIANNE STANDING District 1



KIM JOHNSON District 2



BOBBI PEEBLER District 3



CHERYL MARTIN District 4



GINNY WILLIAMS District 5



MAGGIE LaMONT District 6



District 7



TRUDIE McGRIFF District 8



FRANKIE TRASK District 9



LINDA SCHMIDT District 10



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF OREGON 102nd CONVENTION JUNE 14 – 17, 2023

### Wednesday, June 14, 2023

- 9:00 1:00 PM Registration The Mill Casino
- 4:00 6:30 PM Joint Opening of the 104<sup>th</sup> American Legion, 102<sup>nd</sup> American Legion Auxiliary, 51<sup>st</sup> Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders Annual Department Convention
- **3:45 PM** Past Department Commanders and Presidents, District Commanders and Presidents, Legion and Auxiliary Officers, SAL Commander and Auxiliary Junior President need to find their assigned seat. Goal Post and Unit color bearers need to be lined up for the processional.
- 4:00 PM Musical Prelude

Call to Order

The American Legion, Cory Brockmann, Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander American Legion Auxiliary, Catherine Brockmann, Department Vice President Introductions:

Past Department Commanders and Presidents

**District Commanders and Presidents** 

- **Department Officers**
- Advancement:

Department President Debra Godwin, Department Commander Larry Wittmayer, Detachment Commander Robert Liebenow,

American Legion Riders Director, Gale Sears

Advancement of National Colors | National Anthem

Goal Posts and Units Processional

POW/MIA

Advancement of the Department Legion and Auxiliary Banners

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Commander Wittmayer

Recite the Joint Preamble to the Constitution

Invocation: Department Chaplain, Steve Shollenburg

Welcome Address

Jon Marsh, Chairman, Department American Legion Convention Commission Jody Marsh, American Legion Auxiliary Convention Chairman Introduction and Response of Community Officials

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Response to Welcome Department Commander, Larry Wittmayer Department President, Debra Godwin Detachment Commander, Robert Liebenow American Legion Riders Director, Paul Schnell Closing prayer by Gregoria Hernandez, Department Auxiliary Chaplain

Joint Memorial Service of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, and The American Legion Riders conducted by Department Chaplain, Steve Shollenburg and Auxiliary Chaplain, Gregoria Hernandez

### Thursday, June 15, 2023

- 8:00 10:00 AM Registration The Mill Casino
- 8:30 1000 AM VA&R Speakers All Welcome
- 10:00 AM Poppy Painting Session
- 11:30 AM VA&R Luncheon All Welcome

#### Check in at Credentials

1:15 PM Auxiliary Business Session

Call to Order – Debra Godwin, Department President Invocation – Gregoria Hernandez, Department Chaplain Pledge of Allegiance – Cindy Soria, Americanism Chairman National Anthem – Preamble – Catherine Brockmann, Department Vice President

Welcome to the 102nd Annual Department Convention – Debra Godwin, Department President

#### **Reading of the Convention Rules**

Introduction and Presentation from other Organizations Distinguished Guest Chairman will present the guests

Report from Credentials Committee – Tracy Peets, Chairman; Cyndi Dahl, Member

First Reading of Resolutions - Lori Vallery, Chairman; Dana Speer, Member

#### **Reports: Mission Outreach Programs**

Americanism – Cindy Soria, Chairman Children & Youth – Angie McKinney, Chairman Community Service – Margie DeMoss, Chairman Education – Juniors – Cheryl Park, Chairman Legislative – Tracy Peets Oregon ALA Girls State – Deby Levy, Chairman Poppy – Dianne Standing, Chairman Public Relations – Yvonne Drury, Chairman Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Marie Larson, Chairman





#### Announcements

Awarding of Daily Attendance Prize

- 4:00 PM RECESS
- **5:00 PM** Mix & Mingle All Welcome Live Music, No Host Bar, Snacks, Bean Bag Toss, Silent Auction to benefit The Oregon American Legion Foundation

