



BOOK OF REPORTS

DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING

Spring DEC La Pine, Oregon

13 April 2025

Department Commander
S. Flynn Phillips

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

COMMANDER'S REPORT FOR THE BOOK OF REPORT

S. Flynn Phillips

We just got back from the 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.

I just spoke at a celebration of life for Janet Long, a 105-year-old widow of a WWII Airforce Colonel she was an amazing lady and worked in the Airplane factory while her husband was overseas. It just so happened that Rosie the Riveter Day was March 21st. So, I mentioned her war effort as well.

March 24th I attended the Convention Committee in Wilsonville at the black Bear Restaurant.

March 21st, I attended the pre-set up for the Women's Veteran display at the Pacific University campus right after the Washington County Veterans Association meeting.

March 20th, I attended the Veterans Coffee at the B-17 Alliance Restoration Hangar in Salem where Post 74 donated \$1000.00 as a sponsor to restore the Lacy Lady.

March 19th, I attended the Meet and Greet of George Fox University's Business Development Staff along with the College President, Members of Post 57 and Mike Speer, Steve Shollenburg, and District One commander Wendy Burger-Wood, along with Post 02 Commander Dale Thaler and Karla, and other Members of the Washington County Veterans. Toured the Theatre and Music Departments and spoke to those Department heads on how the Legion and assist the College.

March 15th I attended the District 5 Round Up in Prineville, I gave the 106th American Legion Birthday Speech, and received the traditional Cowboy hat from Alan Alderman. Renee Ohler and Fred Broadwater announced their intent to move up the chairs, Don Weber and Betty Fish-Ferguson announced their desire to run for NEC and Alt NEC. I gave Mike Speer's announcement to run for Second Vice. The Food for dinner was excellent, and Chichen Bingo was a sight to see. We made a quick trip to see Sid Carter, and Renee gave Sid a Grateful Nation Pendleton Blanket.

March 12th Fred Broadwater, Ed Van Dyke and Myself gave a presentation to the Headquarters of Pacific Corps at top the Llyod Center Building, We were on a zoom call to all veterans in their Five states of Operations. I gave the 106th Birthday message, which covered a lot of ground about the Legion and Fred presented Programs, while Ed gave a presentation on VSO's He told them he would take a call from anywhere in the world as long as it was between 08:00 and 10:00 PM Pacific time.

March 11th I attended the Estacada High School College and Career fair, which had schools from all over Clackamas County attend. I spoke about Programs.



March 10th, Second Vice Commander and IO attended a Meeting with the Team from Westview High School. ONG Ian Beaty was there along with their principal and District Head.

March 9th, Fred and I attended Post 37 luncheon and then gave a presentation to the High School Future Farmers of America School Club about programs in Hermiston, Oregon.

March 08th. Attended the Women's Veteran Appreciation Dinner in Lebanon, Renee Ohler was one of the Guest Speakers.

March 8th, we attended the District 3 meeting at Eugen Post 3, Gerry Patton filled in for Steve Adams.

March 6th was a Boys and Girls State Meeting at the Department.

March 5th, while visiting Post 106 in Prairie City, Fred and I were on the local Radio station, which was set up by Jim Jerome. We were able to give the 106th TAL Birthday Speech, and Fred got to talk about programs. We then headed over to the Elks lodge for Vet Coffee time. Great to meet so many veterans.

March 5th Post visitation request to Post 106 in Prairie City, Great bunch of guys, great meeting too, Hats off to the Commander and special thanks to Jim Jerome for inviting us out. Fred and I enjoyed the trip. Jim's hospitality was off the charts.

March 2nd Post 83, 50th Anniversary Celebration, Many dignitaries showed up, including the Mayor and Representative Manning.

March 2nd. Fred and I attended Post 57's meeting in Newburg.

February 28th. Fred and I attended a meeting with the Mayor or Gervais, who is a Marine and also Maintenance Supervisor at Columbia Helicopters. We discussed ways the Legion could assist him.

Feb 25th attended a meeting with Post 98 St. Johns, they were having some struggles. Good meeting.

Feb 22nd. while traveling to Moro, Oregon, we called Greg Marvin to have lunch at the Dirty Cowgirl Saloon. He met us there, and It was good to catch up with Greg and have a side order of Chicken Gizzards.

Feb 18th Attended Post 158 Americanism Dinner, where their Boys state and Girls State along with their LEO and Firefighter awards attended. Fred and Don Weber attend with us.

February 12th I attended the Sportsman show at the Expo Center and dropped in on Rae Hail from Clatsop Post 12 was also manning a table for their Purple Heart Society. Legion needs a table there next year, as ODVA had a table too.

Feb 12th attended a meet and greet with George Fox University Program development team with other Washington County Veterans including Post 124 Cosmo Sebelio.



Feb 8th Attended a Meeting with Clatsop Post 12 in Astoria, with Detachment commander Rob Leibnow, District 1 Commander Wendy Burger-Wood, 158 Commander Gary Balwin, Brian Woosley, and Doc Holiday to discuss their ongoing issues with staff and SAL, and Auxiliary.

Feb 6th Had a meet and greet at Camp Withycombe. Meeting with Active-Duty Guard, and Military Recruiting Command Staff, and how we can all work together. Post 158 Commander Gary Baldwin, Tom Rabal from Post 124, and Andrea Sutherlin, VFW Commander were their along with Denise Giesbers from Pacific University Veteran outreach coordinator was in attendance.

Jan 31st Attended Keizer Post 17 Boys State Appreciation Dinner with Second Vice Commander Fred Broadwater at the Keizer McNary Golf Course restaurant.

Jan 29th Attended a meet and greet with Post 56 Sherwood, and Phil Morton, introducing Mick Eschete to Phil. Fred was in attendance.

Jan 20th Spoke at Wilsonville Post 65 Meeting, Met with Larry Edwards and the Post members.

Jan 18th. We were on the selection board for Military Academy Nominations for Congresswoman Andre Salinas with Fred Broadwater, we had 20 candidates to go through. It took all day.

Jan 17th Fred Broadwater and I gave a presentation to Lebanon JROTC at the High School.

Jan 15th Attended a meeting with High School officials and Military Recruiters at the Westview High School.

Jan 10th Attended a Coffee meet and greet with several local Veterans from Washington County, Phil Myers, Doug Sheehan, Mark Magir, Bob Miller, MSGT David Rocha, Discussing how we can work for the better good of our local Veterans and High Schools.

Jan 3rd Met with Post 124 Commander Juliet Britton, Ian Beatty, along with Wendy- Burger-Wood, Cosmo Sebelio, and Fred Broadwater, at KIA Coffee. Great get-together.

Dec 30th Attended Keizer Post 17 meeting and Christmas Party.

Dec 28th Attended District 6 Meeting at the Wild Horse Casino, Fred and Don Weber were in attendance, Renee was live from her house via Zoom.

Dec 21st Attended Post 149's Christmas party.

Done I'm Tired'

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DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER REPORT

Cory Brockmann

DEPARTMENT FIRST VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Renee Ohler
Department of Oregon
1st Vice Commander\

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 its 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
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 all of your Posts and make sure they have a MyLegion 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 anything you put your mind to.

Renee Ohler
Department of Oregon
1st Vice Commander
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MEMBERSHIP AND POST ACTIVITIES

Commission Chair

Renee Ohler

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SECOND VICE COMMANDER

Fred Broadwater

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Second Vice Commander

This report covers the period of 1 December 2024 through 13 March 2025.

