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Commander S. Flynn Philips



We just got back from District 5 round-up in Prineville, Oregon. Traveling over Highway 26 was not a problem, and returning home wasn't too bad. There was just some packed snow that, with good traction tires, made it easy.

It just so happens that this time of year it is the American Legion's Birthday. This year, the American Legion is 106 years old and I gave the birthday message from National which was received well.

District 5 Commander Alan Alderman was a great host and had an outstanding meeting. As Tradition goes The D5 roundup is where candidates for high offices announce their desire to run for high-elected offices, Renee Ohler announced her desire to run for Department Commander, Fred Broadwater announced he would run for First Vice Commander, I read Mike Speer's announcement to run for the high office of Second Vice Commander, Don Weber and Betty Fish-Ferguson announced they would run for NEC and Alternated NEC respectively.

The Roundup festivities included a great lunch and to-die-for Prime Rib for dinner. Alan served up and sliced the Prime Rib. The auxiliary and other volunteers outdid themselves so Hats off to Post 29 for a job well done. Saturday evening was the traditional chicken Bingo event and did not disappoint. Auxiliary President Cindy Soria and I took turns cleaning up the chicken poop droppings from each round while listening to the song Chicken Dance.

The Membership team and entourage drove out to Past Department Commander Sid Carter's assisted Living center and Renee Ohler presented Sid with a Pendleton "Grateful Nation" Blanket. John Reish led the entourage out there to meet him and helped him recall the many times Sid was active in the Legion, especially the Chicken Suit. Sid was overwhelmed in receiving the blanket it brought tears to his eyes.



D5 Commander Alan Alderman, 2nd Vice Commander Fred Broadwater, Greg Marvin, & Detachment Commander Rob Liebenow look on as 1st Vice Commander Renee Ohler just draped the Pendleton “Gratefu Nation Blanket” over PDC Sid Carter. It was a touching Moment for everyone.



If you have never experienced Chicken Bingo it’s worth the trip to Prineville for the experience. President Cindy Soria and I standing together with our Cowboy hats on provided by the District.



The Post made a wonderful 106th Birthday Cake. Chaplain Betty Fish-Ferguson cutting the cake.



Department Commander S. Flynn Phillips receives his Cowboy hat from District 5 Commander Alan Alderman

Department 1st Vice Commander

Renee Ohler

I had the honor of being the guest speaker to Honor Women Veterans, at Santiam Post 51. With March being Honor Women Veterans month across the country, we reflected on the many accomplishments of our Women Veterans in the American Legion right here in Oregon. In 1986 The American Legion, Department of Oregon, elected their First Woman Veteran to serve the high office of Department Commander, Patsy Nestor. An organization that was founded in 1919 saw their First Woman Veteran Commander 86 years after The American Legion in Oregon was chartered and Incorporated by congress. It was another 24 years before we elected our 2nd Woman Veteran Jackie Collison to the high office of Department of Oregon Commander. Both Commander Nestor and Commander Collison contributed greatly to the success of the American Legion with their implementation of programs and service to our veterans, their families, and the State of Oregon. Their servant leadership paved the way for all women veterans serving in the American Legion today. Showing immense courage and dedication to make a difference. Their belief in themselves and their vision to make a difference for all women veterans in the American started the ball rolling for women in leadership.

Our Department Finance Officer, Don Bond, has done a great job cleaning up the mess our finances were left in after Lynn left employment as the department bookkeeper. He finally received access to the Department of Oregon bank accounts in October/November and completed his audit against our Quick books. Once he is ready to face an audit and have Oregon's finances face an audit, he will press forward with the assessment of a need for the audit. Nothing wrong with being prepared when the time comes. I commend him on his dedication and hard work to get things back on track and accounted for. We continue to have our monthly working groups with Gary Baldwin the Finance Commission Chair and Internal Affairs Commission Chair Richard Ramey. These working groups are very productive and I for one appreciate the integrity and honesty of the group.

Things are improving for the American Legion and we embrace the breath of fresh air.

For God and Country, God Bless

From the Department Chaplain

Hello Legionnaires,

I bring you all a special Spring Greeting.

2nd Corinthians 5:17 states:

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new Creation has come. The old is gone and the new is here.”

We might have different desires from God but we must submit every desire to God and allow Him to change us.

So, at this time of year, let us clear away the old and begin anew. Clear the garden beds to prepare for the new seeds.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Betty Fish-Ferguson
Department. Chaplain

Children and Youth

Children and Youth is the 4th original pillar of The American Legion. This was created to care for Children orphaned by war.

April is known as Children and Youth Month.

