



AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

BOOK OF REPORTS

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tigard, Oregon

October 2025

COMMANDER'S REPORT FOR THE BOOK OF REPORT

Renee Ohler

Department Commander Book of Reports Oct 2025

The first quarter of our Legion year is behind us and it is time to reflect on all the work that has been done to date. Your Department Leadership staff has been meeting at Department on Wednesday's every week in an attempt to keep the Department moving forward with communication, information, and service when needed by the members. Sometimes it feels like an obstacle course and other times it is easy. As long as we keep moving forward, we are moving in the right direction.

Cleaning up the financial mess left after Lynn was terminated has been nothing but shocking. Our Past Department Adjutant who had most duffed with her talk of experience and qualifications, totally screwed Department when it came to transparency of finances and expenditures. After appointing a part-time bookkeeper, while in office as Department Adjutant, the lack of experience continued until the termination for cause surfaced theft and evidence that our bills were not being paid. What a mess!

Thankfully, we brought Lynn back as our Administrative Assistant and easily transitioned to our full-time bookkeeper to get us back on track. Lynn has been working well with Don Bond, our Finance Officer, to get the ball rolling on recovery. Bob Huff has also been helpful, and I am grateful his health allows him to continue assisting our Department.

As The Internal Affairs Chair and myself sift thru our guiding directive of how we conduct business and implement policies, it is our hope to continue aligning business that will move us forward in the best direction possible to stream line how business is conducted from National down to the Post level. A huge task but we are dedicated and determined to get the job done. That is our 2nd quarter objective this year.

My National appointment on the Media and Communications Council has really opened my eyes to the state of our Department of Oregon website. Lack of updates and not removing old information and not providing the best product for any veteran looking to see what the State of Oregon has to offer. Our website is visible to the world, and we should have a product that is professional, engaging, and informative to all who visit the site. This is also work in progress to be focused on in the 2nd quarter.

One bad habit we need to fix now is individuals contacting our National Headquarters with questions and complaints that should be directed to Your Post, District, and Department Headquarters. National bounces the voicemails, emails, and mail directly back to your Department Commander with a request to stop the constant chain of command violations.

I look forward to our 2nd quarter and my next report in January at our DEC.

For God and Country, we serve with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER REPORT

S. Flynn Phillips

I get a lot of calls from members wanting to complain about their post, either leadership wise, or can't get along with others. Sometimes it is so petty, it is comical, but I do listen.

What I see is people are forgetting why we are here in the first place. They forget about the Mission, and with all the drama that ensues it is no wonder your membership is lagging.

Elections have consequences. If you sat back and just accepted flow of the day and did not get up and challenge the problem, did not vote, or did not step up and take the lead, then you are part of the problem. When you get a new commander, or other officer and that person is new in their roll and has not completed the American Legion Basic training course that is available online then there's part of the problem.

New people are failing in their jobs because of lack of training, and lack of knowledge of how the Legion is run. You may think Leaders are born, but that's not really true leadership is a learned trait. That is one of the reasons we put so much effort into our Boys State program, and the other programs as well.

A new post commander can ruin a post without good guidance and leadership from others, and you know a few yourself. We have a few Posts in dire straits because of it.

So, I challenge all new leadership to get the basic training before you shoot your foot off or ruin your Post. If your members are leaving, ask the question why, and be brave enough to look in the mirror. Do not be offended by my directness, this is reality, and you have the ability to fix it.

Flynn

DEPARTMENT FIRST VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Fred Broadwater

This report covers the time-period of July 1 through September 30, 2025. During that time-period, I traveled over 4500 miles (air & ground) and invested around 230 hours. Four highlights of this period were the District 4 meeting in Malin. Thank you, Commander Tim Sakrida, for your invitation.

I attended the District 2 Picnic. Thank you, Commander Marc Snook, for your invitation. In the hopes of locating a meeting hall for Capitol Post 9, I forwarded a potential location to Commander Marc Snook.

I attended the 105th Birthday celebration for Bob Corey, a WWII veteran, along with Commander Ray Kelly of Post 136. Flynn Phillips & I presented Bob with a Grateful Nation Blanket. Bob has been a Legionnaire and member of Post 136 since 1947. It was an honor to present this to him.

Submitted respectfully,

Fred Broadwater

SECOND VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Michael Speer

Oct 2025

Well, it's been an interesting couple of months in my new position. Between visiting Boys State several times, attending Law Enforcement Career Camp as a chaperone, to spending more time at Department. Not to mention my duties at my District and Post. Needless to say, I've been busy.

My new Department hat arrived. Man, is it bright white! While I anticipate more travel ahead, maybe even a trip to Indianapolis, it hasn't materialized... yet. National Convention for me will be next year.

Things are getting more "back to normal" at HQ. There is still a lot of catching up going on, but there are more smiling faces, more "nice to see you" 's and "can you help me with this?" Even the smell of chicken for lunch is back. Good memories.

As Americanism Commission Chair, I plan on visiting the different programs this year. I got a good dose of LECC, I've visited Boys State, taken part in Oratorical and I'm involved with Scouting, but I haven't yet been to a Legion Baseball game or a Shooting Sports competition. It's good to have goals.

Mike Speer

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT REPORT

S. Flynn Phillips

The water cooler scuttlebutt: people thinking they are only seeing local members articles in the Legionnaire. Steve Shollenburg our master layout guru adds the articles that are sent to ORLEGIONNAIRE@GMAIL.COM. There are always exceptions. He might have missed it. You might have sent it to the wrong address. You can send it to the Department Adjutant, and I will do my best to forward it. You can call him and check. It is a lot of effort to put the issue together. So, I ask all Posts to send him or me articles. When you have an event at your Post take some pictures and a paragraph or three and let's get in the Legionnaire. A picture is worth a thousand words. If your Post has an event coming up tell us about it. Spread the word. Send us your flyer, we can get it in the Legionnaire. I hear you have no information, and we get little to put out. So, this includes the Sons, and the Auxiliary. Communication is a two-way street. Make yourself be heard.

Department Adjutant

October is The American Legion Fall Weber, Betty Fish-Ferguson, Carol Schmidt will be attending. One of Steivos Dinner (The Adjutants Club), will be initiated and drinking from the Grogg Cup. The Adjutant gets to have fun with the attendees and have fines levied, all in good fun of course and to raise money for a good cause. Fines can be levied for such egregious infractions like using the wrong fork or holding your mouth the wrong way. All fun aside I want to highlight the hard work our Post Adjutants do daily. Without them your Post probably would not run very well. The Adjutant is the glue that holds the Post together, keeps the Commander out of hot water just to name a few. So, my hat is off to all of you for your tireless effort.



Meetings in Indy. Renee Ohler, Don Bova-Rice, Tom Harris, and Charlie great pleasures is to attend the Ye which is where the new Adjutants

For you adjutants that still are doing membership the old way. Reach out to me and I will help you get on to the new MyLegion. If you don't do computers, get someone that is computer savvy. Once you see how easy this is you will wonder why you waited. I now have access to the website, and I am working to get it up to date, so bear with it while we tackle that monster.

I also want to thank all the volunteers that are helping at department. This is outstanding. We have a lot of work to do. If you would like to volunteer let me know. Even just answering the phone is most helpful.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

REPORT

Don Weber

The post-convention National Executive Committee approved the closure of 5 Posts and merging of Hepner Post 87 into Ion Post 95, in District 5. Department can now do the final work in closing Wamic Post 135, Deer Ridge Post 131, Warm Springs Post 48, Maupin Post 73, and Don L. Medlock Post 164.

Two interesting Constitution resolutions submitted to National. One approved now does not allow a member to transfer from one Post to another if they have charges pending but not yet served. Apparently, there has been a problem with members transferring out of a Post if they hear rumors of pending charges, and the home Post must adjudicate the issue.

Kalmbach Post 90 submitted a resolution to remove the words "non-political" from the National Constitution, since we have an office in DC, that regularly petitions Congress for Veteran issues. The National Judge Advocate reported that Congress chartered The American Legion to be "non-political and non-partisan." The American Legion would have to get Congress to change the charter to make the change. He further stated that petitioning Congress is not political. He drew the analogy to the Bible saying "Thou shall not kill" is interpreted to mean thou shall not murder. Therefore, petitions are not to lobby.

DEPARTMENT FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Don Bond

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN REPORT

Betty Fish-Ferguson

Hello Legionnaires,

As I explained in the September issue of the Legionnaire, I am fresh from the National Convention in Tampa Bay, Florida. It has been nonstop ever since. Let us settle into the business time of the year with new Leadership, new Officers, new ideas and a way forward for the American Legion.

