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The American Legion Department of Oregon

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Commander's Corner

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 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.

National American Legion College

November 16 - 21, 2025



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 31 ST from the Department Adjutant. If interested, complete the application and send it to the Department Adjutant and the Training and Development Committee. They will review and make a selection and alternate.

See the link below for more information and review the ideal candidate. District Commanders are urged to apply.

<https://www.legion.org/information-center/training/legion-collegece>.

BE THE ONE

Department Constitution and By-Laws

Proposed Changes

The following are resolutions proposing changes to the Department Constitution and By-Laws. Each of these will be presented to the convention delegates at The American Legion, 2025 Department of Oregon Convention for consideration and approval.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Oregon

Internal Affairs Commission

Date: October 1, 2024

Resolution No: 2025-001 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Committee Chairman Delegates Have Power to Vote

Origin: Richard Ramey, Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Oregon Constitution, Article V, Section 6 states:

“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 all Department Conventions, and Chairmen of Department Standing Commissions, if elected delegates to the Convention, shall be Chairmen 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 change Constitution Article V, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION, Section 6 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, Be it further

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, By The American Legion, Department of Oregon assembled in Salem, Oregon, June 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2025, That this change take effect upon its adoption.

Title: **Committee Chairman Delegates Have Power to Vote**

Originator Signature: Richard Ramey Date: October 1, 2024

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Oregon
Internal Affairs Commission
Date: October 9, 2024

Resolution No: 2025-002 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Districts File Meeting Minutes at Department

Origin: Richard Ramey, Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Oregon Constitution By-Laws, Article I – DISTRICTS describes the composition and duties of the Districts, and

WHEREAS, Oregon Statute ORS 60.771 Corporate records states: “A corporation shall keep as permanent records minutes of all meetings of the corporation’s shareholders and board of directors, a record of all actions that the shareholder or board of directors takes without meeting and a record of all actions that a committee or the board of directors takes in place of the board of directors on behalf of the corporation”, and

WHEREAS, Districts were created to act as intermediary levels of leadership for the Department to help the Department administer its programs, and

WHEREAS, Constitution By-Laws, Article III –Duties and Powers of Officers, Section 11 District Commanders, second sentence states: “Each District Commander shall have charge of and shall be responsible for, all activities and programs of the Department and National organization within the District; and third sentence states “He/she shall preside over all meetings of his/her District, appoint District Chairman as provided in Section 2 of Article I of these By-Laws, and perform such other duties as his/her District Constitution and By-Laws may require; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Oregon add to Constitution By-Laws, Article I, DISTRICTS a Section 5 to read:

“Section 5 Each District shall make a written record of all District meetings and forward those minutes to Department for file no later than 30 days following the District meeting at which the minutes are approved”, and be it finally

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Oregon assembled in Salem, Oregon, June 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2025, That this change take effect upon its adoption.

Title: Districts File Meeting Minutes at Department

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Oregon
Internal Affairs Commission
Date: November 4, 2024

Resolution No: 2025-003 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Removes Requirement for publication of proposed amendments on Facebook

Origin: Richard Ramey

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Oregon Constitution Article XV – AMENDMENTS, Section 2, states:

“This Constitution may be amended at any Department Convention by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting, provided that such proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Department Adjutant not less than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of such Department Convention; and, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been read at said Convention the day before the vote thereon; 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 Facebook; The Department Adjutant shall cause the proposed amendment to be published in the Oregon Legionnaire prior to such Convention; A copy of each proposed amendment shall be furnished to each delegate with his Convention package; All proposed amendments shall be in the form of written resolutions and shall specifically refer to the Article and Section sought to be amended”; and

WHEREAS, the amendments are being sent to Posts, given to delegates, and published in the Oregon Legionnaire, which is on the Department Website and therefore not needed to be placed on Facebook; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Oregon 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 THAT, The American Legion, Department of Oregon assembled in Salem, Oregon, June 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2025, That this change take effect upon its adoption.