I attended a tour of the 142nd Fighter Base @ the Portland Air Base. I attended the following District meetings: District 3 on the 14th of December; District 6 on the 28th of December; District 2 on the 1st of February; and District 3 again on the 8th of March.

I visited the following Posts: Beaverton 124; St. Johns 98; Prairie City 106; Santa Clara 133; Hermiston 37. As Post Commander for Keizer we had 4 stated meetings in this time period. Three of the Salem area posts formed a Tri-Post Committee to develop and plan for the next State Convention of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and the American Legion Riders with representatives from each of those groups.



I participated in Congresswoman Salinas's Military Selection and Academy Appointment Board.

I participated in a Veterans Conference hosted by Pacific Corp. with participants from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, and Wyoming. I was part of a panel that included our Department Commander, and our Department VSO Ed VanDyke.

My hours that I will be reporting through my Post 17 Consolidated Post Report is: 127.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Fred Broadwater

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT
REPORT

Acting Department Adjutant

Robert D. Liebenow

It has been both a pleasure and a challenge trying to fill the role of your department adjutant. I had about one hour with the previous adjutant before she left. I have learned a lot but there is still much I do not know. I had not planned to be in this position this long, but it looks like I will be here a little longer. With the help of the department leadership, we will get things done. I want to give a big thanks to our bookkeeper Danni, she has helped me a lot with my computer skills.

A BIG THANKS to Danni for getting our financial books squared away and with the help of Finance Officer Don Bond, our bank accounts are in good shape. Danni is now tackling the Foundation Accounts and is getting on top of that. With both Danni and Don working hard for you, you can be sure that your money is well looked after. I cannot stress enough how much work and time these two have put into getting your accounts in order. RL

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

REPORT

KEVIN OWENS, PDC
National Executive Committeeman

BAY AREA POST 34

DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER

REPORT

APRIL 12, 2025

NAME: Department Finance Officer

DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER: Donald F. BOND

DATE OF REPORT: April 12, 2025

SUMMARY:

During the second quarter (1 January- 31 March 2025) of fiscal year (FY) 2025 several actions have occurred or are still in process.

- a. There was one (1) unresolved issue reported in the *MID-WINTER DEC* that we were working in conjunction with US Bank. It's called POSTIVE PAY.
- b. **We have now curtailed this process!** POSTs should not have an ongoing issue with depositing checks from the Department.
- c. A financial working group has been formed consisting of Gary Baldwin (Finance Commission), Renee Ohler (1st Vice), Richard Ramey (Internal Affairs) and Donald Bond (Finance Officer) to "DRAFT" a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget. We have



conducted several meetings to date. Input has been requested and received from Department Officers, District Commanders, Special Programs, and POST Commanders. A meeting with Mr. Bob Huff, former Finance Officer, occurred on 4 April 2025 to ascertain his observations and feedback on the DRAFT FY 2026 Budget. More to follow!

- d. A QuickBooks issue came to our attention after W-2s for tax year 2024 were distributed. There were four (4) employees who were affected. Two (2) current and two (2) former. Each of these employees received two (2) each W-2s, indicating different amounts of earned income for 2024. During our research and several hours on the telephone with QuickBooks, we finally resolved the issue and corrected W-2's will be issued. This unfortunate situation happened due to the changing of the Departments accounting program with QuickBooks from QuickBooks Desktop to QuickBooks Online. This change occurred late spring/early June 2024.
- e. Several accounting/posting errors affecting FY 24 results were identified dating back to January 2024. In some programs, double and triple obligations were posted. We believe that these overstated obligations have been cleaned up for FY 24. As we transitioned to FY 25, we are keeping a closer look at how items are posted and accounted by line item.
- f. During our internal review, we discovered a payment of \$17,972 made on behalf of Boys State came from Foundation funds instead of Department funds. This error has been corrected, and funds were returned to the Foundation. In addition, \$87,018 was deposited into a Foundation account in support of SAL that should have been deposited into a SAL account under the Department. Working with the Foundation, this issue has been cleaned up, and funds were moved from the Foundation to a SAL account under the Department.
- g. Reconciliations dating back to October 2023 for Departments main checking account and credit cards have now been accomplished. Bank reconciliations are now current!
- h. Authorized signers for the Foundation financial accounts at US Bank have been updated.

DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF 4 APRIL 2025:

US BANK ACCOUNTS:

Totals: \$486,254

Department Checking:	125,377
HRA Checking:	34,745
SAL Checking:	90,115
Scholarship Checking:	500



Department Savings: 235,517

AMERPRISE INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS:

Totals: \$570,168

Contingency Fund:	181,888
Permanent Finance Fund	123,295
Building Fund:	78,908
Trust Fund:	76,426
Disaster Fund:	38,569
SAL Fund:	71,082

The way ahead:

- a. Work on the interface between QuickBooks accounting systems and budget spreadsheets to ensure accurate financial reporting.
- b. Reconcile **Foundation accounts** between QuickBooks, banking, and investment accounts.
- c. Review Department Insurance policies and costs.

I would like to thank Mr. Robert Liebenow and Ms. Danni Gonzales for their continuous support.

Donald F. Bond

Department Finance Officer



Big Reminder, Tax Time, yes if your Post has a Tax Filing Period of January 1 through December 31, it is time to put your financial records together to file taxes that are due for a 990, 990EZ, or 990N by May 15, 2025. There are no exceptions.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

REPORT

Betty Fish-Ferguson

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



DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN

REPORT

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DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

REPORT

Edward M. Van Dyke

January, February, March 2025

The Department Service Office has had another great quarter assisting veterans, widows, and families with their VA Benefits and other services. During this period, we brought on 24 new clients, filed 59 new claims (for veterans and surviving spouses, to include healthcare, caregiver, and NODs), filed 16 lower supplemental claims or Higher-level reviews represented 2 veterans before the Board of Veterans Appeals, and at the Regional Office.

I attended a virtual meeting with the VBA Team West, the section that schedules and controls our VBA hearings. The meeting focused on the veteran's show rate and how to improve it. It appears that only 60 percent of scheduled hearings are being attended. In the last 4 years, the system had gone from functional, great communication informing me and the veteran that a hearing was scheduled, to no communication until the hearing date, asking if my veteran was going to show for their hearing. Perhaps the new administration has something to do with the sudden interest in fixing this problem.

I am still getting a large number of veterans calling, stating that their current VSO is not responding and needs assistance.

It appears that many CVSOs are under-trained not only in veterans' claims work but time management and client relations. Most of these veterans are very frustrated when I talk to them



and are very grateful for the American Legion upon completion of our call. For example, I received a call from a distraught, mentally ill veteran needing assistance with her claim because the VSO would never call her back. Claims work is difficult but ignoring veterans, especially mentally ill ones can have serious side effects.

No updates on Discharge Review claims. I will keep you informed and hopefully the new administration and Secretary of Defense will get this issue under control and get these discharge upgrade requests addressed promptly.

So many veterans have not submitted a claim for benefits because they assumed they were not eligible or realized they had a valid claim. All it takes is a call to your friendly Veterans Service Officer and allow me to conduct an interview. Many of you have called for assistance for 1 condition and ended up submitting for multiple conditions after our interview. You never know what you may be eligible for please take the time and contact me at 503-412-8408.

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Veterans Service Officer
Mike Surrent
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DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

REPORT

Wendy Berger Wood

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 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 17th 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: Wendy Berger Wood, District 1 Commander

DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER

REPORT

Mike Speer

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April 26, 2025

It's that time of the Legion year when 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 don'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 have the same 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, and Posts are making plans. It's a day we remember and honor those veterans who 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 Veterans 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. Mike Speer

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER

REPORT

13 April 2025

Norman Simms, 2nd Vice Commander

District 3 Report

Steve Adams has been diagnosed with cancer and has started chemotherapy.