Let us ponder the upcoming changes in the seasons. Autumn is the time of the year to recognize the beauty of the earth as it rests in preparation for winter, the themes of change, harvest, and reflection. Take this time to ask for peace and guidance, recognizing the cycle of change and renewal.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 states:

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under the Heavens.

Isaiah 40:8 states:

The grass withers and the flowers fade but the Word of the Lord endures forever.

Let's have a great DEC full of comradery and friendship.

Betty Fish-Ferguson

Chaplain

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN

REPORT

NAME

DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

REPORT

Maria Tye

The month of July I was contacted by several Posts having difficulty and needing to read and become familiar with their Constitution and By-Laws.

I am trying to get a form for the grievance/complaint process. Last year we realized that there is not a formal form or process that would service all the Department of Oregon. I have submitted two form ideas with complete instructions. I am hoping to be involved in creating this streamlined process for our Department.

Maria Del Socorro Tye

Judge Advocate, Department of Oregon

DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

REPORT

Mike Surrent

Quarterly Book of Reports (VSO)

3rd Quarter: July – September 2025

Overview

During the first quarter of the fiscal year (July – September 2025), we maintained strong engagement with veterans and community organizations across multiple events, meetings, and outreach activities. Our primary focus continued to be assisting veterans with claims, increasing awareness of available services, and building partnerships with local posts and veteran organizations.

Key accomplishments this quarter include:

27 new Powers of Attorney (POAs) generated.

252 claim documents/forms submitted on behalf of veterans.

A noticeable **increase in discharge upgrade requests**

Continued advocacy to ensure veterans receive the benefits they have earned.

Assisting homeless veterans to secure stable housing continues to be a focal point.

Monthly Activity Highlights

July 2025

7/1 – Attended Post 104 General Meeting.

7/6 – Participated in the *Salute to Service* event at the Hillsboro Hops game. Engaged with numerous veterans and active-duty members, distributed business cards, and completed 1 POA.

7/8 – Attended DSO Quarterly Meeting discussing recent court rulings and upcoming in-person 301 DSO training scheduled for October.

7/12 – Attended the *United Veterans' Groups of Oregon (UVGO)* meeting.

7/16 – Attended the *NCO Advocate Conference*.

7/24 – Participated in the Newberg Festival with Post 57.

August 2025

8/4 – Submitted paperwork for appointment to the *National Veterans Employment and Education Commission*.

8/6 – Attended Tigard Post 158 “Taco & Poker Night” to offer VSO assistance and collaborate with the post’s VSO on available services.

8/8 – 8/10 – Participated in the Indy Booth at Portland International Raceway, engaging with numerous veterans and initiating 6 POAs.

8/15 – Attended Department Legislative Committee Zoom Meeting.

8/18 – Attended Aloha Post 104 “Veterans Coffee & Donuts” event, offering VSO services and completing 1 POA.

8/18 – Visited Lebanon Post 51, spoke with veterans, and completed 2 POAs.

8/22 – 8/28 – Attended the *National Convention*, actively participating in both the Finance Committee (assigned) and the Legislative Committee meetings. Contributed time to the “Claims Clinic” conducted to help veterans.

September 2025

9/3 – Attended ODVA Veterans Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting.

9/4 – Attended DSO Quarterly Meeting.

9/10 – Attended Tigard Post 158 “Taco & Poker Night,” offering VSO.

9/27 – Attended Aloha Post 104 “Veterans Coffee & Donuts” event, continuing direct veteran outreach and support.

Ongoing Initiatives & Future Plans

We continue to advocate for veterans and assist them in securing the benefits they deserve. Our services include filing initial claims, maintaining appeals and reviews, and supporting veterans throughout the claims process.

Looking ahead, we are working to expand outreach efforts by building stronger relationships with individual posts and districts. We welcome invitations to attend monthly or quarterly meetings to present available services and provide on-site VSO support.

Contact Us: Please reach out to us for assistance with filing new claims, maintaining ongoing appeals, or scheduling an outreach visit to your post.

Edward Van Dyke / Mike Surrect

Department Service Officer Department Service Officer

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DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER

REPORT

Adam Gettmann

I have made unofficial visit to:

Astoria Post 12

Banks Post 90

Sherwood Post 56

Aloha Post 104

Seaside Post 99

Cannon Beach Post 168

All posts have received their membership cards for the next year.

I have been in close contact with Astoria Post 12, they have some issues that need to be worked out, and I have committed myself to working with them. I attended one of their executive committee meetings, and met with several of their officers on a separate occasion.

I have installed their current officers, and the paperwork sent to Department. I have also sent the Commander a link for the American Legions training page, as well as the format to conduct a proper meeting. I feel with training and proper direction they will bring the post back and be an active community asset.

District leadership has also been in contact with the remaining members of Nehalem Post 126, trying to get them transferred to another post, they currently have no officers and only 2 members. A decision will be made at a future District Meeting.

Current membership numbers are 1432 of our goal of 2704, putting us at 52.96% of goal.

Next District Meeting will be October 25th at Clatskanie Post 68.

DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER REPORT

Marc Snook

1. Assisted in preparing and the conduct of the 2025 State American Legion Annual Convention in Salem Oregon.
2. Attended the 2025 State Legion Convention in Salem Oregon.
3. Helped District 2 volunteers organize the District 2 Picnic.
4. Delivered several award certificates and membership cards to several Posts.
5. Attended my first EC meeting for District 2 as Commander.
6. Delivered several 2025 Officer manuals and Adjutant manuals.
7. Attended Mt Angel Post 89 meeting and Post Officer swearing ceremony.

8. Attended Department Training in Lebanon.

Marc
District 2

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER REPORT

Norm Simms

District 3 Report

Steve Adams has been diagnosed with cancer, started chemo.

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 attended 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.

13 April 2025

Norman Simms 2nd Vice Commander

DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER REPORT

Tim Sakraida

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District 4 had 12 members attending the convention in Salem in June. The District had 3 Posts that made their goals. Post 70, Post 192, and Post 50 who achieved their family goals.

In August we held our District 4 meeting at Malin Post 84. In attendance was our First Vice Commander, Fred Broadwater. He brought best wishes from our Department Commander, Renee

Ohler. The Vice Commander spoke about Boys State and making money available to District Commanders to pay for one boy, so the District could send a boy to Boys State.

Adjutant Huff reported on a new transportation grant for Central and Eastern Oregon counties, for veterans needing transportation for their medical appointments. He also told some history about District 4: we have had 5 Department Commanders, 3 were 100% Department Commanders. We have 4 Posts, Klamath Falls, Post 8; Ashland Post 14, Medford Post 15; and Grants Pass, Post 28; that were started in 1919, all are Centennial Posts.

Also, at the District meeting Raoul Salem, the Department chair for Jr Shooting, gave his report.

On July 9th the Post members from Post 50, Post 15, Post 192 participated in the stand down at the White City VA. Many veterans were given help. On September 3rd, another stand-down was held at Josephine County Fair Grounds in Grants Pass. Post 28, Post 50, and Post 192 participated.

Post 8, Klamath Falls is continuing with their Post's remodeling. They will start working on painting their building and resealing their parking lot. They continue having lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They have live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. They participated in the Kingsley Field Wings and Eagles Air Show in July.

Post 14, Ashland is currently in a Post revitalization.

Post 15, Medford sponsored a student for Boy's State this year. They will be looking for new applicants for this coming school year. The Post has been searching for a new place to meet that would have enough room so that they could hold functions and would also have a usable kitchen. So far, there has been a lot of looking with little success. Both Commander and Adjutant attended the convention in Salem. It was their first time attending a convention. They expressed how much they learned about the Legion and it's workings. It was an enlightening experience for both.

Post 28 Grants Pass continues to have weekly meals to raise money for their Post to support their veteran's programs. They started opening on Sundays to have football games to share with the veterans. It gives them a place to come and watch their favorite team and enjoy each other's company. District Commander and Vice Commander attended last month's meeting. The Post agreed to hold our next District meeting on November 1st, 2025. Lunch will be at noon, and meetings will be at 1:00pm.

Post 50 Williams had 4 members that attended the Salem convention in June. The Post received their 100% ribbon for making their goal, also, the Post received the family ribbon for Legion, SAL and Auxiliary, for making their membership goals. For the first time the Post received the unity award this year for the combined participation on placing the 105 Howitzer on the Post grounds. The Post has completed the outside painting.

Post 69 Rogue River is still looking for membership to start up an active Post.

Post 70 Cave Junction. The Post building has been sold with an agreement with the new owners that the Post can continue to have their monthly meetings and special events there. A meeting will be held shortly with membership to discuss usage of the proceeds. Post 70 also made their membership goals and received the 100% ribbon. The Post continues to work on their membership and has met their October goal already.