Title: Removes Requirement for publication of proposed amendments on Facebook

Originator Signature: Richard Ramey Date: November 4, 2024

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Oregon
Internal Affairs Commission
Date: October 22, 2024

Resolution No: 2025-004 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Adds Policy Committee

Origin: Richard Ramey, Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Oregon Constitution By-Laws, Article IX – DEPARTMENT STANDING COMMISSIONS, Section 1 states:

“These shall be, in addition to the Permanent Finance Commission as set out in Article VII of these By-Laws, the following Commissions and Committees of the Department of Oregon”; and,

WHEREAS, A group of experienced Legionnaires is needed to study, recommend, and formulate policies that will be beneficial to the Department on all matters that will tend to increase the prestige of The American Legion, Department of Oregon, and to advance the best interests of The American Legion; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Oregon change Constitution By-Laws Article IX – DEPARTMENT STANDING COMMISSIONS, add a new Section 10 which states:

The Department of Oregon Policy Committee shall study, recommend, and formulate policies that will be beneficial to the Department; and the constituents of the Committee shall be the Department Commander as Chairman, Department First Vice Commander, Department Second Vice Commander, Department Adjutant (ex-officio), Department Judge Advocate, Immediate Past Commander, Internal Affairs Chairman, and other members as assigned by the Department Commander; and, Be it further

RESOLVED, That Article IX, Section 1 be amended to add Policy Committee as item (11); and, Be it further

RESOLVED, That Article IX, the preceding Section 10 be changed to Section 11; and
be it finally

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Oregon assembled in Salem, Oregon, June 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2025, That this change take effect upon its adoption.

Title: Adds Policy Committee

Originator Signature: Richard Ramey Date: October 22, 2024

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Oregon
Internal Affairs Commission
Date: November 8, 2024

Resolution No: 2025-005 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Changes Constitution By-Laws, Appendix A, Standing Rule 9 to Reports Sent to Department Adjutant

Origin: Richard Ramey, Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The Department of Oregon Constitution and By-Laws APPENDIX A, STANDING RULES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF OREGON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS lists various rules for the conduct and completion of business of the Department of Oregon between the annual Conventions by the Department Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Oregon Constitution and By-Laws APPENDIX A, 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, 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; therefore Be It

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Oregon change Constitution and By-Laws, Appendix A, Rule 9 to read:

Members of the D.E.C. *shall* submit their reports in writing and reports given *vocally* at the meeting shall be limited to five (5) minutes and a copy of same be given to the Department *Adjutant*.; and be it finally

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Oregon assembled in Salem, Oregon, June 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2025, That this change take effect upon its adoption.

Title: Changes Constitution By-Laws, Appendix A, Standing Rule 9 Reports to Reports Sent to Department Adjutant

Originator Signature: Richard Ramey Date: November 8, 2024

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Oregon
Internal Affairs Commission
Date: November 30, 2024

Resolution No: 2025-006 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Adds Parliamentary Authority

Origin: Richard Ramey, Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Oregon Constitution By-Laws, Article VII – CONVENTION RULES, Section 1 states:

“Section 1. With the following modification, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be adopted for the Convention.” and,

WHEREAS, a parliamentary authority should be established for all proceedings of The American Legion, Department of Oregon; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Oregon insert an added section in the Department Constitution named **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY** after Article VII which states:

“Article VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern The American Legion Department of Oregon in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Constitution and By-Laws and any special rules of order the Department may adopt”; and Be it further

RESOLVED, That previous Article VIII and subsequent articles be re-numbered appropriately; and, **Be it finally**

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Oregon assembled in Salem, Oregon, June 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2025, That this change take effect upon its adoption.

Title: Adds Parliamentary Authority

Originator Signature: Richard Ramey Date: 11/30/2024

Resolution No. 2025-006

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Oregon
Internal Affairs Commission
Date: December 6, 2024

Resolution No: 2025-007 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Adds Department Executive Committee (DEC) Resolutions 45-Day Advance Submission

Origin: Richard Ramey, Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The Department of Oregon Constitution and By-Laws APPENDIX A, STANDING RULES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF OREGON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS lists various rules for the conduct and completion of business of the Department of Oregon between the annual Conventions by the Department Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, business to be completed by the DEC requires that all members of the DEC have sufficient information prior to the meeting of the DEC; 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; and

WHEREAS, Resolutions require the consideration of appropriate Department Commissions and Committees and the required routing requires sufficient time to ensure the resolutions are in the proper format; therefore Be It

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Oregon add Constitution and By-Laws, Appendix A, Rule 16 to read:

All resolutions to be considered by the D.E.C. that do not change Department Constitution or By-Laws must be submitted to the Department Adjutant no later than 45 days prior to the D.E.C. to ensure proper coordination among required Commissions and Committees in advance of the D.E.C.; and be it finally

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Oregon assembled in Salem, Oregon, June 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2025, That this change take effect upon its adoption.