I have reported on the various programs that the National Organization endorses and has supported monetarily with regard to research and study of conditions that involve Children and Youth.

The Children and Youth Committee pertains to Youth Welfare and Family Support. It is different from the Americanism Youth Programs. I have reported on the TFA or Temporary Financial Assistance program before. It is one of our most successful National programs that we have for family support.

The rest is up to the individual Post. Please support your Post families with a Children and Youth activity this month. Raise some money for the Child Welfare Foundation. Besides, it's another Pillar you can report on the Consolidated Post Report.

Let us Celebrate the future of The American Legion, the Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion by supporting our Post families.

Betty Fish-Ferguson
Chairman Children and Youth

Internal Affairs

Elections

We are entering that season when Posts and Districts will be having elections for new officers. As you may already know, the Department of Oregon Constitution By-Laws calls for “Each Post shall select its officers for the ensuing year not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Department Convention” (Art. II, Sec. 3.). That would mean that all elections would be held prior to May 3, 2025.

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

Department Adjutant shall issue to each post not less than 60 days prior to Convention (Apr. 13) the number of delegates and alternates each Post is entitled for Convention. (Const. Art. V, Sec. 4)

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

Each District shall select a District Commander, one or more Vice Commanders, a District Adjutant, and such other elective or appointive officers as the District may determine at a meeting following the spring Department Executive Committee meeting and the results of said meeting to be received at Department Headquarters no later than 20 days prior to the opening of the Department Convention (May 28, 2025). Voting shall be any method determined by the District, however, Posts will vote at convention delegate strength. A quorum shall exist at the annual meeting when a majority of the Posts in the District are represented at the meeting. (By-Laws, Art. I, Sec. 2).

(Note: The minutes of the District meeting at which they were elected must be on file at Department.)

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

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

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

Any nominations for elections, must be seconded, prior to voting.

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

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

Delegates to the Convention should be voted upon.

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

Richard Ramey, Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION (VA&R) COMMISSION

PDC Bob Huff

Our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission members for the 2024-2025 membership year are PDC Don Weber, Ann Everetts, Betty Fish-Ferguson, John Reish and PDC Bob Huff, Chair. The focus of the Commission is oversight over VA&R activities for our department. Our commission which members serve on other commissions and Department Offices, “give the busy person the job, because they will do it”; right? Our Commission is meeting on Wednesday March 19 virtually on ZOOM, as we have other events scheduled, to participate in and to status and update. We continue to have a lot of demand for our activities with limited resources to support Veterans events. We have three planned Veterans Stand Down, Employment and Benefit Events on our plate and are meeting with the Court for the Jackson County Event which we are holding on Wednesday July 9th. We are scheduled at Kingsley Field again in July and will have a “Be the One” table and information and hand-outs. We are discussing Veterans events in Josephine and Douglas Counties currently. We will have “Be the One” tables and information at Eagle Point National Cemetery on Memorial Day and on Veterans Day in Eagle Point. Received an invitation from SOU in Ashland to have a table on campus on Tuesdays which we will be providing our American Legion Programs and “Be the One” information. Most activity currently is in Southern Oregon where we are active other than “DeMOB” planned activity. We need Legionnaires to be active in all areas of Oregon and critical later this year we need Legionnaires to be active all over the Department with “DeMOB activity with our Guard units. We still have a lot on our plate, which is good and are adjusting to it. We need help members to support our Department

If your Post or District is scheduling a Veterans Stand-Down, Employment, Education or Benefits event, or Revitalization for Membership, please let us know and if not conflicting with another event, we will support in-person if we can. We are looking for opportunities to get out the information on the “Be the One” campaign and to support our department and Veterans. We are busy, supporting our veterans and their families is our mission. Remember, Veterans and Families do not have to be members of our Legion Family to receive support from our Veterans Service Officers; our team is available. Pillar I, Veterans. We also have oversight of our Department VAVS Program which we now have members supporting all three VAs in our department being supported by American Legion members, three from our commission. We still need SAL members to support our VA Facilities and can always use more volunteers; we have lots of opportunities. Remember our VAVS, VA Volunteers, VA&R members are all volunteers, and we need more Legion Family volunteers to support our programs. We have a lot of members in all areas of our Department, we do not have a lot of volunteers.

Thank you to all of you that continue to support our Veterans community, all that have supported our deployed troops, thank you and keep up the good work. The VAVS arm also supports the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) with activity at our National Cemeteries. We have additional responsibility at the VA SORCC and Eagle Point National Cemetery as we have more face-to-face contact.