Post 84 Malin held our District 4 meeting in August. The lunch that was served was outstanding again. Prime Rib along with other choices were on the menu. Those that didn't attend missed out on a great lunch. There were 6 Posts represented at the meeting which gave us a quorum, to be able to vote on new and old business. Attending were Posts; 8, 14, 15, 50, 84, and 192. The Post is currently working on their membership. They have also met their goal for October.

Post 129 Central Point sponsored 1 boy for Boy's State.

Post 192 White City made their membership goal and received their ribbon at convention. The Post has supported Funeral Honors without families at the Eagle Point National Cemetery. The Post is very active in helping with veteran's stand downs, helping with employment, benefits, and veteran's court event at the VA SORCC on July 9th, and participated in the stand down at the Josephine County Fairground on September 3rd. The Post supported the Women's Veterans Conference on September 26th and 27th. They are currently working with the City of Eagle Point for a veteran's day parade and benefits event at the Eagle Point High School gym.

District 4 Commander Timothy j. Sakraida

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER REPORT

Alan Alderman

On June 18th through June 21st at The Salem Convention Center. I was installed in for my 2nd consecutive year as District 5 Commander. I received membership cards for all the active Post's in District 5. I distributed Bend Post 4, Sherman County Post 49, LaPine Post 45 to attending members. Vice Commander, Greg Marvin distributed Condon Post 25, The Dalles Post 19, Mosier Post 55 and Hood River Post 22.

Commander Ohler informed me that she has sent the Post Closure requests to National for Warm Springs Post 48, Deer Ridge Post 131, Spray Post 164, Wamic Post 135 and Maupin Post 73. It is sad to close these Posts. Many years ago, these were very active Posts.

I was given a SAL Member of the Year plaque to give to Mike Gilbrith of Squadron Post 44. I attempted an in-person presentation at the Post 44 regular meeting on August 2nd, but he did not show. I gave the plaque to Commander Paul Dalton for presentation.

I received a list from The Department of Oregon Adjutant in regard to Consolidated Post Reports delinquent with several Post's. On 6-27-25, I contacted LaPine Post 45, Condon Post 25, The Dalles Post 19, Hood River Post 22 & Mosier Post 55. These were all rectified.

On August 2nd, we held our first 2025 District 5 meeting at Post 29. Auxiliary Unit 29 provided a great lunch prior to our meeting at 1300 hrs. Special Guest Department 1st Vice Commander Fred Broadwater attended the meeting. Commander Fred Broadwater announced that the Boy Stater from Sisters was elected Attorney General; fees for attending Boys State will remain at \$450; On September 6th and 7th will be the Oregon American Legion College, please plan to attend. Dick Tobison spoke about the Veteran's Highway's across America. National Gold Star Families Memorial Highway, Interstate 80; Resolution will be submitted to the DEC in the Fall. The purpose of the Resolution is that the American Legion national organization request the United States Congress to designate the coast-to-coast Interstate 80 as the "National Gold Star Families Memorial Highway" and require appropriate signage including display of the familiar Gold Star emblems.

On August 22nd through August 29th, I attended the 106th American Legion National Convention. I had an extremely informative Convention. My highlights were hearing Tulsi Gabbard (Director of Intelligence) speak, Border Patrol Chief Michael Banks, Country Music singer Scotty Hasings sang our opening National Anthem and then spoke about being shot 10 times in Afghanistan. He is a US Army veteran and a Legionnaire. Douglas Collins spoke as he is the new Director of Veterans Affairs.

For all the Marines out there, Tun Tavern in Philadelphia (Birthplace of the Marine Corp) is being re-built with donated funds. It should be a great historical place to visit someday.

On September 2nd, I attended Post 86 Sisters, their annual Veterans Appreciation Pizza feed in Sister. I met many veterans from both VFW, DAV and The American Legion. They respect each other as veterans and not by veteran organization affiliation. Great group that get along very well.

On September 3rd, Commander Larry Blymyer of Madras Post 125 called and asked if I would attend a Jefferson County Commissioner meeting with them. Apparently, there is a new Director in charge of the Jefferson County Community Center. The American Legion and VFW share an office and meeting room when a quorum is available. Both organizations are having a difficult time reserving space for meetings and being pushed back into a small room.

The County Commissioners had promised this space for the VFW and American Legion. After Adjutant Post 125 Michael Williams spoke, I spoke as well. I reminded the Commissioners of

the importance of veterans to their community. I am personally a product of the Jefferson County community and a Veteran who left for his service from Jefferson County. The reception went well.

I am planning a revitalization event at the Jefferson County Community Center in Madras. I am coordinating this with Jefferson County Post 125 Commander Larry Blymyer. I invite any American Legion Family member to join us on October 18th. We walk through Madras starting at 10 am carrying American flags and applications.

Post 4 Bend

Commander JW Terry

Meet 2nd Wednesday each month.

The Dalles Post 19

Commander Ruben Hall

September 19th, The Dalles Post 19 held a MIA/POW Ceremony. It had a great turnout.

Meet 2nd Monday each month.

Hood River Post 22

Commander Carl Casey

Working on a large Veterans Day dedication on Hwy 35. The Japanese Community in Hood River are helping with this dedication of an “Informational” sign for Hwy 35 WWII Memorial Hwy.

Meet 1st Wednesday each month.

Condon Post 25

Commander Tom Cutsforth

Meet 2nd Monday each month.

Crook County Post 29

Commander Alan Alderman

Cancelled campout due to fires. Karaoke and club renovations in the works.

Redmond Post 44

Commander Paul Dalton

They are working hard getting Post 44 back on track. New stairs have been built at the entry of the Post.

Meet 2nd Saturday each month.

LaPine Post 45

Commander Scott Anderson

Raffled a donated motorcycle for a fundraiser. I didn't win!

Meet 2nd Monday each month.

Sherman County Post 49

Adjutant Greg Marvin

Mosier Post 55

Commander Bendlinger

Takes the summer off!

Sisters Post 86

Commander Trowbridge

October 1st next meeting

Madras Post 125

Commander Larry Blymeyer

Doing a revitalization with a District 5 meeting on October 18th.

This concludes my Book of Reports for the Fall of 2025

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DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER REPORT

Randy Tye



September 20, 2025

District 6 information was obtained by email, written and telephone communication.

District 6 assisted Kruse Post 72 with the Veterans Outreach Seminar held on July 12, 2025.

Hermiston Post 37 holds their monthly meeting, does litter patrol, hold executive meetings on a regular basis. The post meets at the Hermiston Senior Center. They have a color guard and performed at 4 funerals of them at this reporting activity report. The Honor Guard presented the color at the Umatilla Electric Co-op Dinner, also at the Hermiston Custom Car Show. They participated on the 4th of July parade. They attend D 6 meetings frequently and have an active Auxiliary.

Volunteer hours 387

Wallowa Lake Post 157 participated in the youth Shoot; they participated in Memorial Services. They were instrumental in the Veterans Outreach Seminar. They conduct regular meetings. They work with local service organizations. Volunteer hours 150

Ione Post 95 is officially merged with Heppner. Unfortunately, due to administrative deficiencies it took 4 years. have regular meetings and have a building. They participated in a local high school Scholarship. They have a very active Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion. They attend D 6 meeting frequently. Volunteer hours 203

Kruse Post 72 organized the Annual Veterans Outreach Seminar. Posts 37 and 157 and Post 24 participated. There were guest speakers from ODVA, Veterans Center with their van and several county service officers, Congressional Aid, Wyndness James and Blue Mountain Action Council from Washington. Post 72 also brought the Oregon Wall of Honor to Wallowa County. Participated in Memorial services and had two convertibles for the 4th of July Parade in the City of Wallowa. The post participates in the Oratorical Scholarship Program. We raised our scholarship amount to \$600.00. The commander and Adjutant have disseminated the topics for

the Oratorical program via Facebook, their website, schools, and radio. We re investigation with an Ad Hoc committee to establish an Auxiliary.

Volunteer hours 385

Baker Post 41 has a social media account with Facebook and had an article in the local newspaper. They participated with the local 4th of July festivities, helped to place the American flags outside at businesses. In July Post 41 hosted the Annual Biker Rally Breakfast to include purchases, preparation, cooking, and cleaning. August 25th celebrated birthday for female Marine veteran who turned 101 years and donated an Afghan that a legionnaire made for her. One of our members was honored by the Baker City Quilt Club Convention.

Volunteer hours 111.

Post 130 No Report and hasn't attended a D 6 meeting in 4 years. D 6 Commander, Randy Tye, Aaron Wetterling and Maria Tye went to do an audit. There were problems with the Commander and the Auxiliary President participating in the post meetings. We clarified who the commander was. Unfortunately, we had to instruct them of some violations. There is no such thing as a co-commander, and an auxiliary president cannot participate in the meetings.

Post 140 No communication from them and no report does not attend D 6 Meeting on a regular basis.