Membership for District 3 is 84.24%, with one post over 102.74%

The District has given an Oratorical scholarship of \$500 to Andrew David Grace for Seattle University. The District and many Posts were in attendance at the Veteran Women Appreciation Dinner on March 8th.

Multiple posts have been visited, Post 40 in Springfield has not been visited due to the selling of the building. Central Linn High School students asked for flags for their classrooms, Post 184 donated 30 flags.

Norman Simms, 2nd Vice Commander



DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER

REPORT

Tim Sakraida

Our next district meeting will be held at Post 28, in Grants Pass, on April 26th, 2025. District 4 elections will be held at that time, and members running for some department offices will also be attending.

District officers are now working on revitalization for Post 14 in Ashland. We are now contacting current and past members of the Post, and working the 114 list. We are looking for new officers for the Post and a place to meet. Our goal is to have it up and running in late Spring.

Our District currently has 2 Posts that have met their membership goals, Post 50 and 70. Goals have already been met by the Auxiliary and SAL of Post 50. Posts, 8, 15, 28, 84, and 192, are nearing their membership goals.

Posts, 15 and 192, are sponsoring boys, for Boys State. We hope to have other posts sponsoring also. Posts, 8, 28, and 50, have been remodeling and making improvements to their buildings, to better serve their members.

The district has 2 fundraisers coming up. Post 28's, SAL, will be having their annual golf tournament, May 3rd., at Dutcher Creek golf course. All are invited to participate. The proceeds will benefit the, " Child Welfare Foundation", and the, "Willie Williams Memorial Scholarship".

Post 50, will be having a "Salmon Bake or BBQ Chicken Dinner", on May 18th., at their post. This will be held with help from our Department Commander, Flynn Phillips, and 2nd Vice Commander, Fred Broadwater. Proceeds will go to help Hidden Valley High School's, "Veterans Memorial", in the school's "Common" area.



DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER

REPORT

District 5

Commander Alan Alderman

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January 2025 – April 2025

February 13th, I attended a General Meeting at Post 45 LaPine. The meeting was well attended. LaPine members were well involved in the contents of the meeting and respectful. I spoke with Commander Scott Anderson and filled out a Post Analysis Report and will send it to Richard Ramey. We talked about membership, DEC in April and The District 5 Round Up. This was a great Post visit and grateful on how active Post 45 continues to be.

I have attempted a Post visit at Sisters Post 86 and The Dalles Post 19 in February. Due to weather, I was not able to make the trip and attend a meeting this month. I plan on attending these meetings in March.

I am on the American Legion National Security Committee. I received a “Call-In” to the annual American Legion Conference in Washington DC. I attended The National Security meeting on February 24th, 2025. What a great trip. I will send in a report for The Oregon Legionnaire, District 5 and the DEC. Great conference and very uplifting.

District 5 Round Up was on March 14th and 15th at Post 29 Crook County. We did not have the turnout we generally have. Mt. Hood received a couple of feet of snow, but we did have several make it over from the Valley. Thank you to the Department of Oregon for being the Department caucus at our Round-Up. I hope to see more next year.

I will be attending some Post meetings now that weather is getting better.

Commander Alan Alderman oneincustodial@gmail.com 541-233-6523



DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER

REPORT

Randy Tye

March 24, 2025

Scheduled for April 12 and 13th, 2025

District 6 Officers:

Commander, Randy J. Tye

Adjutant, Maria D. Tye

1st Vice Commander, Aaron Wetterling

2nd Vice Commander, Andy Millar

Chaplain, Karl Niemeyer

Sgt at Arms, Brian Spinden

Post Service Officer, Maria D. Tye

Committees: The American Legion High School Scholarship Oratorical Program

Chairman for District Oratorical Program, Aaron Wetterling

Committee Member representing District 6, Aaron Wetterling

District 6 had one participant from Kruse Post 72. Kylee Moore from Enterprise High School was the recipient of the Oratorical Scholarship at the Post level as well as District 6 level. She went on to the Department level and placed second. Kruse Post 72 provided the scholarship amount of \$500.00, while District 6 provided \$500.00 at the district level. The Department of Oregon Oratorical level Contest was held on March 22, 2025, at Post 136 in Oregon with the presentation of the program by the Oratorical Chairwoman, Carole Bova-Rice. The District 6 delegation for this event included District 6 Commander Randy J. Tye, 1st Vice Commander, Oratorical Committee Member, and District 6 Oratorical Chairman, Aaron Wetterling. Kruse Post 72 Commander, District 6 Adjutant, Maria D. Tye, District 6 Auxiliary President, Mary Ward, and Auxiliary President for the Hermiston Post 37, and Judge.

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This consists of District 6 posts **Activity Reports**. The method for obtaining this information is by email and meetings.

POST ACTIVITY REPORTS:

Post 37, Commander Aaron Wetterling – **January** - PNWVA Veterans Appreciation Dinner. The Honor Guard presented the Colors, first monthly meeting, 32 members in attendance. Executive Officer Meeting on Jan 24th, 2025. **February** – Second monthly meeting. 33 members in attendance. The meetings are now being held at the Hermiston Senior Center. Hearts for Veterans Social at the Senior Center was postponed due to freezing weather.

March – St. Patrick's Day dinner. American Legion's 106th birthday and District 6 meeting held at the new facility, the Senior Center. For the Good of the Legion the Chamber of Commerce and City of Hermiston donated 10 Hi-Viz safety vests to be printed with our post number and name. The FFA for a Boys/Girls State presentation by Fred Broadwater, 2nd Vice Commander. The commander was invited to speak via radio station regarding the upcoming American Legion events. The members of our post meet for coffee in Irrigon sponsored by the local CVSO each Thursday. Commanders and wife attended the Oratorical Contest in Salem. The post contributed financial support to a veteran's widow. The Honor Guard attended a funeral of a Navy veteran.

Volunteer hours 1000.

Post 41, Commander Christopher Kyrss. The post communicated 3 x with the local radio station. Americanism – Event was held for the American Legion birthday, Juniors Shooting Club participated, and Youth involvement on behalf of the post. Participated in buddy checks, Veterans Day Service Day. Celebrated the Annual Chuck Mawhinney Youth Shoot, co-sponsored by post and local VFW. **VOLUNTEER HOURS 148**

Post 130, Commander Eric Pickard Held a potluck dinner, a breakfast for local veterans and put up flags on holidays. **Volunteers Hours 68**

Post 95, Commander, Brian Rietmann -We have held several gun salutes for funerals, several rentals of legion hall, and led parades with American flags and the American Legion flags. We held our monthly meetings. As planned. **Volunteer Hours 250**

Kruse Post 72, Commander, Maria D. Tye. We held the post oratorical program contest with Enterprise High School student, Kylee More. Still working on the renovation of our post building. We sent Buddy Checks and are working on membership. We have lost two members this quarter. We are organizing the Northeast Oregon Veterans Outreach Seminar. We have continued to hold meetings. We have utilized our public affairs media. **Volunteer Hours 120**



No other post reports currently

Randy J. Tye

District 6 Commander

DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER

REPORT

Vacant

DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER

REPORT

Tim Troupe

Hello legionnaires.

The things in District 8 are moving slowly. We have a revitalization scheduled for the end of May.

My posts are hit and miss. 1 is having membership challenges and officers as well 150 agree that we are a slowly sinking ship.

The Sandy post has had no members step up to be officers. Therefore, we will be putting a resolution through to shut the post down. Correspondence on a stand-down in Clackamas County is slowly coming together.