Title: Adds Department Executive Committee (DEC) Resolutions 45-Day Advance Submission

Originator Signature: Richard Ramey Date: December 6, 2024

The American Legion
Department of Oregon
Resolution Assignment Committee
Date: February 28, 2024

Resolution No: 2025-008 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Add language to The Department of Oregon Constitution By-Laws Article VII Convention Rules to clarify the responsibilities of the Resolution Assignment Committee

Origin: Terry Brown, Resolution Assignment Committee

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Oregon Constitution By-Laws, Article VII Convention Rules, Section 5 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

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 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 Resolution 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, By The American Legion, Department of Oregon at its annual Convention assembled in Salem, Oregon, June 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2025, That this change take effect upon its adoption.

Title: Add language to The Department of Oregon Constitution By-Laws Article VII Convention Rules to clarify the responsibilities of the Resolution Assignment Committee

Originator Signature: Terry Brown Date: 3/18/2024

Resolution No. 2025 - 008

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Oregon
Resolution Assignment Committee
Date: March 18, 2024

Resolution No: 2025-009 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Remove language from The Department of Oregon Constitution By-Laws Standing Commission to clarify Resolution “Assignment” Committee

Origin: Terry Brown, Resolution Assignment Committee

WHEREAS, Within the Department of Oregon Constitution 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 one 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 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 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 American Legion Department of Oregon Constitution By-Laws Article IX- Department Standing Commissions, Section 2.3, remove the word “Assignment” from the Resolution Assignment Committee; and, Be it further

Originator Signature: Terry Brown Date: 3/18/2024

Resolution No. 2025 - 009

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Oregon

Internal Affairs Commission

Date: March 24, 2025

Resolution No: 2025-010 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Adds The Oregon American Legion Foundation

Origin: Richard Ramey, Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) is an organization whose purpose is “to serve as an adjunct nonprofit to The American Legion, Department of Oregon and funds raised by this Foundation are to be used to support the charitable and veterans’ programs of The American Legion, Department of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) has in its By-Laws that the Department of Oregon Commander will appoint members to vacancies in the Foundation governing board, and the Department Adjutant, Department Judge Advocate, and Department Finance Officer are ex-officio members of the Foundation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Oregon add the identification and recognition of The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF) as an organization which supports the Department of Oregon through adding a new Article XV The Oregon American Legion Foundation with associating descriptions and Department of Oregon responsibilities as:

ARTICLE XV – THE OREGON AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION

Section 1, The American Legion recognizes an supportive organization, known as The Oregon American Legion Foundation (TOALF);

Section 2, Membership in The Oregon American Legion Foundation shall be limited as prescribed by The Oregon American Legion Foundation By-Laws;

Section 3, The Foundation shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by The Oregon American Legion Foundation, thereafter approved by the Department of Oregon.

Section 4, The Department of Oregon Commander shall appoint two members for two year terms to the Foundation, and additional members as there are vacancies on the Foundation Board; and be it further

Resolution No. 2025 - 010

Originator Signature: Richard Ramey Date: March 24, 2025

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Oregon
Permanent Finance Commission
Date: January 6, 2025

Resolution No: 2025-011 (assigned by Dept. if routed to Dept.)

Title: Removes ‘Permanent’ from Department Finance Commission

Origin: Richard Ramey, Finance Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Oregon Constitution and By-Laws contains many references to the ‘Permanent Finance Commission’, and

WHEREAS, the term ‘Permanent’ is not reflective of the conditions of the Department of Oregon finances and should be removed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Oregon remove the word ‘Permanent’ from the following Constitution and By-Laws articles and sections:

Index page 2, Constitution, Article VIII – Permanent Finance Commission 22-23;
Constitution, Article VII – Department Executive Committee, Section 10;
Constitution, Article X – Trust Fund, Section 1, third sentence;
Constitution, Article XII –Contingency Reserve Fund, Section 1, second sentence;
Constitution, Article XIII – Disaster Relief Fund, Section 1, third sentence;
Constitution, Article XIII – Disaster Relief Fund, Section 2, first sentence;
Constitution, Article XIV – Building Fund, Section 1, third sentence;
Constitution By-Laws, Article III – Duties and Powers of Officers, Section 6, first sentence;
Constitution By-Laws, Article V – Convention, Section 2, second sentence;
Constitution By-Laws, Article VIII – Permanent Finance Commission, title;
Constitution By-Laws, Article VIII – Permanent Finance Commission, Section 1, first sentence;
Constitution By-Laws, Article VIII – Permanent Finance Commission, Section 3, first sentence;
Constitution By-Laws, Article VIII – Permanent Finance Commission, Section 4, first sentence;
Constitution By-Laws, Article VIII – Permanent Finance Commission, Section 5, first sentence;
Constitution By-Laws, Article IX –Department Standing Commissions, Section 1, first sentence;
Constitution By-Laws, Article IX – Department Standing Commissions, Section 2, first sentence;
Constitution, Appendix A, paragraph 6, first sentence;
Constitution, Appendix A, paragraph 7; and be it finally

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Oregon assembled in Salem, Oregon, June 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2025, That this change take effect upon its adoption.

Title: Removes ‘Permanent’ from Department Finance Commission

Originator Signature: Richard Ramey Date: January 6, 2025

Legionnaire Magazine: Department of Oregon

We are getting the Legionnaire magazine back on track, with articles, photos and points of interest for each month..

Please plan ahead for your submission of articles.

All articles must be submitted to **orlegionnaire@gmail.com** by the 25th of each month, so we can get the magazine out and published by the 5th of the following month.

Let our members know what's going on in your post with articles and photos.



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Department Commander
The Reynolds High School
JROTC Cadet Military Ball, April 10, 2025



American Legion General Military Excellence Award: Ruby Berrelleza Vasquez

American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award: Francisco Rosendo Zavala

Next to me is Post 30 Commander George Simms. The others are not identified. Reynolds High School has a great JROTC Army program led by LTC (Ret) Mark H. Johnson, JROTC, 8th Brigade ROTC Senior Army Instructor, and Eric B. Davis, US Army Sergeant Major. Their Adjutant, Grant McAllister, made the presentation. The nominees were





OUTREACH GUIDE



ARMY BIRTHDAY → 14 JUNE 2025



#ARMY250



250TH ARMY BIRTHDAY



The U.S. Army was established
June 14, 1775

This year's theme is **This We'll Defend**.

We are commemorating 250 years of service in support of our nation and we invite our partners to celebrate this moment in history with us. We are highlighting stories of our Soldiers defending our nation and honoring their courage and patriotism.

The Army Birthday Outreach Guide serves to raise awareness of and promote the Army's 250th birthday. Office of the Chief of Public Affairs (OCA) will post more information at the links below as information becomes available.

This guide includes a calendar of events, key messages and recommended tactics for you to promote and attend. It also includes a call to action for you to share your content with us for further amplification.

By working together, we expand our reach to unique audiences, telling the long and proud history of the United States Army.

**TO HONOR THE COURAGE OF
THE AMERICAN SOLDIER.**

Visit army.mil/1775 and <https://history.army.mil/Revwar250/> to learn more about the establishment of the Army and locations of birthday celebrations.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Share these events with your stakeholders and virtually attend.

The Army/OCA will post more information on the 1775 microsite to participate or view these events virtually as information becomes available.

All events are subject to change or cancellation. All times shown are Eastern Standard Time unless otherwise stated.

6-7 June at 6:00 p.m.	National U.S. Army Museum Revolutionary War Exhibit Grand Opening
13 June at 7:00 a.m.	Army Birthday Run at Fort Myer, VA
13 June at 9:30 a.m.	Philadelphia's Army 250th Birthday Celebration
14 June at 10:00 a.m.	Arlington National Cemetery's Army Birthday Wreath Laying
14 June at 11:00 a.m.	Washington D.C.'s Army Birthday Festival & Twilight Tattoo Reenlistment Ceremony



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As we prepare for our future we also reflect on our past. 'This we'll defend' was first used as a battle cry by the Continental Army. Today it reminds us that our Army's purpose is clear: To fight and win the nation's wars. We remain committed to honing our warfighting skills, enforcing standards and discipline, and living the values that have defined our Army's culture for the past 250 years.