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

PDC Bob Huff, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission Chairman



Southern Oregon Veteran's Stand-Down and Employment Fair



Wednesday, July 9th 2025
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

VA SORCC Museum/Community Center
8495 Crater Lake Highway
White City, Oregon

- Employment Fair
- Legal Services
- Mental Health Services
- Oregon DMV
- VA Eligibility
- VA Homeless Programs
- VA Justice Outreach
- Veterans Benefits Office
- Pact Act Screening
- Lunch and refreshments
- Veterans Service Officers
- And much more



Thank you for your service

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School Districts/Schools/Posts/Scholarships Project

I took it upon myself to start a rather ambitious project. It took a bit longer than I had anticipated – you know how it is: great expectations, ambition, and most definitely rose-colored glasses telling you the project will be finished in no time. Then comes a nasty bout with the flu. And some intense brain fog. And my “couple week” project turned into a “couple month” project.

I had got to thinking about something Department 2nd Vice Commander Fred Broadwater had casually mentioned. He had told me there were (I can’t remember the exact number) schools in Oregon. And this made me wonder exactly where those schools were located in relation to their nearest Posts. Because the way I look at it, every school should have a Post looking out for them.

I decided to do an internet search for all the school districts in Oregon. The specific search I did came up with 196 school districts. I then went to each school district’s website to see how many schools with a graduating class were in each district – whether that class be a traditional high school, a charter school, an alternative school, etc. Some alternative schools typically have students who are having trouble in mainstream high schools and most likely would have difficulty graduating, but regardless – there are graduating students in those alternative schools who may have turned themselves around and should be afforded the same opportunity of a scholarship as the students in a traditional high school. The answer to how many schools? 358. And we’re talking public schools only. Not private, not religious – public.

I then went to each school’s website and looked for a link that would take me to their “scholarship” page, or “College and Career” page, or a page which talked about “financial aid”. Most schools had information available to the general public. Some had their pages behind a private access portal. Some had nothing obvious that I could find. If there was a link to a page with any amount of scholarship information no matter how large

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or small, I copied the link and attached it in the corresponding column for that school. If there was a reference to a The American Legion Scholarship on their scholarship page, I also copied that information to the corresponding column. There were 47 of the 358 schools that had any reference to a The American Legion Scholarship.

Next, I needed to find the nearest and second nearest Post to the school. This was factored in as mileage, not time. The nearest Post would be the Primary Post. The second nearest would be the Alternate Post. Some schools ended up with more than one Alternate due to the fact that the mileage from the two Alternate Posts to the school was pretty much the same – within one (1) mile. I ended up with two spreadsheets. The first lists the school districts in alphabetical order, the schools within those districts, the Primary and Alternate Posts, the mileage from the Posts to the schools, and did they have a scholarship page? The second spreadsheet lists the Legion Districts in numerical order, the Post, the school district, the school, and the mileage. These are pretty large spreadsheets. Too large to publish in The Oregon Legionnaire. I also have a two-page word document that explains a few things in case there are questions.

It is my thought that every school with a graduating class needs to be contacted by a Post, regardless of location, size, or financial demographic. We need to get The American Legion scholarship information out there. I will be sending the word document and the spreadsheets out to all the District Commanders for dissemination to all their Posts. Some Post have quite a few schools – either as the Primary or as an Alternate. Some schools are more than 100 miles from their Primary Post. We have to start somewhere, and this is a good start – knowing what other schools we can be contacting besides the one main high school located in the same town as the Post.

Wendy Berger Wood
District 1 Commander

Membership and Post Activities

M&PA Commission Chair
Renee Ohler

Congratulations to those Posts that made the 90% Target Date.

The final numbers are being added to the 2025 - 2026 Financial Budget. I cannot stress enough the impact membership income plays in this budget.

I am hearing from many Posts that are not receiving this report. District Commanders please follow-up with your Posts and ensure they are receiving the weekly membership reports.

Remember there are a lot of great membership videos on the legion.org website. Keep doing your buddy checks and calling members on your unrenewed rosters.

Please check with all of your Posts and make sure they have a My Legion account.

We only have 2 more target dates of 95% and 100% for April and May. Don't be that Post that has to leave their Post flag home because you didn't make 100%.

I believe you can do any thing you put your mind to.