District 8 is having issues with officers. As well. This brooks the question: do we need structure above the post level? The members I have spoken with feel disconnected from higher leadership,



and the power drama they see. The question is also there, where the mass media blitz on radio and TV...is. Research has brought up a funding source. Xfinity and many banks and credit unions have public funds available. Check their websites... We will hold our elections in May. Plus our caucus.

DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER

REPORT SPRING

Eric Stallings

District 9 has been doing Good. According to the latest membership report, we are approximately 82% for the District. Bay Area Post 34 is in the lead with 96% and on target to make 100% this year. We will have 2 posts make the March 12th target goal of 90%, with a couple more close behind.

Our last District meeting was on January 11th, 2025 at Bay Area Post 34. Originally scheduled to be held at Post 62 in Reedsport, but moved after the passing of Pete Stingley. We had 5 Posts in attendance at this meeting and I was encouraged by the increase in Post participation.

Our posts have been active in our American Legion Programs as well as events and outreach in our communities.



Bandon Post 26 Participated with the Bandon VFW to distribute Christmas hams and food supplies to over 130 families. They also helped the Bandon Police deliver food to needy families in Bandon.

Post 26 continues to work on the installation of a new flag pole at Ocean Crest Elementary School, as well as working at getting a new flagpole at Bandon High School. Post 26 also did some cleanup at the GAR cemetery and have started work on a grant to restore the monument there.

Post 34's local unit of the Sea Cadets has made a comeback with new leadership. Several Legionnaires have volunteered also. Post 34 continues to visit their veteran members and friends at Ocean Ridge Assisted Living, inviting the Sea Cadets to help at one of the last visits. David's Chair continues to be a successful program and many people have checked out the trailer & chair with Post members assisting with the process. The Post and Auxiliary hosted a joint Christmas potluck in December.

Post 62 is continuing to work on membership, they have added some members, but unfortunately have lost a few too. They are trying to resurrect the Boy Scout troop in the community that had folded last year due to not having any Troop leader. The post continues to revive the Community Flag sponsorship program to help build funds to support more outreach in the

community. Post 62 presented a resolution to the District for consideration of member posts to review concerning the cleanup of public lands after fires.

Post 152 has had members volunteer at the Roseburg VA as ambassadors. The post participated in Quarterly Remembrance and

Veterans memorial services at Roseburg VA National Cemetery and a Flag line for Veterans' funerals. Members of the post participated in Wreaths across America placing 7000 wreaths out in Roseburg VA National Cemetery. They also presented WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam medallions with the Non-Commissioned Officers Association.

Our next District Meeting will be the District Caucus on May 3rd at Bay Area Post 34.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Stallings

Commander, District 9



DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER

REPORT

Robert Hornbeck

Administrative & Advisory Commission

Report

Americanism Commission Report

Mike Speer Chair

Mike Speer

I thank all the Committee Chairs who make up the Americanism Commission for submitting their Book of Reports. Well done.

Legion Baseball-

(see Michael's Book of Reports)

Boys State-

(see Fred's Book of Reports)

Children and Youth-

(see Betty's Book of Reports)



Jr Shooting Sports-

(see Raoul's Book of reports)

Law Enforcement Career Camp-

(see Ed's Book of Reports)

Oratorical-

(See Carol's Book of Reports)

Scouting-

(See Mike's Book of Reports)

Mike Speer

Department Americanism Commission Chair

JIM WILLIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER COMMITTEE

REPORT

Ed Owens

Eddie Owens @ 360-991-9665 or jfp_dp@hotmail.com

**2025 Law Enforcement Career Camp
July 27, 2025 – August 1, 2025 at Camp Rilea**

Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center
33168 Patriot Way
Warrenton, Oregon 97146-9711

(subject to change by The American Legion, Department of Oregon, and the Oregon State Police)

Students need to fill out the LECC application.
for information on the Law Enforcement Career Camp 2025

Sincerely,

Ed Owens

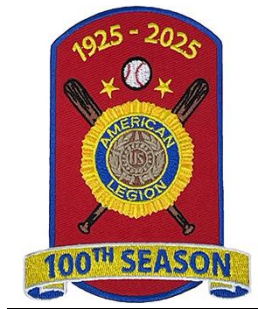
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BASEBALL COMMITTEE

REPORT

Mike Sowles Chair



Oregon American Legion Baseball

Book of Reports March 2025

Recent News: The Medford Mustangs and their group of Supporters have applied to host the the Northwest Region AAA Tournament for the 2026 and the 2027. The tournament to be held at the Harry and David Park during August of 2026 and 2027.

Oregon American Legion Baseball teams can now register for the 2025. Teams, Insurance, recruiting players and staff and scheduling of games and non-league tournaments are being filled currently.

Coaches, staff, and players over the age of 18 as of Aug. 20, 2025, will be required to pass a background check, abuse training for adult's complete acknowledgement of Risk management requirements.

Players will need to provide an original birth Certificate (no photocopies) or a state issued driver's License, learner's permit with the with the federal real Id or a Passport or government ID.



The American Age limits are: 13-19 years of age. Our Senior players must be born on or after January 1, 2006. Junior players must be born on or after January 1, 2008.

All teams must be Registered and Insurance paid by June 1, 2025. The American Legion season begins June 1, 2025. Each team is allowed 18 players for their final roster. The final Roster must be submitted by June 25, 2025.

Team Registration and Insurance cost: National cost for registration is \$100.00, Oregon Cost for registration is \$250, Junior Liability is \$102.00, senior liability is \$149.00. Junior Medical insurance is \$109.00 for season, year around is \$159.00. Senior Medical is \$129.00 for the season and \$159.00 Year around.

Our Triple AAA State Tournament begins on 7-29-2025 and ends on 7-30-2025 at the University of Portland. Our Single A Tournament begins on 7-23-2025 and ends on 7-27-2025 at Eagle Point High School, in Eagle Point, Oregon.

Our Triple AAA Champion is scheduled to be played in Billings, Montana and our Single A champion will move on to Burnley, Idaho.

I cannot give enough credit to the players, manager, and staff the continue to take part in Oregon American Legion Baseball. They all spend many hours, and funds to participate and take part in this Program. We have numerous schools and parks that donate or provide their facilities for practice and games. Each season is filled with giving by all to provide this American Legion Program that has existed since 1925.

The Oregon Baseball Committee and our Department of Oregon is recruiting for my replacement. Please consider it, I am willing to train a replacement.

Those listed below are members of this **Ad-Hoc** committee, each one has involvement with the Oregon American Legion Baseball and are involved with the teams in their area as having expertise in our Organization and the American Legion. Above all, these individuals are volunteers.

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BOY SCOUTS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Chair



BOYS STATE COMMITTEE

REPORT

Fred Broadwater Chair

Book of Reports: Spring 2025 DEC

Boys State

This report covers the period of 1 December 2024 through 15 March 2025.

The Boys State committee met three times during this period. January 2, February 6, and March 6. The Committee Chair met with the JROTC Detachments at the following High Schools: North Salem, Oregon City, and Lebanon. Both the Boys State & Girls State programs were presented. The Committee Chair was invited to two Boys State delegate dinners where the delegates and their families were recognized and honored as Boys State Alumni. These were held in Keizer for Post 17, and Tigard for Post 158.

A coordination meeting was held, and a contract was signed with Oregon State University to hold Boys State on the OSU Campus during the 22 June through 28 June time period. The American Legion received a Grant from the Oregon Capitol Foundation. This grant will be used to transport Boys & Girls State delegates to the Oregon State Capitol on Tuesday, June 24. Planning is beginning to get the delegates to meet with their elected Senators and State Representatives from their respective districts based on a home of record.