Post 23 Pendleton no officer and no report.

Post 24 Milton Free Water does monthly Pots Luck; have regular meetings. They participate in local Patriotic events.

DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER REPORT

VACANT

DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER REPORT

Chris Christopherson

DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER REPORT

Eric Stallings

District 9 is doing well. After the Department Convention in June, I made sure and make some Post visits right away. I knew I was going to be busy this summer and fall with Windows 11 migration project. It's still going and strong and there is a big push to be done by December. I will probably be traveling to help in other areas in Oregon. I plan to attend the Fall DEC in Tigard unless I'm needed for another area.

We have held our first District Meeting of the year on September 6th at Bandon Post 26.

Posts are doing well and continuing to work our programs and help their communities.

Bandon Post 26 has been busy. They completed the installation of a new flagpole at Bandon High School. A ceremony was held on September 12th to dedicate. A plaque is being created by the Metal Shop at the High School. The Post presented flag etiquette and folding at the elementary school fourth grade class. Post members designed a float and entered the 4th of July parade with the local VFW. They also participated in the Veteran's standdown in North Bend where they gave out 120 quilts to veterans. The Post has also started celebrating Bandon High School students who have chosen to serve in the military. They were each presented with a certificate, a hat of their branch of service and a \$500 scholarship.

Post 34 Helped with the Blackberry Festival along with the Elks Lodge again this year. Their Sea Cadets did most of the scooping! The Cadets have also been very busy with training. The post sent some boys to Boys State. The Post baseball team had a good year, and attendance was good. David's Chair has been checked out often and members are volunteering to help with the checkout process. Visits with Veterans at Ocean Ridge and Advamere continues. A joint garage sale on Wednesday at the Farmer's Market with the Elks will continue into October. The Post will start meeting at the Coos Bay Fire Department starting in November, as the Elks Lodge will be shutting down.

Post 62 has voted for a new Adjutant Joanna Mousseau. Jim Harry is replacing Bob Cline as the Vice Commander after his passing. They sent 3 boys to Boys State, who all enjoyed their experience. One Boy from last year returned this year as a counselor. Membership outreach is working, and another member has joined. A work party was held to do repairs and maintenance on the flag holders around town. There is a push to solicit more local businesses to support the flag program.

Post 76 is in the process of shutting down. They could not find anyone that was willing to hold a leadership position. I met with them in July and gave them directions on things they needed to do but have not heard back from them. I will follow up, so we can get that process going.

Post 121 has been holding quarterly meetings. And has been maintaining the majority of their membership, except for a couple that have moved. They are in their 2nd year of offering grants to High School Students. 5 Students were approved in July. These grants are \$500 for students seeking technical or vocational courses. The local NCOA awarded some of our members service medallions for their era of service. Post 121 has also been handing out Thank You cards to local Roseburg VA Hospital staff who often don't get recognition for all that they do. The Doctors, staff and volunteers deserve our support apart from the politicians.

Post 152 continues to volunteer at Roseburg VA as ambassadors. Presented Vietnam War Medallions at VVA meetings this summer. Members also participated in quarterly remembrance and veterans memorial services at Roseburg VA National Cemetery, and flag line for Veterans Funerals. Post 152 assisted Post 121 in placing flags out in Sutherlin on Holidays.

Our next District meeting will be on November 1st, and it will consist mostly of a training session for specific topics that our Posts requested.

Respectfully Submitted.

Eric Stallings
Commander, District 9

DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER REPORT

Robert Hornbeck

ADMINISTRATIVE & ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT

Don Bond

AMERICANISM COMMISSION REPORT

Mike Speer

The committees that make up the Americanism Commission have sent in their own reports. I plan on visiting all the committees in the next couple of months.

Mike Speer

BASEBALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Sowles

Book of Reports for May 2025 Legion Baseball

My Mike Sowles, Committee Chair

Team Registrations are at 55 teams total, 17 Triple AAA teams and 38 single A teams, all with 3 more days to register and complete requirements.

We have certified 135 background checks, 110 Abuse Training, 35 teams have purchased Insurance.

The Single A tournament will be held in Eagle Point, Oregon this year from July 23 to July 27. The Triple A tournament will be held in Portland, Oregon at the University of Portland, from July 26 to July 30.

The single A Regional tournament will be held in Burley, Idaho and the Triple AAA Regional will be in Billings, Montana.

We have teams from Ontario, Oregon to Coos Bay, Oregon and from Portland and the Dalles to Medford and Klamath Falls. Our center of growth in the past two years Has been in Redmond and Bend, with 8 teams. The valley teams have increased with 4 new single A teams in the last two years, two in Albany and 2 in the Corvallis area.

Our season officially starts on June 1, every year. Teams and organizers work year around to plan schedules and organize.

Please continue to support the American Legion Baseball Program, now celebrating 100 years 1925-2025.

Oregon Baseball 2025 Season Report

Mike Sowles Committee Chair

August 1, 2025

The season began on June 1, 2025 and ended on July 30. 900 players participated, 60 teams entered a rough draft or complete registration. 51 teams were approved to participate and 50 teams had registered rosters on June 25. Approximately 300 Managers, Coaches and adult age players completed Background Checks and Abuse training for adults. Single A participated and 16 Triple AAA teams participated.

We held our Single A, eight team tournament at Eagle Point High school from July 23 through July 27. Our Triple AAA, eight team tournament, was held at the University of Portland Joe Etzel Field from July 26 through July 30.

The Single A Tournament Champion, Klamath Falls Falcons move on to the NW Cart Regional Tournament in Burley, Idaho, games begin on August 7 through August 11, 2025.

The Triple AAA Tournament Champion, Post 158 Portland Barbers move on to The Region 7 Tournament in Billings, Montana, August 6 Through August 10, 2025.

Single A Tournament Action Summary: Klamath Falls Falcons came back from the loser's bracket to win the championship by defeating the Eugene Ole's twice on the fifth day.

The Triple AAA tournament was very competitive with the four teams having Championship possibilities until the end.

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BOYS STATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Fred Broadwater

9/30/2025

This report shall encompass the period of August & September 2025, as a separate report was submitted for July.

The Boys State Committee dates were published for the balance of 2025-2026.

The Department Adjutant and I met and had lunch with Reid Kim, the Boys State elected Governor for 2025-2026. We discussed future collaboration/coordination dates with his elected Staff and received his input.

The Department Adjutant and I presented an After-Action Report/Review with the Veterans Committee from the Milwaukie Elks Lodge #142. We presented them with Boys State lapel Pins and thanked them again for their generous grant of \$1,800.00, which went towards the purchasing of Boys State Polo shirts & T-shirts.

I attended the National Americanism Conference for Boys State and Boys Nation in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is a very worthwhile conference, one that should be attended and funded by the Oregon Boys State committee.

Respectfully,

Fred Broadwater

CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Betty Fish-Ferguson

Hello Legionnaires,

In my recent article in the September Legionnaire, I reported on the activities I attended during the recent National Convention. Since that time, I have had a flurry of requests for Temporary Financial Assistance. I am currently working on 3 applications. Thank you to Hillsboro Post 6 and Commander Sheryl Loberger, Pioneer Post 149 and Commander Ann Everetts, Tigard Post 158 and Commander Gary Baldwin for graciously accepting new members into their Post and paying the first year membership for Veterans who are already financially strapped.

I hope this will be the start of a new relationship and Veterans Community for these new American Legion members. As we head into the Autumn season, make a pledge to hold one Children and Youth event at your Post. Think of something along the Line of Health and Safety. Halloween is a great time to share safe Trick or Treating practices.

Let's have a great year!

Betty Fish-Ferguson

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Raoul Salem

JIM WILLIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER COMMITTEE REPORT

Ed Owens

On LECC, all bills are submitted to Department and paid. Had 2 after LECC meetings to debrief LECC and early discussions for next year. One item, we will partner with Camp Rosenbaum for the next few years' schedule wise which will help with planning.

ORATORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Carol Bova-Rice

Oratorical Book of Reports

Now that we are heading into a new Oratorical year, the Oratorical Committee and I are working hard to get it off with a bang. During August and September, we worked to put together 16 Oratorical binders with most of the 2026 updates and everything any level Oratorical chair would need to know to run a contest. We also recreated all required local forms and found that the official rules had changed from last year thus a need for replacing them from what was placed in the binders. I will make copies of all and bring them to the DEC so they can be replaced in the binders.

The 16 binders were mailed to each District Commander (10), the 5 Oratorical Committee members and 1 for HQ to use as a source document when they receive questions on Oratorical. The binders are not meant to be the property of the individuals but of the office. The District Commanders will be responsible for ensuring their Post Commanders have what they need to run their contests.