– Gen. Randy A. George, CSA

American Legion
Post 37

April 20th, 2025

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

It is early Resurrection Day and I hope all of you will take a few minutes to pause and remember a few historical moments that took place on this weekend over the years.

First and foremost it is Resurrection Day, the day our Savior, Jesus Christ rose from the grave in old Jerusalem. History records his death, Resurrection, and his presence with over 500 people prior to his Ascension into heaven.

Many years later on April 18, 1775 the English Army invaded the Colonies and Paul Revere's infamous ride alarmed the future nation. The following day, April 19th, "the shot that was heard around the world" took place at Lexington and Concord and the fight for our freedom began.

On April 19, 1995 the bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City created a big scar in American history.

There are so many other significant events that have happened and too many to post on this brief epistle.

Closer to home, yesterday eight hardy members of Post 37 met together and collected litter along W. Highland Avenue. Despite the drizzly rain the job was completed and a hearty 'Thank You' to, Mark Wiggins, Dave Kirkpatrick, Bill Hill, Tammy Cournoyer, Reagan Couch, Bob Daniel, Michele Misener, and myself. We wore our bright orange safety vests that were donated by the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce.

A month or so ago Weston Putman, Public Relations Director at Umatilla Co-Op, requested our Post 37 Honor Guard to present The Colors at the 88th Annual Co-Op Dinner, a request I quickly accepted. He also requested two members of the Hermiston High School Band to play their drums as the Colors were presented. One member, Addison Mosley, joined us for this prestigious event.

Last night Dave Kirkpatrick and myself had the honor of representing our Post, and our Veterans, by presenting The Colors in front of a packed house, the EOTEC Center.

Moments later Mr. Putman requested that all Veterans to please remain standing and the audience applauded their service to our great nation.

All in all it was a glorious weekend and a reminder as to why we are involved in our community.

Thank you all, and God Bless.

Aaron Wetterling
Commander
Post 37



**Post 37,
Hermiston, OR
Getting the job**



Public Relations

We are all getting prepared for the upcoming patriotic events and the American Legion Public Relations kit will walk ya'll thru the process to ensure your event is done in a way that it will make it easier for you. This kit has a list of: What to Do! How to do it and the planning of your event checklist. Please check this website and or have it printed out or just save the link to your computer for easy access. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 281-786-5402 or email corey0071@gmail.com.

So please count on me to assist you. The Oregon Media list was sent to the district commanders last year and the year before. Thanks to Past National Commander, Charlie Schimdt and Past Department Commander for handing it over to me and it has been updated to be in zip code order. This way ya'll can access it much easier. I will email it to ya'll again this week.

Maria Tye
Public Relations

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Public Relations Toolkit

Produced by the Media & Communications Division
of The American Legion



First Vice Commander Fred Broadwater, Mayor of Gervais Brian Wagner, and Commander Flynn Phillips met at the City Hall to discuss how the American Legion could assist the Mayor. Brian Wagner a Marine and his day job is the head of the Maintenance Division at Columbia Helicopters he explained that the city of Gervais is a bedroom community and doesn't have much of a tax base. We talked about how to recognize his Veterans and active duty military by putting of veteran appreciation signs hung from street light poles like the city of Beaverton does. Fred Talked about programs and getting to talk to the principle so the mayor was lining that up. Also, buy the time we left Fred had him in his post as a new member. Congratulations Fred for Post 17. The city of Gervais is French pronounced " Ger- Vay" in case you didn't know/

AMERICAN LEGION NORTH EUGENE, SANTA CLARA POST 83 3rd Annual Jack Bailey Toy Run July 12, 2025



JASPER MOUNTAIN
Hope for Children & Families

The 3rd Annual Jack Bailey Toy Run will benefit The Jasper Mountain Center in Lane County whose mission is to bring hope and healing to children and families who have experienced trauma, and to enhance their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. The Jasper Mountain Center serves over 1000 children and families per year who are severely abused.

Please Donate New Stuffed Animals,
OR Send Cash Donations To:
The American Legion Post 83 Riders
3650 River Rd, Eugene 97404
Or Ask for Harley, Adjutant at Post 83

THANK YOU!