Planning for the Boys State session is progressing. We have invited three new Guest Lecturers for this year, the sitting Mayor of Eugene, a sitting Judge from Beaverton, and an adjunct Professor of Political Science from the University of Portland. With these and other modifications, this year's Boys State holds the promise to be very exciting and impactful.

Respectfully submitted.

K. Fred Broadwater, Boys State Committee Chairman



CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

REPORT

Betty Fish-Ferguson

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

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Raoul Salem Chair

Message from Raoul B. Salem (Chairman of Junior Shooting Sports Committee) to Michael A. Speer (Chairman of Americanism Commission, Department of Oregon, The American Legion)



The most notable High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program in Oregon which participates in junior air rifle competition is Lebanon High School Army JROTC. But there are other JROTC programs which participate in air rifle competition.

Redmond High School Marine Corps JROTC

Mountain View High School Navy JROTC (in Bend)

Madras High School Multi-Services JROTC

North Salem High School Army JROTC

Oregon City High School Army JROTC

Crook County High School Navy JROTC (in Prineville)

Reynolds High School Multi-Services JROTC (in Troutdale)

Unfortunately, only Lebanon High School Army JROTC participated in the 2025 American Legion Junior Three-Position Air Rifle Championship Tournament. See the following InterNet link to the results.

<https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&tab=results&match=27486>

Choose Overall Sporter Results by State / all results. Search for OR (Oregon) and Lebanon HS OR (which click on to see individual scores). You will see 16 Shooters from that school who actually competed. **Three of them had aggregate scores higher than 530** (out of a possible 600) points. Look also for Overall **Team** Sporter Results. You will see that Lebanon High School was **ranked 5th place**, out of 75 teams. So, what comes next? Here are excerpts from the tournament program.

Second Round - Qualifications (*Individual Tournament*) — Ends April 1, 2025. The second round for individuals is a postal match to determine the order of precedence for inviting competitors to the National Championship. **Targets are sent to all marksman based on first**



round score of 530 for Sporter and 575 for Precision as well as their eligibility to compete in the National Championship.

The **second round for the *Team* Tournament** is a postal match to determine the National Championship team in each category. - **Targets will be sent to the members of the top 10 teams** as determined by first-round scores. So, as I see it, Lebanon High School's top three shooters (Wilson, Hiller, and Griffiths) were invited to compete in the second-round *individual* tournament, as were the team (of Wilson, Hiller, Griffiths, and Schlundt) invited to compete in the second-round *team* tournament.

At the time of this writing, the individual and team official tournament target sets have been shot, and scores and rankings are being determined.

I thank you very much for your ongoing interest in junior shooting sports.

Very truly yours,

Raoul B. Salem

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ORATORICAL COMMITTEE

REPORT

Carol Bova-Rice Chair

12 – 13, 2025

On January 12th, 2025, the Oratorical COP was ratified in a virtual DEC. At the same virtual meeting, it was approved to move the Department contest, scheduled for February 15th, from ODVA to Post 136, 4774 NE Lilac Ln, Salem. This move was requested because, at the time, we only had 1 known contestant after contacting all 10 District Commanders for updates on their posts. All but Districts 6 and 10 reported that none of their posts had contestants, and no other Districts had contests scheduled. District 6 reported they had 1 contestant to proceed to the Department contest (thus the 1 known contestant). No response was received from the District 10 Commander after several attempts to contact him.

During the discussion on Department contestants, PNC Charles Schmidt asked about the 2 contestants from District 10. I informed him I was not made aware of any contestants from District 10. He then asked if their contestants were still eligible to compete at the Department level. I assured him they were. As it turned out, one of their 2 contestants withdrew from the contest.

As February 15th drew closer, it became very apparent from the weather reports that the mountain passes and even I-5 could be impassable due to snow and ice. It was quite possible that both contestants, their families, and all their Legion family supporters would not be able to make it to the contest. After discussions with my committee members, the Department Commander Flynn and several others, it was decided to cancel the 15 February contest for the safety of all concerned. The contestants were both provided three dates in March as possible reschedule dates, and both choose 22 March as first choice.

The Department contest was held March 22nd, 2025, at Post 136 in Salem, with two contestants. The audience participation was great, 35-40 people, THANK YOU!!! Results from the contest were: 1st place, Mark Sanders, a senior from Home Schooling,



sponsored by District 10, and 2nd place, Kylee Moore, a sophomore from Enterprise High School, sponsored by District 6. Both were certified to National as required.

It is that time of year again for budget requests to be submitted to HQ and the Finance Committee. The first Oratorical budget request (in over at least the past three years) was submitted to HQ and the Finance Committee before the deadline.

Carole Bova-Rice
Department Oratorical Chair
503-551-0596

CONVENTION COMMISSION

REPORT

Jim Waggoner Chair

The hotels have been reserved, and reduced rates have been posted for the convention.

Several events are being looked into and planned. For the most part most of the activity will be at the Salem Convention Center.

At this time the meetings and several lunches are being scheduled and should be published before the spring DEC meeting.

If you have any questions, the convention chair, Raymond Kelly

E Mail: rjk541@ [gmail.com](mailto:rjk541@gmail.com)



The American Legion Family

MEMORANDUM

April 4, 2025

To: Jim Waggoner, American Legion 2025 Convention Commission Chair

Cc: S. Flynn Phillips, Department Commander

Fred Broadwater, Host Posts Convention Committee Vice-Chair

Ann Everetts, Host Posts Convention Committee Secretary

Marc Snook, Convention Committee Treasurer

Cindy Soria, Auxiliary President

From: Raymond J. Kelly, Chair, Host Posts Convention Committee

Subj: Convention Performance Milestone Update



Task

Status

- | | |
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| 1. Article III, Section 2a: Host Post Form A Convention Corporation | Complete |
| 2. Article II, Section 2b: Host Post shall obtain insurance coverage | Complete |
| 3. Article III, Section 3: All joint meetings recorded | Complete |
| 4. Article III, Section 3: Minutes sent to Dept. Adjutant & Chair
Process | In- |
| 5. Article III, Section 5a: 30 days prior to Fall DEC, sign Convention Contract | Complete |
| 6. Article III, Section 5b: 90 Days Prior to Convention assess readiness | In-Process |
| 7. Contract may be revoked at any time. \$1,000 fine to Host Posts
applicable | Not yet |
| 8. Secure discounts of at least two-hundred hotel rooms w/contracts | In-Process |
| 9. Complementary rooms set-aside | Complete |
| 10. Auxiliary assume responsibility for certain banquets | Complete |
| 11. Coordinate all "additional" activities with Host Post(s) | In-Process |
| 12. Shuttle Service (public transit available) | Not applicable |
| 13. Materials Load in-load out | Future |
| 14. Dept. Finance Officer complete report to DEC | Future |
| 15. Payment from Department to Convention Commission of \$1,000 | Complete |
| 16. Final payment of \$1,000 after final report accepted by DEC | Future |
| 17. Cancel Department of Convention Committee Corps. | Future |

Bank Account: \$3,240. Goal: \$18,000

Jim



INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

REPORT

Richard Ramey Chair

Report to the Spring 2025 Department Executive Committee (DEC)

March 12, 2025

Page 1 of 2

1. The Internal Affairs Commission continues to review Department of Oregon Commissions, Committees, Districts, and Post reports, minutes, and newsletters to gauge the activity level in administering the programs of The American Legion throughout the Department of Oregon. Members of the Internal Affairs Commission include Chairman Richard Ramey, American Legion Riders (ALR) Committee Chairman Gale Sears, Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Chairman Ward Allen, Resolutions Assignment Committee Chairman Tim Troupe, Sons of The American Legion Committee Chairman Adam Gettmann, Training and Development Committee Chairman/Past Department Commander (PDC) Steve Adams, and Trophies and Awards Committee Chairman Marty Menard.