The National Certification cutoff date was announced as 6 April 2026 and the National Contest is 15-17 May 2026 at Hillsdale University WI.

The Oratorical COP only needed a few minor changes this year and has been submitted to this DEC for ratification.

Carole Bova-Rice

Department of Oregon
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SCOUTING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mike Speer

CONVENTION COMMISSION REPORT

Jim Waggoner

10/1/2025

Jim Waggoner

Convention Commission Chair

The 2026 convention is well underway. We have the convention corporation and insurance coverage completed.

We have negotiated with Chinook Winds for the convention hall and catering as well as hotel rooms.

Currently we are working on several of Lincoln city's many fun things for members and families to do when not attending meetings.

We will be sending updates in the Oregon Legionnaire each month or as needed to inform every one of the things available for attendees and their families.

I have made several attempts to get closing reports from the 2025 convention in Salem currently I have not received anything and hope to make a motion at the winter DEC to close this committee.

Jim Waggoner

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION REPORT

Richard Ramey

Report to the Fall 2025 Department Executive Committee (DEC)

October 1, 2025

Page 1 of 9

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 our Department. Members of the Internal Affairs Commission include the Chairman Richard Ramey, American Legion Riders Committee Chairman Gale Sears, Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chairman Ward Allen, Resolutions Committee Chairman Dale Thaler, Sons of The American Legion Committee Chairman Past National Vice Commander (PNVC)/ Past Department Commander (PDC) Rob Liebenow, Training and Development Committee Chairman Steve Shollenburg, and Trophies and Awards Committee Chairman (vacant).

1.1. A comprehensive review of documents in Department files shows our Department's progress in submitting required reports. The table below shows our progress of this year compared with last membership year (2024-2025), which was another poorly documented historical event as reflected by the poor showing of our Posts, Districts, Commissions and Committees conducting meetings, producing minutes, and submitting reports.

This year we are already ahead in many areas compared to what we finished last year, which is positive:

Reports	End of 2024-25 Year = 110 posts	Percentage		Start of 2025- 26 Year =105 posts	Percentage
Confidential Reports	48	43%		59	56%
Installation Reports	40	35%		54	51%
Committee Reports	9	8%		27	26%
Post Analysis	38	36%		3	3%
Constitution Annual Review				38	36%
District Meeting Minutes	26 of 40 possible			2 of 10	
Commission/Committee Minutes	9 of 34			4 of 34	

The table in Addendum 1 shows the current reports on file at Department by District.

1.2. We have five (5) posts which have dwindling membership. Most of the Posts have had membership below 15 members for many years, which does not qualify them to vote at convention. These should be posts that District and Department prioritize for revitalization and/or merger with active Posts. (Addendum 2)

1.3. There are thirty-eight (38) posts without current data in Department Contact Roster. District leadership should contact these Posts and provide the required data to enable Department leadership to have reference and contact data for these Posts. (Addendum 3)

1.4. Consolidated Post Reports:

We had been making improvements each year on our documentation of the Consolidated Post Reports (CPR), until this last year where we have dropped significantly in documentation of events and hours.

2023-2024		2024-2025
Line 9	Volunteer hours at VA Hospitals 2,178	3,715
Line 81	Community service hours	28,978
Line 83		57,447
Line 94	Children & Youth volunteer hours 10,999	
Line 96		10,475
Line 122	Hours documented for other areas	<u>118,812</u>
Line 125		<u>32,660</u>
	Total 160,967 hours	104,297
(Year 2022-2023	was	76,985 hours)

Forty-One (41) Posts did not file their Consolidated Post Report last year. For more information on the Consolidated Post Report data refers to Addendum 2 (Posts which did or did not file a CPR) and Addendum 4, which details the Department of Oregon CPR data summary.

2. The Internal Affairs Commission’s Investigative Team has filed the final report on the M. Tye-K. Owens Complaint, and it has been distributed to all DEC members.

3. Again, this year, we have had many people travel to National events and on Department-assigned endeavors and received nothing in feedback in the form of reports. Consequently, Internal Affairs is introducing a Reports Policy which would require that people traveling to conduct business on behalf of the Department will submit a report no later than 30 days following their return from such endeavors. We have some people who have been conscientious about reporting after returning from such events such as the Washington Conferences, however, reporting from other National and State of Oregon events have not resulted in the Oregon American Legion members be appraised of items discussed and information presented.

4. The past year has resulted in several things not being accomplished in accordance with (IAW) directives to include:

4.1. The information on the Department website is woefully out of date, to include DEC minutes and information from 2022 and 2023, but very little information from last year or this year. As examples:

4.1.1. The Codes of Procedures ratified last year have not been updated.

4.1.2. The Calendar is not being updated to show significant National, Department, and District meetings.

4.1.3. Membership data is not being posted, weekly as required by the Membership Commission Code of Procedures

4.1.4. Department Executive Committee minutes are not being posted. (The minutes on the site are from 2020 to 2023).

4.1.5. Department forms are not up to date.

4.1.6. Webpages are required for Committees to post their current information, such as lessons, and training material. Even National has commented on the out-of-date information on the website. Visitors to the site, may question what our department is doing with its programs, and whether we are relevant to members and communities today.

4.2. The financial information has not been distributed to the Finance Commission and the DEC members, as required by the Constitution and By-Laws (CBL), [Constitution, Art. XI, Sec. 4 & 5; CBL, Art. III, Sec. 5 & 6; CBL, Art. IV, Sec. 4; CBL, Art. VII, Sec. 4]

5. For many years we, as a Department, have encouraged Commissions and Committees to conduct meetings as described in the Codes of Procedures and other documents, and yet there is not a virtual platform readily available for Chairpersons to organize a meeting outside of regular office hours. The only process in place is to have the Department Adjutant use RingCentral to schedule a meeting, and that must be within the office hours and the Department Adjutant must initiate the meeting. This is not acceptable. We have been told that several platforms would be available, including Go-to-Meetings, Constant Contact, Ring Central, and Microsoft Teams, yet we still do not have a flexible virtual meeting platform for Chairpersons to organize and utilize.

6. Last year's Convention accomplished many things, but again, the one big venue at which the largest number of Oregon Legionnaires attend did not offer training on needed subjects, such as Membership, revitalizations, various programs, commission and committee operations, officer responsibilities, etc.

7. A development concerning the 2025 Convention is that the Oregon American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is refusing to pay the delegate fees, as described in the American Legion Convention Code of Procedures. This highlights the need to have a contract developed and signed by both the representative of The American Legion Department of Oregon and the representative of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oregon for anytime there are to be facilities utilized by both organizations. This contract should specify the terms for any organization that is sharing facilities that the Department of Oregon arranges to utilize for events, and pertains to the Convention, Department Executive Committee meetings, Boys, and Girls State, etc.

8. This year the Department has received one complaint, which has been referred to National for legal opinion.

9. The American Legion Riders have been very active, through the Summer and Fall months with flag lines, escorts, and parades. They currently have **22** active chapters. Their Annual Jack Bailey Toy Run was successful, supplying toys to Jasper Mountain Health facility in July.

10. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee had a very active last year with the review and adoption of eleven changes to the Department Constitution and By-Laws. They also fielded questions from Districts and Posts about their Constitutions.

11. The Resolutions Committee was also heavily involved with the review of the Department Constitution and By-Laws amendments as well as other resolutions, and have this year received two proposed resolutions.

12. The Sons of The American Legion (SAL) are having another good year.

13. The Training and Development Committee has been active with conducting the Oregon American Legion College, held at Santiam Post 51 on the weekend of September 6 and 7, 2025. It was well-attended, and a great amount of information was shared concerning Post Officer duties, leadership, communication, Constitution and By-laws, and **MyLegion** Adjutant training. Additionally, they are coordinating training for DECs.