District 2 Commander

First of all, kudos to LaPine Post 45 for a great job hosting the Spring DEC. We had a great time and the food was awesome! Locally, I attended Aurora Post 110's Veterans Outreach Brisket Dinner April 5 th , Vets ate free. The brisket sandwich, coleslaw and chips were great, thanks to post Adjutant Darryl and his smoker. The event was well attended, and they may have snagged a new member or two.

Several posts have held phone events to touch base with their unrenewed members and unattached members from the 114 list. They have seen some success. If you haven't tried getting together to tackle these lists, schedule one soon, before time runs out for this year.

The Convention team consisting of members from our own Salem Post 136, Keizer Post 17 and Pioneer Post 149, have been working hard at organizing all the many parts of putting on a convention. It will be at the Salem Convention Center, June 18-21. Shirts and hats are now available to order online, see flyer.

It's election time of year, so your district staff and I will be busy installing your new officers. It's fun meeting the new officers and reconnecting with familiar faces. Let me know as soon as possible when you need your installation. My dance card is filling up. Fortunately, I have other resources to draw from if I can't make it. Speaking of elections, I have been asked to run for Dept 2 nd Vice- Commander and have announced my candidacy. As many of you know, any 2 nd Vice position can be either challenging or boring, depending on how you approach it. I'm expecting a challenge. With that in mind, I will be stepping down as District Commander for next year and sliding over to District Adjutant and Richard will be our Judge-Advocate, so you will still see and hear from me at district meetings. Wish me luck.

District 2 Commander
Mike Speer

Department visit with PacifiCorp

We gave a great presentation to the employees of Pacific Corps via Zoom across 5 states at their headquarters at the Llyod Center. I gave the 106 th American Legion Birthday message which covered a lot of ground of what the legion is and does. Commander Broadwater presented all the Legion programs, and Ed presented what the Department Service Officer does. He said you can call him from anywhere in the world and he will accept a call between 0800- and 2200 at night Pacific time. WE got a tour of their Top floor Spaces and the view from the top floor was spectacular.

Left Second Vice Commander Fred Broadwater, Service Officer Ed VanDyke, Flynn, Scott Salazar from Pacific Corps



District 1 Commander

District 1's district meeting was held on March 22nd at Argonne Post 56 in Sherwood. I was very pleased that of the 15 posts in my district, 12 were present. Nehalem's Neill Walker post was not expected to be represented given their current status, which left only two posts that were absent. Every post has been active and productive, and we have had several say they have been working hard on membership. In looking at the most recent membership report, District 1 had 26 transfers from OR- 114 with St. Helens and Tigard being the top dogs with 12 between the two of them, alone. Those 26 total transfers equate to 28% of the Department's HQ Transfer total of 92. As far as our "goal", we're not quite where we need to be, but we are in the middle of the pack, and I'm hoping that these next two months we will be coming into the backstretch and gaining on the lead horse.

Lastly, I reminded them that they need to look over their PUFL list every so often. PUFLs often get overlooked. Their membership cards are sent directly from National and if their card gets returned as undeliverable, National doesn't notify us. If they're not active in the Post's activities, if they don't answer their phones during a buddy check, or if they live out of state, depending on their circumstances, the chances that we will find out about their passing may be slim. Keep calling or do a quick Google search every so often: John Smith, obituary, Oregon. We get money from National for PUFLs. Yes, the numbers look good, but we need to keep our rolls clean. The next District 1 meeting will be on May 17 th at Seaside. We had to change our location from Forest Grove due to

that weekend being graduation weekend at Pacific University, and as the Post is only 1 block from the main campus, parking will be impossible to find within a 5- or 6-block radius. Thank you, Seaside, for coming to the rescue.

I contacted the member who created the Stress Intervention, Reduction, and Reorientation Assistant (SIRRA) app for an update. A quick reminder: SIRRA is a free, easy-to-use mobile application that provides on-site intervention during the onset of severe anxiety, fight or flight responses, and other dissociative states. She said their previous flyer was impractical. The hyperlinks were difficult for individuals to see, and it was difficult to print and post. They simplified the flyer so it is easier to print, and Veterans can more easily access the mobile app.

For more information and to download the new flyer, the website is <https://groundinginnovations.com>.

The weather is getting better, and I still have several post-analyses to do so I am expecting some major road time these next two months. So very glad the days are getting longer.

Respectfully submitted:

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