1.1. A comprehensive review of documents in Department files shows that our department has still not successfully submitted the required reports. The specifics for the 2024-2025 membership year are included as Addendum 1 to this report.

1.2. The record for Commissions and Committees meeting was also poor. For the eleven (11) Commissions and twenty-three (23) Committees, there should have been at least 34 meetings. The minutes on file at the Department only have 7 Commissions / Committees (20.5%) (Boys State, Convention, Internal Affairs, American Legion Riders, Foundation, VA&R / VE&E).



1.3. The Internal Affairs Commission has reviewed last year's resolutions to amend the Department Constitution and By-Laws, and thus far submitted seven (7). Those resolutions will be published in the Oregon Legionnaire.

1.4. Most of the items identified in the Internal Affairs report for the Winter Department Executive Committee meeting as requiring changes and improvement remain unresolved. These include:

1.4.1. Department Executive Committee meeting minutes are incomplete or have not been documented and distributed for DEC meetings this year (June 2024 to present).

1.4.2. The low number of Post Analyses having been completed, indicates that leadership of many districts are not visiting posts. Likewise, the low number of District minutes on file at the Department would indicate that districts are not meeting at least quarterly.

1.4.3. The Oregon Legionnaire has produced four issues, and only a few leaders are submitting articles in a Department publication which is intended to keep our membership informed about programs and activities.

1.4.4. All documents received are not being scanned and placed in the shared files on the Department server.

1.4.5. The Department Contact Roster is not current. There are 47 posts that do not have the Commander or Adjutant contact data.

1.5. Several posts produce a very good newsletter that keeps their members informed about programs and activities.

2. We have a number of posts that have dwindling membership and are not meeting the minimum requirements set by the National for sustaining their charter (i.e. having officers, meeting at least semiannually, and working at least one program). The Department should take action to revitalize these posts and/or merge them with active posts that can support the programs and veterans in those communities.



As an example, it requires fifteen members to start a post and that is a membership standard that we require to have a vote at convention. There are 9 posts that have not reached the fifteen members, for many years.

Additionally, there are many more posts that we cannot substantiate that they are meeting the minimum requirements to sustain their charters. At present, we have 34 posts that do not have a post-visit documented or attended a district meeting in the past year.

3. The American Legion Riders conducted continue to be active in providing escorts, riding in parades, replacing flags on Hero road signs, and working at community events. The Department of Oregon has much to be proud of in the dedication these Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary American Legion Riders help our Department and communities.

4. The Resolutions Assignment Committee is working on the re-constituted resolutions to amend the Department Constitution and By-Laws; as well as being available to work with posts and districts for writing resolutions.

5. The Sons of The American Legion (SAL) had a good year last year, and they are already well on their way to achieving their membership goal this year.

Addendum 1

Districts and Posts for 2024-2025 Membership year

Districts

Category	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	D10	Total
Number of Posts	15	17	15	10	16	11	7	6	8	6	111
Confidential Report Submitted	9	7	6	4	7	3	2	2	4	4	48
Installation Record	9	11	6	3	3	3	0	2	2	1	40
Committees Record	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	9
Post Analysis / Post Visit by District	3	12	5	0	2	5	0	0	6	0	33



Number of district meetings w/minutes	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	12
Average # posts attend a district meeting	7	11	9	9	7	7	-	-	4	-	54
Posts at monthly membership target	2	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	2	2	16

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Ward Allen Chair



OREGON AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

REPORT

Gale Sears
ALR Committee Chair

Legionaries: Post ALR Chapter Reports:

As Legion Rider chapters are American Legion family members are active in supporting their Posts while providing American Legion public awareness. Please reach out within your districts to encourage Post chapters to report their activities and successes.

Department ALR Committee Members

Gale Sears Chairman	Post 21
Gordon Treber	Post 99
Mike Lueck	Post 180
Michael Speer	Post 57

Respectfully

Gale Sears
ALR Committee Chair



Spring Summer Spring Fall

1	01 Portland				
2	010-Albany	1	1		1
3	06 – Hillsboro	1			
4	020-Dallas				
5	021-McMinnville	1	1	1	1
6	032-Cottage Grove				
7	034-Coos Bay/North Bend				
8	043-La Grande				
9	044-Redmond				
10	045-La Pine				
11	051-Santiam/Lebanon				
12	058-Stayton	1	1		1
13	067 Ontario				
14	074-Estacada				
15	083-Santa Clara/Eugene	1	1	1	
16	099-Seaside	1			
17	116-Newport	1			
18	119-Vernonia	1			1
19	150-Oregon Trail				1
20	157-Wallowa Lake				
21	158-Tigard	1	1		



22	180-Milwaukie	1	1		1
	Totals	9	7	2	6

Forth Qtr chapter reports received

Post 58 Stayton: Post # 58 Director: **Randy Schnelle** Asst Director: Charlie McCarthy

of Members 13 New Members this Quarter 2 # of Official Supporters 7

DESCRIBE VOLUNTEER EVENTS, AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER PERFORMED THIS LAST QUARTER; *(use separate sheet if necessary)* Flaglines, escorts, training, meetings. Monthly coffee with veterans with several local assisted living facilities. Many attended the Ride For The Alive. 9/11 Memorial ceremony, Attended and led the Veteran's Day Parade in Albany. A ride by of 4 assisted living facilities to honor veterans that lived there for Veteran's Day. Canned food drive at our monthly rider meetings. Mounting, replacing, repairing flags on Fallen Hero signs. Attended and presented Hero Coins at the B-17 coffee with veterans.

Attended dedication of the first installment of the Vietnam Memorial Dedication in Salem.

FUTURE EVENTS AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER HAS PLANNED; *(use separate sheet if necessary)*

> Flaglines as needed. Toy drive for holiday family adoption for Christmas. Toy handout, Ceremonies for Pearl Harbor Day.

Post 21 McMinnville: Post # 21 Director: Gale Sears Asst Director: Stev Sagmiller

Sec: Robert (Doc) Wilson # of Members 64 members 4 honorary 1 new

of Members from A.L. 39 AUX 11 S.A.L. 13

DESCRIBE VOLUNTEER EVENTS, AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER PERFORMED THIS LAST QUARTER

- 14 Oct Veterans Lunch
- September Porker run success and his written after-action report for the coming year.
- August Air show support
- Memorial Day McMinnville down town parade.