#### Friday, June 16, 2023

7:30 AM Registration –

#### **Check in at Credentials**

9:00 AM Call to Order – Debra Godwin, Department President Invocation – Gregoria Hernandez, Department Chaplain Pledge of Allegiance – Cindy Soria, Americanism Chairman

Roll Call of Units - Linda Liebenow, Department Secretary

Report from Credentials Committee – Tracy Peets, Chairman; Cyndi Dahl, Member

Second Reading of Resolutions – Lori Vallery, Chairman; Dana Speer, Member

Nomination of Candidates for Department Officers, National Committee Members, and Delegates to National Convention

#### **Reports: Member Support Programs**

Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) – Debra Ashe, Chairman Constitution & Bylaws – Pam Seelye, Chairman Leadership – Deby Levy, Chairman Membership – Catherine Brockmann, Department Vice President, Chairman

#### **Reports: Administrative**

Finance – Helen Hisaw, Chairman Administrative – Jody Marsh, Chairman

#### 11:30 AM Americanism / Boys & Girls State / Children & Youth Luncheon

#### Check in at Credentials

1:15 PM Reconvene Business Session

Report from Credentials Committee - Tracy Peets, Chairman; Cyndi Dahl, Member

**VOTING** – If necessary

#### **Reports of Officers**

National Executive Committee – Krisann Owens Department Secretary – Linda Liebenow Department Chaplain – Gregoria Hernandez Department Historian – Geanne Horne

#### **Presentation of Department and District Pages**

This agenda is subject to change.





Elections Committee Report - Linda Liebenow, Chairman

Presentation of 2023-2024 Officers - Department and National Committee Members

Report of Department President – Debra Godwin

**Unfinished Business** 

**New Business** 

Announcements

Awarding of Daily Attendance Prize

- 3:45 PM RECESS
- 5:30 PM Social Hour

6:30 PM Joint Banquet: Honoring Department President, Debra Godwin and Department Commander, Larry Wittmayer

#### Special Presentations at dinner:

The American Legion "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year"

The American Legion "Firefighter of the Year"

The American Legion "Salute to Service" Award

The American Legion "Service Officer of the Year"

The American Legion "Adjutant of the Year"

The American Legion "Legionnaire of the Year"

The American Legion Auxiliary "Auxiliary Member of the Year"

The American Legion & Auxiliary "Unity Award"

### Saturday June 17, 2023

#### 8:00 AM RECONVENE BUSINESS SESSION

**Call to Order** – Debra Godwin, Department President **Invocation** – Gregoria Hernandez, Department Chaplain **Pledge of Allegiance** – Cindy Soria, Americanism Chairman

Introduction of the American Legion Auxiliary Member of the Year Debra Godwin, Department President

Introduction of the Unity Award Winner – Debra Godwin, Department President

#### 10:00 AM Joint Installation of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, and The American Legion Riders Officers for 2023 – 2024

#### **RECONVENE BUSINESS SESSION**

Exchange of Department President Banner Benediction / Retire the Colors Adjournment by Department President, Debra Godwin

#### 1:30 PM Post-Convention Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting

**4:00 PM** Victory Party (approximate time) – All are Welcome Dependent upon the arrival of newly elected President and Commander



ALA Unit #43 La Grande, wishes everyone a great Convention!



DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

District 1 proudly endorses Cory E. Brockmann for the high office of Department Commander, 2023-2024.



- Demonstrated commitment to service before self.
- A proven leader who leads by example.
- Proactively seeks engagement opportunities to advance veterans and youth programs.
- Purpose-driven to make a difference.

Elect a leader. Elect Commander Brockmann.

### **Veterans Strengthening America**



On the morning of April 8, 2023, five Legion Riders (Berweger, Amodeo, White, Naig, and Connelly) from American Legion Post 21 McMinnville, Oregon, pulled a Pearl Harbor sneak attack for the birthday of Peggy Lutz, a 101 year old WWII US Navy WAVE, she was an Air Traffic Controller in Klamath Falls and Astoria, Oregon.