14. The Trophies and Awards Committee is in the process of recruiting members, and has two to be ratified by this DEC.

Richard Ramey

Richard Ramey, Chairman

Internal Affairs Commission

Addendum 1

Districts and Posts Data

for 2025-2026 Membership year

Districts

Category	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	D10	Total
Number of Posts	15	17	15	10	11	10	7	6	8	6	105
Confidential Report Submitted	10	7	9	8	8	4	2	4	5	2	59
Installation Record	9	10	9	7	4	4	2	4	2	3	54
Committees Record	2	3	4	8	1	4	0	1	2	1	26
Consolidated Post Report^	9	16	3	8	8	5	2	2	4	5	62
Post Analysis / Post Visit by District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Number district meetings w/minutes	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
Average # Posts attend District meeting	0	8	0	6	7	0	0	0	4	0	6
Posts at monthly membership target	8	7	7	5	4	4	2	3	5	5	50

Data as of September 23, 2025

2025-2026 Required Forms

For Districts and Posts

District / Post	Post Number	Conf.	Install.	Comm.	CPR 2024-25	Post Analysis	Notes
District 1							
Washington	2	X			X		
Hillsboro	6				X		
Astoria	12	X					
St. Helens	42	X	X	X	X		
Tillamook	47	X	X				
Sherwood	56	X	X		X		
Clatskanie	68	X	X				
Banks	90	X	X				
Seaside	99		X				
Aloha	104	X	X		X		
Vernonia	119		X		X		
Beaverton	124	X			X		
Nehalem	126						
Tigard	158	X	X	X	X		
Cannon Beach	168				X		

Conf. = Confidential Report

Install. = Installation and Certification

Comm. = Committees

CPR = Consolidate Post Report

Addendum 1 (Continued)

2025-2026 Required Forms for Districts and Posts

District / Post	Post Number	Conf.	Install.	Comm.	CPR 2024-25	Post Analysis	Notes
District 2							
Silverton	7				X		
Capital	9	X	X		X		

Keizer	17	X	X	X	X		
Dallas	20				X		
McMinnville	21	X	X		X		
Independence	33				X		
Woodburn	46	X	X		X		
Newberg	57	X	X		X		
Stayton	58	X	X	X	X		
Sheridan	75		X		X		
Mt. Angel	89				X		
Aurora	110				X		
Canby	122		X		X		
Salem	136				X		
Pioneer	149				X		
Mill City-Gates	159						
Carlton	173	X	X	X	X		

District / Post	Post Number	Conf.	Install.	Comm.	CPR 2024-25	Post Analysis	Notes
District 3							
Eugene	3	X			X		
Albany	10	X	X	X	X		
Corvallis	11	X	X				
Cottage Grove	32		X				
Springfield	40						
Lebanon	51				X		
Florence	59						
Junction City	61	X	X	X			
Oakridge	64	X	X	X			
Santa Clara	83	X	X				
Lincoln City	97	X	X				
Philomath	100						
Newport	116	X					
Sweet Home	133		X				
Brownsville	184	X	X	X			

Addendum 1 (Continued)

2025-2026 Required Forms for Districts and Posts

District / Post	Post Number	Conf.	Install.	Comm.	CPR 2024-25	Post Analysis	Notes
District 4							
Klamath Falls	8	X	X	X	X		
Ashland	14				X		
Medford	15	X	X	X	X		
Grants Pass	28	X	X	X	X		
Williams	50	X	X	X	X		
Rogue River	69						
Cave Junction	70	X	X	X	X		
Malin	84	X	X	X	X		
Central Point	129	X		X			
White City	192	X	X	X	X		

District / Post	Post Number	Conf.	Install.	Comm.	CPR 2024-25	Post Analysis	Notes
District 5							
Bend	4				X		
The Dalles	19	X	X		X		
Hood River	22						
Condon	25	X	X		X		
Prineville	29	X	X		X		
Redmond	44	X			X		
La Pine	45						
Moro	49	X	X	X	X		
Mosier	55	X					
Sisters	86	X			X		
Madras	125	X			X		

District / Post	Post Number	Conf.	Install.	Comm.	CPR 2024-25	Post Analysis	Notes
District 6							
Pendleton	23						
Milton-Freewater	24				X		
Hermiston	37	X	X	X	X		
Baker City	41	X	X	X	X		
La Grande	43		X				
Wallowa	72	X	X	X	X		
Ione	95	X		X	X		
Athena	130						
Mission	140						
Wallowa Lake	157				X		

Addendum 1 (Continued)

2025-2026 Required Forms for Districts and Posts

District / Post	Post Number	Conf.	Install.	Comm.	CPR 2024-25	Post Analysis	Notes
District 7							
Gresham	30	X					
Estacada	74		X		X		
St. Johns	98						
Corbett	108						
F&J Ravin	134				X		
Dana King	137						
Musicians	185	X	X	X			

District / Post	Post Number	Conf.	Install.	Comm.	CPR 2024-25	Post Analysis	Notes
District 8							
Portland	1						
Oregon City	5	X	X	X			
Wilsonville	65	X	X				
Sandy	127						
Oregon Trail	150	X	X		X		
Milwaukie	180	X	X		X		

District / Post	Post Number	Conf.	Install.	Comm.	CPR 2024-25	Post Analysis	Notes
District 9							
Roseburg	16	X	X	X	X	X	
Bandon	26	X					
North Bend	34	X	X	X	X	X	
Coquille	36						
Reedsport	62				X		
Port Orford	76					X	
Sutherlin	121	X					
Fallin-Canyonville	123	X			X		
Oakland	152	X			X		

District / Post	Post Number	Conf.	Install.	Comm.	CPR 2024-25	Post Analysis	Notes
District 10							
Burns	63		X	X	X		
Ontario	67						
John Day	77				X		
Nyssa	79				X		
Vale	96	X	X		X		

Prairie City	106	X	X		X		
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Addendum 2

Post which has dwindling membership. As noted below, most of the Posts have had membership below 15 members for many years, which does not qualify them to vote at convention. These should be Posts that District and Department prioritize for revitalization and/or merger with active posts.

- District 1 Post 126 Nehalem (3 years)
- District 2 Post 159 Mill City-Gates (3 years)
- District 3 Post 100 Mary’s River (4 years)
- District 4 Post 69 Rogue River (5 years)
- District 8 Post 127 Sandy (5 years)

Addendum 3

Posts without current data in Department Contact Roster

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| <p>District 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hillsboro Post 6 Nehalem Post 126 Cannon Beach Post 168 <p>District 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delbert Reeves (Silverton) Post 7 | <p>District 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pendleton Post 23 Milton-Freewater Post 24 La Grande Post 43 Athena Post 130 Mission Post 140 Wallowa Lake Post 157 <p>District 7</p> |
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Carl B. Fenton (Dallas) Post 20

St. Johns Post 98

Independence Post 33

Corbett Post 108

Mt. Angel Post 89

F&J Ravin Post 134

Aurora Post 110

Dana King Post 137

Salem Post 136

Pioneer Post 149

District 8

Mill City-Gates Post 159

Portland Post 1

Sandy Post 127

District 3

Springfield Post 40

District 9

Santiam (Lebanon) Post 51

Florence Post 59

Mary's River (Philomath) Post 100

Reedsport Post 62

Port Orford Post 76

District 4

Sutherlin Post 121

District 10

Ashland Post 14

Ontario Post 67

Rogue River Post 69

John Day Post 77

Cave Junction Post 70

Nyssa Post 79

District 5

Bend Post 4

Hood River Post 22

38 Posts with No contacts

Addendum 4

2024-2025 Department of Oregon Consolidated Post Report Data

Line	Data Title	Posts	Units
7	Number (No.) of cases handled by service officers	29	569
8	\$ emergency aid given to veterans from post funds	30	22,645
9	No. of volunteer hours recorded at VA hospitals	30	6,655
12	No. of VA Volunteer Service Volunteer	26	990
13	Participated in the Be the One Program	26	
15	NO. of Be the One events held by post	26	29
17	Blood Donor Program	24	311
18	ROTC Medals Presented	25	27
26	Color/Honor Guard Funeral Honors	26	562
30	Produce Post publication	28	
31	Post Website	25	
36	No. of times post mentioned on radio	32	196
37	No. of times post mentioned on TV	26	14
38	No. of times post mentioned in newspaper	40	151
41	No. of career fairs participated	24	14
42	No. of veterans referred to LVER or DVOP	24	38
55	No. of boys sponsored for Boys State	35	48
58	Participated in citizenship/naturalization activities		3
59	American Legion Baseball	12	
61	Other athletic teams sponsored		8
63	Scouting Units	34	497 youths
66	Sponsored local Oratorical contestants	24	7
67	School Awards	25	43
73	Scholarships awarded	27	34 scholarships
74	\$ Cost to post for scholarship awards	27	16,050
77	Flag Day Ceremony	81	
79	Veterans' Day	51	
80	Memorial Day	55	
81	Participated in American Legion Birthday events	27	
82	Participated in Four Chaplains Sunday events	14	
83	No. hours of community service	41	57,447
85	No. of Jr Shooting Sports Program Clubs supported	21	4
88	Participated in Youth Cadet Law Enforcement	9	5
92	No. of Children & Youth activities held	26	29
94	\$ value of goods given to children	27	34,993
95	No. of children given aid	21	326
96	No. of volunteer hours for C&Y programs and activities	26	10,475
102	Participated in Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)	7	\$2,269
108	ALR Chapter	14	119 members
112	Has Sons of American Legion squadron	18	965 members
119	Participates in Buddy Checks	35	2,410 contacted
125	No. volunteer hours not captured above	37	32,660

OREGON AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS REPORT

Gale Sears

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

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

Fourth 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)* Flag lines, 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, and 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 sheets if necessary)*

> Flag lines 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: Steve 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 downtown parade.
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FUTURE EVENTS AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER HAS PLANNED; *(use separate sheets if necessary)*

- Raffle sales in support of 2025 Scholarship program.