Renee Ohler
Department of Oregon
1st Vice Commander
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Department of Oregon 2025 Membership
As of 3/18/25

Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

OR District 1

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0002	Washington	Forest Grove	8	32	64	3	107	131	81.68
OR-0006	Hillsboro Inc	Hillsboro	0	53	106	2	161	202	79.70
OR-0012	Clatsop Inc	Astoria	24	50	185	2	261	297	87.88
OR-0042	J H Wellington Inc	St Helens	4	18	71	5	98	108	90.74
OR-0047	Tillamook	Tillamook	3	8	35	1	47	67	70.15
OR-0056	Argonne Inc	Sherwood	13	27	137	1	178	201	88.56
OR-0068	T Les Galloway	Clatskanie	3	19	72	0	94	115	81.74
OR-0090	John Kalmbach	Banks	2	19	102	0	123	125	98.40
OR-0099	Seaside	Seaside	12	40	199	2	253	294	86.05
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	26	67	280	1	374	480	77.92
OR-0119	Vernonia Inc	Vernonia	4	3	24	1	32	38	84.21
OR-0124	Beaverton	Beaverton	0	13	50	1	64	83	77.11
OR-0126	Neill Walker	Nehalem	0	2	2	0	4	15	26.67
OR-0158	Tigard	Tigard	19	68	299	7	393	457	86.00
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	3	10	93	0	106	124	85.48
		SUM:	121	429	1,719	26	2,295	2,737	83.85

OR District 2

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0007	Delbert Reeves	Silverton	0	6	12	0	18	31	58.06
OR-0009	Capital	Salem	0	37	71	1	109	140	77.86
OR-0017	Keizer	Keizer	6	5	36	0	47	52	90.38
OR-0020	Carl B Fenton	Dallas	0	17	85	1	103	133	77.44
OR-0021	Mc Minnville	Mc Minnville	30	50	258	3	341	447	76.29
OR-0033	Independence	Independence	0	3	34	0	37	41	90.24
OR-0046	Woodburn	Woodburn	0	9	20	0	29	44	65.91
OR-0057	Lester C Rees	Newberg	3	7	49	0	59	80	73.75
OR-0058	Stayton	Stayton	2	25	110	2	139	191	72.77
OR-0075	Sheridan	Sheridan	1	9	72	0	82	82	100.00
OR-0089	Mt. Angel	Mt. Angel	2	3	54	1	60	64	93.75
OR-0110	Aurora Inc	Aurora	0	3	4	1	8	21	38.10
OR-0122	Canby	Canby	3	47	160	1	211	264	79.92
OR-0136	Salem	Salem	4	31	48	1	84	132	63.64
OR-0149	Pioneer Inc	Salem	1	11	20	0	32	38	84.21
OR-0159	Mill City-Gates	Mill City	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0173	Carlton Memorial	Carlton	6	13	81	2	102	95	107.37
		SUM:	58	276	1,114	13	1,461	1,855	78.76

OR District 3

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0003	Eugene Inc	Eugene	17	16	42	0	75	73	102.74
OR-0010	Albany Inc	Albany	9	76	259	2	346	459	75.38
OR-0011	Corvallis	Corvallis	0	16	39	0	55	72	76.39
OR-0032	Calvin Funk	Cottage Grove	1	13	41	0	55	73	75.34
OR-0040	Springfield	Springfield	0	25	49	5	79	97	81.44
OR-0051	Santiam Inc	Lebanon	36	52	429	2	519	575	90.26
OR-0059	Francis M Yost	Florence	2	15	45	0	62	79	78.48
OR-0061	Tri-Counties	Junction City	0	17	41	1	59	72	81.94
OR-0064	Cascade	Oakridge	0	6	7	0	13	27	48.15
OR-0083	North Eugene-Santa Cla	Eugene	19	32	179	5	235	251	93.63
OR-0097	Lincoln City	Lincoln City	1	10	13	0	24	35	68.57
OR-0100	Mary's River	Philomath	0	1	7	0	8	15	53.33
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	12	30	212	2	256	289	88.58
OR-0133	Timber City	Sweet Home	1	8	14	0	23	24	95.83
OR-0184	Travis Moothart	Brownsville	1	9	31	0	41	55	74.55
		SUM:	99	326	1,408	17	1,850	2,196	84.24

OR District 4

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0008	Klamath	Klamath Falls	6	32	157	0	195	233	83.69
OR-0014	Guy T Applewhite	Ashland	0	4	3	0	7	27	25.93
OR-0015	Medford	Medford	0	37	102	3	142	167	85.03
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	14	29	196	1	240	270	88.89
OR-0050	Williams Valley	Williams	4	6	48	0	58	58	100.00
OR-0069	Rogue River	Rogue River	0	1	1	0	2	15	13.33
OR-0070	Glenn Morrison	Cave Junction	2	5	31	0	38	38	100.00
OR-0084	Malin Inc	Malin	2	10	44	0	56	63	88.89
OR-0129	Myers-Holland Inc	Central Point	1	4	98	0	103	117	88.03
OR-0192	White City	White City	1	8	42	0	51	65	78.46
		SUM:	30	136	722	4	892	1,053	84.71