- Red white and Blue Bunny show at the Yamill county fairgrounds Bob Wilson & Jim Connelly
- August Rider of the year Jerry George was submitted for Ntl. Rider of the year

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Milwaukie Post # 180 Post # 180 Director: G Michael Lueck Michael K Harryman Sec: Debbie Harwood

of Members **30** New Members this Quarter **1** # of Official Supporters **5**
of Members from A.L. **20** AUX **4** S.A.L. **6** Total Volunteer Hours **1242**

DESCRIBE VOLUNTEER EVENTS, AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER PERFORMED THIS LAST QUARTER; *(use separate sheet if necessary)*

December 24- Ronald McDonald Toy Run, Teddy Bear Collection, Hosted Local Military Association Event, Rode in Holiday Parade, 3 Breakfast Fundraisers, Supported Kids Gift Wrapping Event, 2 Meat Drawing Fundraisers, 2 Dinner Fundraisers, Sponsored Community



Kids Christmas Party, 2 Taco Tuesday Fundraisers, 2 Wing Wednesday Fundraisers, Supported the Post Family Officers Christmas Party and Donated over \$1950

January 25 – Supported College Bowl Game Day and the National Championship, 2 Taco Tuesday Fundraisers, 1 Seafood Dinner Fundraiser, 3 Breakfast Fundraisers, 2 Wing Wednesday Fundraisers, 1 Blazer Ticket Drawing Fundraiser, 1 TX Hold'em Tournament Fundraiser, Supported SAL Crab Feed Fundraiser, and donated \$2400

February 25 – 2 Taco Tuesday Fundraisers, 2 Dinner Fundraisers, 2 Wing Wednesday Fundraisers, 1 Meat Drawing Fundraiser, and donated \$1100

FUTURE EVENTS AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER HAS PLANNED; *(use separate sheet if necessary)*

March 25 – Chicken Fried Chicken with a Meat Drawing Fundraiser Dinner 6-8 pm on 3/7, 2 Taco Tuesdays 3/4 and 3/18 Fundraisers, 2 Breakfasts 3/9 and 3/23 Fundraisers, 2 Mid-Week Munchies (Wednesdays) Happy Hour Fundraisers 3/12 and 3/26, and Vietnam Veterans Day Shuffleboard Tournament

April 25 - 2 Taco Tuesday Fundraisers 4/1-(Honest No Fooling) and 4/15, Vietnam Remembrance Day Event 4/5, 2 Mid-Week Munchies (Wednesday) Happy Hour Fundraisers 4/9 and 4/23, Easter Bunny Breakfast (Kids get a free picture with the Easter bunny when they Buy a breakfast) 4/13, 1 Breakfast Fundraiser 4/27, Shuffleboard Tournament 4/19, and TX Hold'em Tournament Fundraiser 4/26

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Post Commander: Mike Lueck

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Post # 119 Vernonia Director: **Damien Cox** Asst Director: Sec:

Road Captain:

Director: Damien Cox Ph# 9712480269 Email _cox.damien@gmail.com



Asst Director: _____ Ph# _____ Email _____

Sec: _____ Ph# _____ Email _____

Road Captain: _____ Ph# _____

Email: _____

Meeting Location- Post 119 _____ Day 3rd Sunday _____ Time
_____ 1300 _____

of Members 9 _____ New Members this Quarter 0 _____ # of Official Supporters
2 _____

of Members from A.L. 8 _____ AUX 0 _____ S.A.L. 1 _____

Total Volunteer Hours 100 _____

Miles Ridden 100 _____

DESCRIBE VOLUNTEER EVENTS, AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER PERFORMED
THIS LAST QUARTER; (use separate sheet if necessary)

- \$100 donation to Vernonia Food Bank to feed a family of two during Christmas.
Recruiting. Raffle ticket sales for Harley Davidson knitted blanket. Chapter 119
Christmas potluck dinner/white elephant exchange

FUTURE EVENTS AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER HAS PLANNED; (use separate sheet if
necessary)

- Chapter 119 - 3rd Annual Spring Poker Run – Saturday, May 18th (flyer to come later),
put out flags on Bridge Street for Vietnam Veterans Day, check highway flags – was
informed Hwy 99 flag near Rickreall needs replaced so Chapter 119 will make a trip
down there.

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Post # 58 _____

Director: _____ **Randy Schnelle** Ph# 503-689-3368 Email randyschnelle54@gmail.com

Asst Director: _____ Charlie McCarthy _____ Ph# 541-510-7582 Email
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Adjutant: Zoey Eyre (971)719-6968 alltogether13@hotmail.com

Meeting Location- Weddles Funeral Home Day 3rd Tuesday _____ Time 6pm _____



of Members 13 New Members this Quarter 0 # of Official Supporters 7
 # of Members from A.L. 8 AUX 3 S.A.L. 5

Total Volunteer Hours 308 and 4,612 Miles Riden or Driven

Totem Yes No

Hot Potato Yes No

DESCRIBE VOLUNTEER EVENTS, AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER PERFORMED

THIS LAST QUARTER; (use separate sheet if necessary) *Flaglines, escorts, training, meetings.*

Monthly coffee with veterans with several local assisted living facilities. . Canned food drive at our monthly rider meetings. Mounting, replacing, repairing flags on Fallen Hero signs. Attended and presented Hero Coins at the B-17 coffee with veterans. Adopted a family for Christmas and participated community toy giveaway. Attended meetings for planning of American Legion State Convention in Salem. Participated in the Four Chaplain Remembrance Ceremony. Attended Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony. Replaced a flag at Cascades of Stayton Assisted Living.

FUTURE EVENTS AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER HAS PLANNED; (use separate sheet if necessary)

> Flaglines and Escorts as needed. Planning meetings for the ALR Romp, Escort of Wall of Honor from Albany to Ontario, Oregon.

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Albany Post 10 No officer changes

MEETING NIGHT/TIME	# OF MEMBERS	# OF NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER
1 ST SATURDAY/1030	10 RIDERS, 2 SUPPORTERS	0

MEETING LOCATION
POST 10 ALBANY

HOW MANY MEMBERS OF EACH FAMILY
 5-LEGION
 2-AUXILIARY
 3-S.A.L.



DO YOU POSSESS;

VOLUNTEER HOURS

AT POST

HOT POTATO?

591 HOURS, 5367 MILES

Examples of: DONATIONS – TIME AND SERVICES this last quarter;
4 MEETINGS, 11 FLAG LINES, PATRIOT’S DAY CEREMONY, VETERANS DAY
PARADE, RIDE FOR THE ALIVE TRIBUTE RIDE, GOLD STAR SIGN DEDICATION
(SEASIDE), WALL OF HONOR ESCORT (LINCOLN CITY), WALL OF HONOR SET
UP/TEAR DOWN AND OPENING CEREMONY (ALBANY)
PRESENTED 12 CHALLENGE COINS TO VETERANS AND VETERAN FAMILIES

ALR EVENT THAT YOU HAVE COMING UP IN THE FUTURE
HELPING THE POST WITH PEARL HARVOR CEREMONY, HELPING ALA & TAL WITH CHILDREN’S
CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

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RESOLUTION ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT

Tim Troupe Chair

Resolutions submitted as this Time/ Date



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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

REPORT

Detachment Commander

Robert D. Liebenow

The Detachment is doing great this year. We have reached all of our target dates and are expected to reach 100% again this year. I am finishing up my 3rd year as Detachment Commander and have enjoyed every minute of it. It is now time to turn the leadership over to another. I just hope that we continue to have a full slate of officers this coming year and continue to grow.

The only low spot of the year comes from The Dalles Squadron #19, I was informed that they plan on turning in their charter due to the lack of members and participation. Sorry to see them go. There is a bright side, we have 2 or 3 posts that are trying to start a squadron, and I wish them well.

As I go forward, I will continue to be involved in both the Detachment and Department.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT

TROPHY AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Marty Menard Chair

Resigned

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Tim Cowan Chair

In addition to being a chair of the Legislative Commission, I'm also the legion's representative to the United Veterans groups of Oregon (UVGO). The United Veterans groups of Oregon are a coalition of military veterans and uniformed services organizations whose mission is to work in joint pursuit to reach shared goals and uniform positions on matters concerning the welfare of Oregon veterans, their dependents, and survivors.