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.
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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 sheets 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

Name of person filling out report: Mike Lueck

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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.

Name of person filling out report: Damien Cox Email cox.damien@gmail.com

Post Commander: Bill Sherman Email: commander.vernonia.post.119@gmail.com

Post 58

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

Asst Director: Charlie McCarthy Ph# 541-510-7582 Email Winchman53@gmail.com

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 X

Hot Potato Yes No X

DESCRIBE VOLUNTEER EVENTS AND SERVICES YOUR CHAPTER PERFORMED THIS LAST QUARTER; (use separate sheet if necessary) *Flag lines, escorts, training, meetings. Monthly coffee with veterans with several local assisted living facilities. Canned food drive at our monthly rider meetings. Mounting, replacing, and 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 in 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 sheets if necessary)

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

Name of person filling out report: Zoey Eyre/Post 58 ALR Adjutant

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Post Commander: Jack Frauendiener

Email: jfrauendiener@yahoo.com

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.

<input type="checkbox"/>	VOLUNTEER HOURS
<input type="checkbox"/>	AT POST
HOT POTATO? <input type="checkbox"/>	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

Name of person filling this report out—
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Email
 Address-

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ward Allen

RESOLUTION ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Dale Thaler

Resolutions Committee

This report is submitted for the Fall DEC to be held in Tigard, OR on OCT 11-12, 2025

The Department Resolutions Committee for 2025-2026 consists of Dale Thaler, Chairman and 4 yr member, Susan Hughes, 3 yr member, Ward Allen, 1 yr member (Chair of Constitution & By-Laws Committee), and Tim Troupe, 1 yr member. The 2 yr member position is currently vacant.

The Code of Procedures for the Resolutions Committee has been reviewed with no proposed changes.

Since the Department Convention adjournment, two resolutions have been forwarded to the committee. The first resolution dated 20 August 2025 has been withdrawn before being addressed by this committee. The second resolution was submitted by Steven Shollenberg, Training and Development Chair, titled “American Legion College Training for District and Post Commanders” This resolution was taken under consideration at the Resolution Committee meeting held Tuesday, September 23,2025 at 1500 hours with the unanimous decision to remand the resolution back to the Training and Development committee to review issues and discrepancies noted in the meeting minutes which are attached to this report.

The Resolutions Committee will have its next meeting when the situation dictates so and will be at the call of the Committee Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Thaler

Chairman, Resolutions Committee

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert D. Liebenow

Chairperson

We made two changes to our Code of Procedures. We changed Americanism to Internal Affairs and added 5 members needed to maintain a squadron.

I reached out to the committee members and only heard back from one and that was Tom Harris. Instead of districts we have four areas, and I plan to assign each member to an area. They are to oversee the squadrons in their assigned area and make sure each one is following the committee’s procedures. Making sure all paperwork is turned in and on time. This is a never-ending battle, but we will try our best to accomplish this goal.

Our membership goal for 2026 is 1691 and should be attainable if everyone works on retention. As we know, that is the biggest problem with the Sons and the Legion.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Shollenberg

Department of Oregon Training & Development had the American Legion College Training Class of September 6-7, 2025, in Lebanon, Oregon, Post 51.

The topics were Post Officers/Leadership: Communication: Membership & Revitalization: Adjutant/*MyLegion*: Americanism/4 Pillars: Constitution & By-Laws/Forms.

We had 32 Family members attend the weekend class, and it was very well received. Very positive comments and a lot of Legionnaires stated that we need and want more training.

Certificates of Completion and Legion College Pins were sent out to all in attendance.

We are planning another Legion College Training weekend for the Spring, and hopefully it will be over on the other side of the mountains.

With winter coming on it is more difficult to get around the state, but if you feel you Post needs overall training or in specific areas, please let us know and we will do whatever we can to assist.

Thank You

Steven D. Shollenburg - Chairman

Training & Development

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TROPHY AND AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Vacant

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

Tim Cowan

Senate Members:
Sen. Manning
Sen. McLane
Sen. Meek

Staff:
Ramiro Navarro Jr,
Caucus Administrator

House Members:
Rep. Boice
Rep. Evans
Rep. Isadore
Rep. Lewis
Rep. Lively
Rep. Skarlatos
Rep. Tran



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Oregon State Capitol**

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TEAMS Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/VetsCaucusMeeting>

AGENDA

TUESDAY

Date: May 13, 2025

Time: 07:30 A.M.

Room: S-226 (Senate Majority Caucus Room) & Virtual on [TEAMS](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Note Attendance & Welcome

II. ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- a. N/A – No voting needs at this moment

III. PRESENTATION(S) | DISCUSSION(S)

- a. Guest Speaker(s): Ahmed Farag, Dental Director & Susan Davis, Addiction, Treatment, Recovery, & Prevention Services-Behavioral Health Division, Oregon Health Authority
 - a. OHA Presentation on Veterans Health
 - b. Caucus Coordinator position and continuation through the interim

IV. GENERAL COMMENTS | ANNOUNCEMENTS

- c. Bill Tracker – [Updated 5.09.2025](#)

V. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Closing Remarks & Next Meeting Date – June 10th, 2025



Join Meeting

Please note: Donuts and Coffee will be provided.

To virtually attend the Oregon Legislative Veterans Caucus, hold down the CTRL button and click on the link here
<https://bit.ly/VetsCaucusMeeting>

Tim Cowan cont...

Subject: bill tracker

Gentlemen,

If you want a copy of the bill tracker.

It can be found in

IV. General Comments/announcements.

I want this to be in the book of reports.

It provides a good summary of the magnitude of the legislative work for veterans.

Oregon Legislative Veterans Caucus Bill Tracker



Priority	Bill Number	Chief Sponsor	Bill Summary	Current Committee	Sub Referral(s)	PH	WS
1	SB 272	Sen. Manning	Exempts from state income tax up to \$17,500 received by a person for retirement pay or pension for s	Finance & Revenue	N/A	4-21 (S)	3-13 (S)
1	SB 159	Sen. Meek	The Act says that owners of motorcycles and mopeds may also get veterans' plates if the owner qualifi	Emer. Manag., Gen. Gov., & Vets	N/A	5-6 (H)	4-1 (S)
1	SB 150	SC on Veterans	Says person may not get \$ or item of value for helping get veteran's benefits except as fed./state law a	Vets., Emer. Manag., Fed. & World Aff	N/A	5-1 (H)	5-8 (H)
1	SB 119	SC on Finance & Rev	The Act would create a property tax credit for the home of a person who is on active military duty.	Finance & Revenue	Tax Expenditures		
1	HB 3920	Rep. Tran	Increases the age limit for tuition waivers for students who are children of Veterans.	Vets., Emer. Manag., Fed. & World Aff	N/A	4-22 (S)	4-29 (S)
1	HB 3773	Rep. Botce	Requires OHA to adopt veteran-specific personal health navigators as a category of traditional health	JC Ways & Means	N/A	4-1 (H)	4-8 (H)
1	HB 3527	Rep. Lewis	Establishes the Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund	JC Ways & Means	N/A	3-11 (H)	3-25 (H)
1	HB 3517	Rep. Skarlatos	Directs OHA to work with ODVA to establish an ibogaine treatment program for PTSD.	JC Ways & Means	N/A	3-13 (H)	4-8 (H)
1	HB 3460	Rep. Botce	Directs OHA to admin a program that reimburses HBOT cost for low-income veterans diagnosed with	JC Ways & Means	N/A	3-25 (H)	4-8 (H)
1	HB 3306	Rep. Evans	Exempts from state income tax up to \$17,500 in retirement pay/pension received for service in Armed	Revenue	N/A	2-20 (H)	
1	HB 3287	Rep. Evans	Grants a higher property tax exemption for the property of veterans with disabilities.	Revenue	N/A	2-20 (H)	
1	HB 3166	Rep. Lively	Requires that all candidates will be on the same primary ballot	Rules	JC Ways & Means	3-19 (H)	
1	HB 2845	Rep. Evans	Makes ODVA create positions, hire staff, create pilot programs, & makes ODOT accept USDOD/USDVA	JC Ways & Means	N/A	4-3 (H)	4-8 (H)
1	HB 2537	Rep. Tran	The Act creates the Veterans Waiver Program.	JC Ways & Means	N/A	3-11 (H)	4-1 (H)