OR District 5

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0004	Stevens-Chute	Bend	0	24	59	2	85	94	90.43
OR-0019	The Dalles Inc	The Dalles	0	13	34	0	47	68	69.12
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	0	9	38	0	47	55	85.45
OR-0025	Frank Burns	Condon	0	3	18	0	21	25	84.00
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	17	23	164	4	208	232	89.66
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	4	44	118	1	167	224	74.55
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	22	79	238	3	342	375	91.20
OR-0048	Eugene Cougar Greene,	Warm Springs	0	2	0	0	2	15	13.33
OR-0049	Sherman County	Moro	0	4	15	0	19	28	67.86
OR-0055	Mosier Inc	Mosier	0	2	17	0	19	21	90.48
OR-0073	Maupin	Maupin	0	0	0	0	0	15	0.00
OR-0086	Sisters	Sisters	1	10	51	0	62	84	73.81
OR-0125	Jefferson County Vetera	Madras	0	6	14	0	20	40	50.00
OR-0131	Deer Ridge	Madras	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0135	Wamic	Wamic	0	1	0	0	1	15	6.67
OR-0164	Don L Medlock	Spray	0	2	0	0	2	15	13.33
		SUM:	44	222	766	10	1,042	1,306	79.79

OR District 6

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0023	Pendleton	Pendleton	0	9	4	0	13	18	72.22
OR-0024	Milton-Freewater	Milton Freewater	3	13	43	0	59	70	84.29
OR-0037	Hermiston	Hermiston	15	11	90	3	119	118	100.85
OR-0041	John Noble Holcomb	Baker City	0	10	35	0	45	56	80.36
OR-0043	La Grande	La Grande	4	28	124	0	156	195	80.00
OR-0072	Kruse	Wallowa	0	2	12	0	14	22	63.64
OR-0087	Heppner	Heppner	0	0	0	0	0		
OR-0095	Ione	Ione	1	14	29	0	44	54	81.48
OR-0130	Athena	Athena	0	2	13	0	15	20	75.00
OR-0140	George St Dennis	Mission	0	4	1	0	5	0	#DIV/0

OR-0157	Wallowa Lake	Joseph	0	7	31	0	38	48	79.17
		SUM:	23	100	382	3	508	601	84.53

OR District 7

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0030	Gresham	Gresham	0	13	43	0	56	79	70.89
OR-0074	Carl Douglas	Estacada	3	35	77	1	116	153	75.82
OR-0098	St Johns Inc	Portland	0	12	6	0	18	51	35.29
OR-0108	Corbett	Corbett	0	4	6	0	10	23	43.48
OR-0134	Frederick And John Ravi	Portland	1	22	56	0	79	111	71.17
OR-0137	Dana King	Portland	0	3	0	1	4	15	26.67
OR-0185	City Of Roses Musicians	Portland	0	3	14	0	17	25	68.00
		SUM:	4	92	202	2	300	457	65.65

OR District 8

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	9	59	180	1	249	327	76.15
OR-0005	Willamette Falls Inc	Oregon City	0	4	9	0	13	82	15.85
OR-0065	Wilsonville	Wilsonville	2	8	33	0	43	58	74.14
OR-0127	Sandy	Sandy	0	2	1	0	3	27	11.11
OR-0150	Oregon Trail	Portland	1	20	56	0	77	101	76.24
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	22	41	393	4	460	521	88.29
		SUM:	34	134	672	5	845	1,116	75.72

OR District 9

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0016	Earle B Stewart	Roseburg	0	45	105	0	150	194	77.32
OR-0026	Bandon	Bandon	0	13	41	0	54	69	78.26
OR-0034	Bay Area	North Bend	16	25	100	4	145	150	96.67
OR-0062	Reedsport	Reedsport	3	12	18	0	33	37	89.19
OR-0076	Port Orford	Port Orford	0	0	8	0	8	22	36.36
OR-0121	Sutherlin	Sutherlin	0	4	54	1	59	62	95.16
OR-0123	Fallin	Canyonville	0	7	45	0	52	61	85.25
OR-0152	Baird-Heaton	Oakland	0	5	16	0	21	38	55.26
		SUM:	19	111	387	5	522	633	82.46