The UVGO Is an advocate for veteran's rights, benefits, and entitlements. They take no political action on legislative issues without the unanimous consent of the voting member organizations. UVGO held a meeting on January 11th, 2025, where we discussed our goals for the upcoming legislative session.

There were a number of activities That were held Prior to the legislative session. This included The activation of the 41st infantry brigade and the 218th field artillery, where they were being assigned to Kosovo. We attended a special ceremony For the Vietnam Memorial. Our commander was one of the keynote speakers. The speech was excellent And I received a number of compliments.

During this legislative session, veterans are receiving support from both parties.



You can find bills by going to OLIS and up the right-hand corner. You will find a little box to type in the bill number, which will take you to the bill, and you can find a short summary of the bill.

HB 3627. This bill provides grants to disabled veterans, impacting their residents.

HB 2846. Addresses refinancing home mortgages on veteran's primary residence.

SB 225. Exempts from state income tax up to \$17,500 in retirement pay or pension received for service in the Armed Forces of the United States for a taxpayer who is receiving retirement pay or pension for service in the Armed Forces of the United States and who has not attained 63 years of age before the close of the taxable year for which a return is filed. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025

I attend the City Council Meeting for Salem, Oregon, and I have brought up on a number of occasions our state convention being held in June in Salem, Oregon.

I'm a member of the Rotary Club of Salem, and we have invited the Oregon National Guard to speak at our weekly meetings.

Respectfully,
Tim Cowan

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

REPORT

No Chair

LEGIONNAIRE COMMITTEE

REPORT

Vacant



INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

REPORT

Justin Wutzke ratified

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Maria Tye Chair

MEMBERSHIP & POST ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

REPORT

2nd Vice Commander Renee Ohler

Please see the 2nd Vice Commander Report



NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION

REPORT

Greg Marvin Chair

National Security/Foreign Relations and Homeland

Security Commission

Robert G. Marvin Commission Chair

Department of Oregon 2025 Spring D.E.C. Book of Reports-National Security Commission

Commission Members:

Robert G. Marvin, Commission Chair

Steve Adams, Foreign Relations Committee/ROTC

James Jerome, Law & Order, Homeland Security Committee

Susan Q. Hughes, Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee

Roger D. Holderby, National Guard & Reserve Committee

March 23, 2025

National Security Commission

The National Security Commission announced the Department of Oregon Law Enforcement Officer of the 2024 year at the Mid-winter virtual DEC meeting. The recipient is:

Jacob Blair, Carlton Police Department, Sponsored by Carlton Post 173.

The National Security Commission announced the Department of Oregon Firefighter of the year 2024 at the Mid-winter virtual DEC meeting. The recipient is:

Scott Bernards, Carlton Fire District, Sponsored by Carlton Post 173.



The recipients will be introduced and presented with their awards at the Department Commanders/Presidents Banquet during the 2025 Convention. The recipients' packets have been forwarded to National to be judged for the Western Regional contest during the Washington Conference National Security Commission meetings. We have not been notified of the results yet.

The past few years the Law Enforcement and Firefighter applications that we receive do not include all the required information that we need to make an informed decision for the selection of our award winners. The application package includes in-depth the information that is required for the judges to make informed decisions as to the best choices for the award winners. All of the candidates are worthy of the consideration to be the award winners, but without all of the information we are not able to sort out the best of the best. The application forms that we use are identical to the National forms. I believe that the problem lies in the Post committee people do not work with the police and fire officers as to what information we require. I would suggest that we have a training session at the Annual Legion College, or the Fall DEC meeting would be a solution to the problem.

Will try to have a commission meeting at the Spring DEC in LaPine if enough committee members are present. If not, we will set up a virtual meeting or phone conference. Have met by e-mail and phone calls review and judge the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighter award recipients.

Robert G. Marvin, Chair

National Security Commission

March 23, 2025

Foreign Relations Committee/ROTC

Members

Steve Adams, Chair

Open 4-year

Chris Mann, 3-year

Open 2-year



Don Adams, 1-year

Steve Adams, Chair

No report currently-will try to contact

March 23, 2025

Law and Order/ Homeland Security Committee

Members

James Jerome, Chair

Open 4-Year

James Jerome, 3-year

Robert Soria- 2-year

Chuck Zeitler 1-year

Committee Chair James Jerome has been concerned with the problem we have with the Law Enforcement and Firefighter applications not containing all of the required information in the applications and feels that a training session might be a solution to the problem as well. The application forms that we use are identical to the National forms and the instructions that accompany the application forms are explicit on what is required for the judges to make their decisions fairly.

James Jerome, Chair

March 23, 2025

Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee

Members:

Susan Q. Hughes, Chair

Susan Q. Hughes, 4-year



Open 3-year

Open 2-year

Ward Allen, 1-year

No Report Currently-Will try to contact

Susan Q. Hughes, Chair

March 23, 2025

National Guard & Reserve Committee

Members:

Roger D. Holderby, Chair

Roger D. Holderby, 4-year

Chris Mann 3-year

Robert Soria, 2-year

Robert G. Marvin, 1-year

Roger D. Holderby, Chair

I contacted Roger Holderby to congratulate him on his appointment as the National Guard & Reserve Committee Chair and he informed me that he was not appointed to that position, and he did not want the position. Therefore, we do not have anyone filling the position. I received an e-mail from Commander Flynn on March 13th announcing a 2-21th Field Artillery Regimental Association Remembrance Ruck and Food Drive, May 03,2025. This seems like a great way to get involved with a National Guard Unit and I will be spreading the word for the Committee to participate. Thank you, Commander.

Robert G. Marvin, Committee Member



FOREIGN RELATIONS & ROTC COMMITTEE

REPORT

Steve Adams Chair

LAW & ORDER, HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

REPORT

Robert G. Marvin, Chair

National Security Commission



MILITARY BENEFITS AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

REPORT

Susan Hughes Chair

NATIONAL GUARD & RESERVE COMMITTEE

REPORT

Roger Holderby Chair

PERMANENT FINANCE COMMISSION

REPORT



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 to oversee VA&R activities for our department. During this membership year so far we have held a Veterans Stand Down, Employment and Benefits Event, and Veterans Court at the VA SORCC in White City, we held a combined “Be the One” campaign, benefits, and current VA issues with five communities in District 4 at the Broadway Theater in Melin with our team and representatives from our

communities; we have held an event at Kingsley Field for the Air Guard and were meeting with the Army Guard to plan our activity at a Pre-MOB for the 1/186..

Our Northwest Legionnaires have supported MOB Army Guard ceremonies. Our commission which members serve on other commissions and Department Offices, “gives 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. 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 currently discussing Veterans' events in Josephine and Douglas counties. We will have “Be the One” tables and information at Eagle Point National Cemetery on Memorial Day and Veterans Day in Eagle Point. I 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 have focused on virtual, telephone, and outreach for our Department Service Office which our commission has oversight. I talked to Ed VanDyke our Department Service Officer and we played catch-up. We still have a lot on our plate, which is good, and are adjusting to it, we need help with Legionnaires from all over our Department getting involved.

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 which 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's 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 require SAL members to support our VA Facilities and can always use more volunteers; we are currently on hold with the VA Onboarding process for volunteers and new employees alike. Remember our VAVS, VA Volunteers, and VA&R members are all volunteers. 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 who continue to support our Veterans community, and all who 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 are now working with NPP+A, we have them speaking again 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 and have resident status for The American Legion for our activity.

If your District is holding its 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 EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION AND HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION

REPORT

Tim Toupe Chair

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, and HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION CHAIR

OTHER

THE AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION (TOALF)

REPORT

KEVIN OWENS, PRESIDENT