Post 21 McMinnville, wishes the best year ever for Peggy and honors our involvement with **The Oregon American Legion** 



American Legion Post 21 McMinnville Oregon

Post 21 in McMinnville Oregon serves a great Prime Rib Dinner, and is hosted by our Legion Families, every Friday night from 4:00pm till 7:00 or until we run out. Stop on your way back from the Coast or Your visit to Evergreen Aviation Museum, home of the Spruce Goose, so why not make a day of it. We are open 7 days a week...so look for us on Facebook or just stop by for a great lunch, dinner, or to just say hi.

Home of Post 21 American Legion Veterans, American Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 21.

## We at American Legion Post 21 endorse our Past District 2 Commander Renee Ohler for the High Office of Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander 2023-2024



Son's of The American Legion Detachment of Oregon Officers





Greetings, Sons of The American Legion.

Congratulations on a terrific year. As you know, the more voices we have in the Sons, the greater our singular voice when we offer our full-throated support to our veterans and the issues that impact them and the American Legion Family as a whole.

We are within reach of a record membership in the Sons of The American Legion. In 2019, we hit an all-time high with 375,540 members. We have a chance to break that mark before our 51st National Convention in August.

I urge you to continue your efforts to boost our membership numbers. Reach out to former members of the Sons and encourage them to return to our ranks. Get out into your communities and find those who are eligible for membership. Demonstrate to them how much good our organization does. Let's continue to bring back, and bring in, members of the Sons of The American Legion.

And while you're out in your communities, don't forget to share the important message: "Be The One." The American Legion Family has made great strides this year to "Be The One" to save a veteran's life. There are many more veterans out there who need our support. "Be The One" to make sure that veteran is still with us tomorrow. "Be The One" to help that veteran's family through their challenging times.

Thank you again for all you have done for the Sons and The American Legion Family.

Be the One! With passion and purpose. SAL National Commander Christopher Carlton

I would like to welcome The Oregon American Legion Family to North Bend for this year's Department Convention.

We are here to receive reports, finalize year end accomplishments, and elect our leadership for the coming year.

As you know, The Sons of The American Legion, came into being by a resolution at the 1932 National Convention in Portland, OR. Since then, your sons and grandsons have worked alongside post members to promote and support the programs of The American Legion. We do this to honor our fathers and grandfathers' military history. With this in

mind, let us continue to work together to support our veterans, their families, and Detachment Commander Robert D. Liebenow The American Legion.

Sons of The American Legion

As we renew friendships and make new ones, remember to mix a little fun in Detachment of Oregon with the work and things will be a lot more enjoyable for you and those around you.

Have a save trip home and I will see you in the new Legion year.



**2022** Son's of The American Legion Detachment of Oregon Officers





PDC, Carl Pawlik **Immediate Past** Commander



Lou Neubecker **Detachment 1st Vice** Commander



Ward Allen **Detachment Adjutant** 



PDC, Marc Chaney National Executive **Committee Person** 



PDC, Larry Horne Alt. National Executive **Committee Person** 



**Kevin Owens Finance Officer** 



**Robert Sloan** Judge Advocate



William Devereaux **Detachment Chaplain** 



**Jim Emmerich** Historian



Isaac Burks Sgt-At-Arms



**Dale Brown** Asst. Sgt-At-Arms



Adam Gettmann SAL Liaison



Son's of The American Legion Detachment Area Commanders





Tom Harris Area 1 Commander



Del White Area 2 Commander



Michael Lancaster Sr. Area 3 Commander



The American Legion 104<sup>th</sup> Department of Oregon Convention 51<sup>st</sup> Detachment of Oregon Convention Mill Casino, North Bend, OR June 14-17, 2023

## Wednesday, June 14, 2023

9:00 AM –1:00 PM Registration at Mill Casino, North Bend, OR.