OR District 10

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0063	Harney County	Burns	6	12	93	1	112	127	88.19
OR-0067	Ontario	Ontario	2	12	77	0	91	118	77.12
OR-0077	Ellis Tracy	John Day	5	5	34	1	45	43	104.65
OR-0079	Nyssa	Nyssa	1	2	21	4	28	25	112.00
OR-0096	Vale	Vale	3	4	48	0	55	63	87.30
OR-0106	Prairie	Prairie City	0	4	57	1	62	79	78.48
		SUM:	17	39	330	7	393	455	86.37

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0114	Headquarters	Portland	0	66	526	0	592	220	269.09
		SUM:	0	66	526	0	592	220	269.09

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0036	Coquille-Myrtle Point	Coquille	0	7	1	0	8		
		SUM:	0	7	1	0	8		

Department of Oregon Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
Sum:	449	1,938	8,229	92	10,708	12,683	84.43

Department of Oregon 2025 Membership
as of 3/18/25

District Summary Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1	OR Dist 0001 LGN	121	429	1,719	26	2,295	2,737	83.85
2	OR Dist 0002 LGN	58	276	1,114	13	1,461	1,855	78.76
3	OR Dist 0003 LGN	99	326	1,408	17	1,850	2,196	84.24
4	OR Dist 0004 LGN	30	136	722	4	892	1,053	84.71
5	OR Dist 0005 LGN	44	222	766	10	1,042	1,306	79.79
6	OR Dist 0006 LGN	23	100	382	3	508	601	84.53
7	OR Dist 0007 LGN	4	92	202	2	300	457	65.65
8	OR Dist 0008 LGN	34	134	672	5	845	1,116	75.72
9	OR Dist 0009 LGN	19	111	387	5	522	633	82.46
10	OR Dist 0010 LGN	17	39	330	7	393	455	86.37
11	OR Dist 0099 LGN	0	66	526	0	592	220	269.09
11		0	7	1	0	8		
	SUM:	449	1,938	8,229	92	10,708	12,683	84.43

Department of Oregon 2025 Membership
as of 3/18/25

County Summary Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

	District	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
1		449	1,938	8,229	92	10,708	12,629	84.79
	SUM:	449	1,938	8,229	92	10,708	12,683	84.43

District 2

Mike Speer, Commander

It's that time of the Legion year where the hunt for officers is in full swing. For District 2, we're looking for a 1st Vice and 2nd Vice. The days of sitting in a tree stand just waiting for someone to walk by doesn't seem to be working anymore. You either have to use bait (donuts...wait, that's for bear) or get down on the ground and stalk them (I think I watch too many Game Warden shows). Some posts also have that problem. No one seems to want to step up anymore. Oh, they will nominate someone else, as long as it's not them. For those posts and districts that are struggling, I wish you successful hunting and I hope you bag a trophy Legionnaire.

Memorial Day is coming. A day we remember and honor those veterans that are no longer with us. Whether they were killed in combat, succumbed to the side effects of combat or crossed the finish line many years down the road, they deserve to be remembered. Most posts have a Memorial Day event. Some have a simple ceremony at their local cemetery, some honor veterans at multiple cemeteries and others have a community ceremony in a park. Whatever you do, the object is to educate your community that "Happy Memorial Day" is not the greeting a veteran appreciates. Happy Veteran's Day, maybe. Respect is the key word. Respect the service, respect the sacrifice and respect the families of those veterans. Go ahead and buy a new mattress and light the grill, just remember the reason for the season.

Americanism Patriotism

A Poem by Past Unit 158 President Hellen Sullivan of Tigard



With Love of country, you can't go wrong!
If we love God and Country, we can get through the
worst

Showing, once again, that America is first!
Honor our veterans for all they have done —
We owe them our gratitude — every single one!
When things go wrong and we're put to the test —
Yes, America has faults, but we're still the best!
Don't let political times take your patriotism away—
Love American even more, when times seem gray!
No matter the problems, we should all love our land
Do all that you can to keep this country grand.
Proudly display our American Flag —
Show the world your patriotic swag!
Be a good citizen and encourage others too —
Show strength and independence in all that you do!
Voting is vital, let your voice be heard —
Never, never settle for second or third!
Be a good example in all that you do —
Keeping America great is up to you!

Make faith, family, and freedom important to you—
Keep them in mind whatever you do.
Stand for America — be strong —

By Hellen Sullivan June 2024, submitted by Sue
Holton of Unit 158

Quilts of Honor Ceremony in Newberg

Sharon Story Brenier with Rosi and John Nyberg, all from the Quilts of Valor Foundation presented 6 Newberg veterans with quilts at the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg with 42 members of the community looking on, made up of family, American Legion, VFW and Band of Brothers members.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation started as a small grassroots organization and is now a nationwide foundation with over 400,000 quilts awarded since being founded in 2003. Each month, an average of over 2,000 quilts are awarded to honor those who have served or are serving our country.

Honorees:

Joseph Hopper (Air Force 1966-1969, Aviation Painting)
Gary Conklin (Army 1967-1969, Korea and Aberdeen Proving Grounds)
Gary Murdoch (Army 1967-1969, 1st Infantry Division – Rangers)
Wayne Frost (Army 1967-1970, Combat Medic)
Dennis Gronich (Army 1968-1970, Combat Medic)
Jerry Angle (Navy 1976-1994, Operation Restore Hope – Somalia)

Sharon said “Each quilt is unique. It has been created with loving hands, washed and personalized with a label... We honor you for the role you took to keep us safe and free, this quilt is to provide comfort and warmth. **It is to used!**”

(Submitted by District 2 Commander Mike Speer)





(Note from Editor)

You can send articles for publication to orlegionnaire@gmail.com

Suspense date for submission to the Oregon Legionnaire May Issue is April 15th.

Post 106 Visitation



One of the most rewarding things a commander can do is to answer the call for a Post visitation request. Jim Jerome reached out to me for a post visitation in Prairie City, Oregon. As such I answered the call. Prairie City is 5 ½ hours, and 400 hundred miles from Beaverton. It was a long drive.

Tuesday, March 5th, 2025 myslef and 2nd Vice Fred Broadwater attended Post 106's regular monthly meeting. What a bunch of great guys to hang out with. It just goes to show you there are outstanding veterans all over the stae. Jim is behind me and Bob Vorhees is right of Fred Broadwater. The Commander and Adjutant are to the right of me.



American Legion State Commander Flynn Phillips and 2nd Vice Commander Fred Broadwater was on KJDY's Coffee time with host Logan Bagett to discuss the American Legion's 106th Birthday, as well as Boys State. Coffee Time is a media program of Elkhorn Media Group, John Day, Oregon

(Post 106 Visitation continued)

Jim also got us a spot for a radio interview on KJDY Coffee Time. I gave the American Legion 106th Anniversary Speech and 2nd Vice Fred Broadwater talked about eth programs and Boys and Girls State. After the interview, we made our Vets Coffee at the Elks. What a great turnout, Bob Vorhees was busy in the Telehealth backroom on a Veterans Advisory Meeting. Below we are busy with the Radio interview. Kudos to Logan at KDJY who made our session a success.

Wall That Heals



American Legion Post 33 Independence and the city of Independence will be hosting The Wall that Heals this September with opening ceremony to be on the 18th. There were over 140 applicants to host the Wall that Heals this year and Independence was one of 31 selected to host. This exhibit is a 3/4 scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC. And is maintained by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF). There is a 51 ft. trailer which transports the panels that become a museum display giving information about the Vietnam war, items left behind at the wall in Washington and displays hometown heroes and photos and bio's of those Vietnam Veterans who died after Vietnam from effects of serving in Vietnam. The link to

volunteer sign up is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44AEAA28ABF5C70-54787086-thewall#/>



Independence Oregon has the first Vietnam Veterans memorial in Oregon and is located in Veterans Plaza on main street. This memorial was hand built by 3 Vietnam Veterans.

Your help in spreading the word and any help you care to offer will be appreciated.

Semper Fi
Billy Whisenant,
Commander
American Legion Post 33 Independence
Co-chair hosting committee for bringing the
Wall That Heals to Independence

Americanism Dinner at Post 158 Tigard

Post Commander Gary Baldwin and First Vice President Barb Smith serve as hosts at the dinner.

Department Second Vice Commander and Boys State Committee Chairman Fred Broadwater attended Tigard Post 158's Americanism Dinner. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Tigard Police, Baseball Chairs, and Coaches attended.



First Vice President Barb Smith



Auxiliary Chaplain Karen Walker, Tigard Policeman OOTY



Nathan Bender, Boys State with Fred Broadwater



Nathan Bender talks about his Boys State and Boys Nation experience.

The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (LOOTY) and Fire Fighter of the Year (FFOTY) programs were begun by Patsy Nestor, a Past Post Commander and a Past Department Commander from Tigard Post 158. It was a local way of honoring the LOOTY and FFOTY in our community as part of our annual Americanism dinner. It was very well supported and admired as word got out of the Community response and the working relationship with both the Police and Fire Departments. The concept spread through the District, then the Department of Oregon, and eventually supported and endorsed by National as a Community Awareness program and thrives throughout the nation as an integral part of the Americanism celebration. Post 158 has included over the years, acknowledgement of the Girls' and Boys' State representatives. More recently, the Baseball teams have also been added for their recognition as well through the Americanism dinner.