**4:00 PM - 6:30 PM** Joint Opening of the 104<sup>th</sup> American Legion, 102<sup>nd</sup> American Legion Auxiliary, <u>51<sup>st</sup> Sons of the American Legion</u>, and American Legion

Riders

## **Immediately following Opening**

Joint Memorial Service of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, <u>The Sons of the American Legion</u> & American Legion Riders conducted by Department Chaplain Steve Shollenburg and Auxiliary Chaplain Gregoria Hernandez

## Friday, June 16, 2023 Pre- Convention

8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Registration	Continues
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## **1:00pm-Conclusion**

**6:30 PM-8:30 PM** President and Commanders Banquet

Dinner (Dress Code - Coat and Tie, Dresses, etc.)

This agenda is subject to change

## Saturday, June 17, 2023 Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

8:00 AM	Sons of the American Legion Post-Convention DEC
10:00 AM-11:30 AM	Joint Installation of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Riders Officers for 2023-2024 Department Officers, District Officers, National Committee Members and Delegates to National Convention
4:00 PM	Victory Party – The Elks Lodge

## This agenda is subject to change





Paul Schnell Director



Robert Lemke Nat'l ALR of Honor

Amerícan Legíon Ríders Oregon Officers





Robert Baker Vice Director East



Dane Egan Sgt-AT-Arms



Sim Sears Adjutant



Gale Sears ALR Liason

Not Pictured Robert De Kar Vice Director West James "Coach" Connelley Chaplain

Steve Randles Historian

## The Jack Bailey Memorial Teddy Bear Run



The Jack Bailey Memorial Teddy Bear Run will depart The Mill Casino at **2:30 PM, Saturday, June 17**, for the 2.1 mile escort of bikes and bears to the *HOPE* Center.

This ride is when Oregon's American Legion Riders will take the stuffed animals to **Bay Area Hospital's Kids'** *HOPE* **Center (Coos Bay)** where they will be shared with children in their care.

*HOPE* Center will also share bears with first responder agencies throughout the area to aid in their efforts to support families with children in times of crisis.

Legionnaires and Family members who would like to make the short trip to **The HOPE Center** are welcome to join us.

Oregon's American Legion Riders expect this will be the first of many annual Jack Bailey Teddy Bear Runs to support kids in the communities where Department of Oregon conventions are held.

Jack Bailey was a Post 21 American Legion Rider from Willamina, a local youth football coach, and a champion for kids throughout the Yamhill Valley. Oregon's American Legion Riders are honored to be a part of this tribute in his name.















## **Carl Douglas Post 74**

## Wishes all the Convention attendees great Convention

and

Invites you to bring your Custom Car or Motorcycle to our Cruise-In



## & WESTON KIA

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise-In Estacada PGE Timber Park

30878 NW Evergreen Way & Hwy 224 Estacada, Oregon

## July 8, 2023



10 AM- 3 PM (Judging 12-2)

Raffle for \$1,000.00 in Cash Prizes (\$400, 300, 200, 100 drawings)

Custom Hand Made 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies-

### Including Best of Show, American Legion pick, Participant's Pick, and

Club Participation \$50 cash, dash plaques 1<sup>st</sup> 150 cars.

All Proceeds go to The American Legion Carl Douglas Post 74 *"Veterans helping Veterans"* 

## Registration Day of Event \$20.00 per Vehicle (no checks)

## Preregistration \$15.00 - forms must be received by July 1

Day of event and preregistration does not include PGE Park Fee Note: Beginning May 1 – October 31, PGE will collect a \$5.00 per vehicle park entry fee

For more information and a Registration Form contact

Jim Moriarty (951) 368-4277 email: larrymo1979@yahoo.com



# Palou delivers American Legion Honda to first INDYCAR win



It was Palou's first win of the season, his first at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and his first in the No. 10 American Legion Honda.

It also was the Legion's red, white and blue "Be the One" livery's first win in the INDYCAR SERIES since partnering with Chip Ganassi and his team in 2021.