(Contributed by Gary Baldwin, Tigard Post 158 Commander)

Department of Oregon Legionnaires Visit Oregon's Legislative Representatives

Greetings Legionnaires,



I have just returned from the 65th American Legion National Conference. My "Call-In" was for a meeting on February 24th for the National Security Commission. I attended meetings all day on the 24th and then went to District 4 Congresswoman Val Hoyle's office on Capitol Hill. Other Oregon Delegates were contacting other Oregon politicians the following day.

I had an incredible experience. We met with Legionnaire Dan Wiley from Kansas, who is the leading candidate for National Commander 2025/2026 year.

Hope all is well with everyone.
Alan Alderman , District 5 Commander

Pictured: D5 Commander Alan Alderman, Department President Cindy Soria, Niki McElravy, Dan Burks, Kansas National Executive Committeeman Dan Wiley, D9 Commander Eric Stallings, Past National Commander Charles Schmidt, Department Judge Advocate and Past Department Commander Don Weber

Take A Soldier Fishing

Take A Soldier Fishing, Portland Chapter is planning to hold their next Take a Soldier/Veteran/Active Military fishing event at Henry Hagg Lake, Area C, Saturday, June 14, 2025. The event provides a free day of fishing for veterans and active duty military residing in Oregon and SW Washington from any branch of the service. You are welcome to review our website at <http://www.takeasoldierfishing.org> where registering as a volunteer or participant is available.. The event is free to all veterans and active-duty military and their immediate family members.

Lunch is planned between 11:30am and 12:45 pm. AM refreshments, lunch, and door prize drawings at noon are included.

The hours of the event are between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

This is forwarded to anyone who may be interested in participating as a volunteer or participant.

(Article provide by Jack Morby)

Candidate for Department Second Vice Commander

My name is Mike Speer. I'm running for Dept. of Oregon 2nd Vice-Commander.

First, a little bit about myself. I left the Coast Guard after 10 years as a First-Class Quartermaster (E-6), which, for all you non-floating folks, is what I describe as an enlisted navigator. According to my membership card, my wife Dana and I have been members of the Legion for 9 years.

We joined the Legion so we could join the Riders. See, it does work! When I was only 8 months old in the Legion, I was "volintold" that I was the new Post Adjutant. I'm sure some of you can relate to that. I've been the post adjutant ever since. Over the years, my hat collection has changed to include a Riders chapter officer and Auxiliary Unit Secretary. Currently I'm the Charter Origination Rep for 4 Scouting units, a member of the Dept. Riders Committee, Dept. Scouting Committee member, Americanism Commission Chair and District 2 Commander for the past 2 years. In 2021, I had the honor of being selected as Oregon Legionnaire of the Year. I've been a Legionnaire, Auxiliary member and a Rider. I understand the need to work together...or at least get along.

I've been approached for the last several years to run for Dept., but my wife said "not no, but hell no! I would never see you!" You see, she has invested over 50 years in my training and wants to enjoy the fruits of her labor. But recently, she has softened the idea, as long as she can come on some of the trips. So, this time, when I was asked to run, I thought long and hard about it. There's a lot of meetings, a lot of travel, and recently, a lot of drama. The biggest issue is that it's a 4-year commitment! It's not one of those jobs where you can try it for a year to see if you like it. Bottom line, I've looked at all the pros and cons and decided I want to commit to climbing the next ladder.

So, if I get elected, what's my plan? First of all, the only thing I can promise you is that I will do my best. 2nd Vice has only one vote, just like the District Commanders and the rest of the DEC. So, I can't promise to fix what's wrong all by myself, but I will work as part of a team to make it better.

In conclusion, I know you've been waiting to hear that, if I get elected, I will work closely with Renee and Fred as a member of Team Oregon, just like I have done for years as I went up the district ladder.

Military and ROTC News



MILITARY ACADEMY & ROTC INFORMATION NIGHT

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Tuesday April 30

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6PM–8PM PT

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Mayor Lacey Beaty, U.S. Army Veteran

Major Brian Berling, Commanding Officer, Marine Recruiting Station, Portland

Lt. Nicholas Kimmi, Air Force Academy Liaison

Commander Christian D'Angelo, XO Navy Talent Acquisition

LTJG Will Landry, USCG Sector Incident Mgmt. Division