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*	HB 2163	HC on Ag, Land, & W	The Act amends part of the wildlife laws to allow persons with certain disabilities to fish and harvest s	Ag., Land, Nat. Res., & Water	N/A	Passed	Passed
*	HB 2341	Gov. Kotek	Adds e-mail address to the type of data that is to be shared with the Department of Veterans' Affairs.	N/A	N/A	Passed	Passed
*	HB 2386	Rep. Grayber	Gives ODVA the power to make rules to carry out the laws on unclaimed remains of veterans and fami	N/A	N/A	Passed	Passed
*	HCR 1	Rep. Boshart Davis	Pays respect to the life and service of PFC Shawanace Loren Noble.	N/A	N/A	Passed	Passed
3	HB 2050	Rep. McIntire	Exempts from state income tax all retirement pay or pension received for service in the U.S. Armed Fo	Revenue	N/A	3-18 (H)	4-8 (H)
3	HB 2140	Gov. Kotek	Makes changes to how amount needed to fund the State School Fund is calculated and then distribute	Ways and Means	N/A	1-27 (H)	2-3 (H)
3	HB 2171	Rep. Scharf	The Act exempts from state transient lodging tax a camp site on a fairgrounds that has not more than	Revenue	N/A	5-8 (H)	4-2 (H)
3	HB 2344	Gov. Kotek	Makes ODVA update the World War II memorial as needed and keep a learning tool.	Vets., Emer. Manag., Fed. & Wrld Aff	N/A	4-29 (S)	5-8 (S)
3	HB 2351	Gov. Kotek	The Act would make some changes to how a business reports data from certain state benefit program	Revenue	N/A	2-24 (H)	4-8 (H)
3	HB 2559	Gov. Kotek	Defines the word that describes a condition in which a veteran is discharged or released.	Emer. Manag., Gen. Gov., & Vets	N/A	4-29 (S)	5-8 (S)
3	HB 2752	Rep. Evans	The Act changes the kicker estimate to fund disaster help and UAL relief.	Revenue	JC Ways & Means		
3	HB 2906	Rep. Evans	Creates a task force on housing strategies for veterans to do a study and submit a report on its findi	JC Ways & Means	N/A	3-10 (H)	3-31 (H)
3	HB 3029	Gov. Kotek	The Act makes new laws with respect to workforce development programs and projects.	Rules	N/A	4-3 (H)	4-8 (H)
3	HB 3129	Rep. Nosse	The Act creates a behavioral health workforce fund for higher learning.	JC Ways & Means	N/A	2-25 (H)	3-18 (H)
3	HB 5005	DAS	Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for biennial	Ways and Means	Sub. Public Safety	4-3 (H)	
3	HB 5015	DAS	Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Bureau of Labor and Industries for biennial exp	Ways and Means	Sub. Transpo. & Econ. D	2-25 (H)	
3	HB 5025	DAS	Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority for certain biennial	Ways and Means	Sub. Human Services	3-20 (H)	
3	HB 5038	DAS	Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for certain bienni	Ways and Means	Sub. Transpo. & Econ. D	2-27 (H)	
3	HJM 2	Rep. Evans	Urges Congress to change how veterans' health care is funded.	Rules	N/A		
3	HJM 4	Rep. Evans	Urges Congress to change how the U.S. government provides benefits to the armed forces.	Rules	N/A		
3	SB 230	Sen. Manning	The Act makes changes to the Veterans Dental Program.	JC Ways & Means	N/A	1-28 (S)	3-13 (S)
3	SB 387	Sen. Thatcher	The Act would grant higher property tax breaks for disabled veterans and their spouses if they survive	Finance & Revenue	N/A	4-9 (S)	2-6 (S)
3	SB 466	Sen. Weber	Appropriates money from General Fund to DAS for Tsuga Community Commission's Oregon Summer S	JC Ways & Means	N/A	1-30 (S)	2-11 (S)
3	SB 520	Sen. Smith	This Act gives money to Coos and Curry Counties to transport veterans to a VA medical center.	JC Ways & Means	N/A	1-28 (S)	2-6 (S)
3	SB 5505	DAS	The Act governs bonding by the state for the biennium.	Ways and Means	Sub. Cap. Const.	4-18 (S)	
3	SB 5506	DAS	Limits for the six-year period beginning July 1, 2025, payment of expenses for capital construction	Ways and Means	Sub. Cap. Const.	4-18 (S)	
3	SB 5516	DAS	The Act creates an agency budget.	Ways and Means	Sub. Edu.	3-27 (S)	
3	SB 5530	DAS	The Act makes a budget for certain lottery moneys and for moneys in certain accounts.	Ways and Means	Sub. Cap. Const.		

3	SB 5533	DAS	The Act creates an agency budget.	Ways and Means	Sub. Public Safety	4-2 (S)	
3	SB 5541	DAS	The Act creates an agency budget.	Ways and Means	Sub. Transpo. & Econ. De	3-11 (S)	
3	SB 596	Sen. Campos	The Act says person who qualifies may ask ODOT to waive the surcharge for veteran car plate.	JC Ways & Means	N/A	2-4 (S)	4-8 (S)
3	SB 604	Sen. Campos	The Act creates a program in HECC to provide support for certain students.	JC Ways & Means	N/A	2-19 (S)	3-12 (S)
3	SB 668	Sen. Bonham	The Act allows Oregon veterans who are 80% disabled not to have to pay costs for certain college class	JC Ways & Means	N/A	2-6 (S)	2-18 (S)
3	SB 794	Gov. Kotek	The Act modifies OPGC duties and powers to provide help to certain persons.	Ways and Means	N/A	2-11 (S)	2-27 (S)
3	SB 798	Gov. Kotek	Gives in-state college costs to certain Guard members.	Higher Ed. & Workforce Dev.	N/A	5-6 (H)	2-18 (S)
3	SB 801	Gov. Kotek	Allows the Adjutant General (AG) to have two Assistant AGs from the Air National Guard to help lead.	Emer. Manag., Gen. Gov., & Vets	N/A	4-24 (H)	5-1 (H)
3	SB 803	Gov. Kotek	Allows efforts to make the SSLI program more open to members of the National Guard.	Emer. Manag., Gen. Gov., & Vets	N/A	4-24 (H)	5-1 (H)
3	SB 806	Gov. Kotek	Allows the Civil Air Pol to use ORNG facilities at no cost.	Emer. Manag., Gen. Gov., & Vets	N/A	4-24 (H)	5-1 (H)
3	SB 807	Gov. Kotek	Allows the Adjutant General to pay bonus to members of OR. National Guard who reenlists or extend	Ways and Means	N/A	2-4 (S)	2-18 (S)
3	SB 808	Gov. Kotek	Gives job preferences in civil service jobs to current and former members of the state national guard	Emer. Manag., Gen. Gov., & Vets	N/A	4-24 (H)	5-1 (H)
3	SCR 8	Sen. Sollman	Honors the life and service of Private Billy Calkins.	Rules	N/A	2-19 (S)	2-19 (S)
3	SJM 1	SC on Veterans	Urges Congress to protect rights of armed forces and their families.	Senate Desk-Awaiting Third Read	N/A	2-4 (S)	

Thank you, Tim

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION REPORT

VACANT

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Justin Wutzke

OREGON LEGIONNAIRE COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Shollenberg

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Randy Tye



October 1, 2025

Members: Maria D. Tye, Chairwoman

Sheryl Loberger, Member

According to the code of Procedures this committee is supposed to have a chairperson and four members. This committee is minus the appropriate members as this was the case last year.

The committee will try again to accomplish the mission and hopefully this will include cooperation that will once again request each district to have a Public Relations Coordinator. The Public Relations Committee will again the Public Relations Media List in zip code order for the State of Oregon.

This committee will need to set up a training video to disseminate to all districts and therefore requests that the Department of Oregon assist in pursuing this and assistance in holding via Go to meeting or Zoom a meeting every two months with the District Commanders and/or their Public Relations Coordinator that they have appointed.

It is unfortunate that the need to have better informed and trained people is not commonplace as it is in most departments. It would bring this committee up to par with other departments such as Texas.

This committee would benefit from my ten years of Air Force and Department of Veteran's Affairs Public Relations experience and Sheryl Loberger's web experience and her remarkable, innovative ideas to enhance the feasibility of recruiting more members to this Department.

End of Report.

Randy Tye, Chair

MEMBERSHIP & POST ACTIVITIES COMMISSION REPORT

Wendy Berger Wood

Chairman

Membership and Post Activities

Membership renewals are off to a good start. At the time of this report, Department is at 54.43% of goal -- with the October 15th target date of 55% still being two weeks away

I have two goals for this year. The first is to attend at least one District meeting in each District with my first meeting scheduled for District 5 on October 18th. I sent a request out a month or so ago asking for dates of upcoming District meetings, but I only received three replies. The second goal is to make a goodly-sized dent in OR-114. However, in starting to work on that, I was taken down a couple of side roads. The first detour began when looking over the PUFL and Honorary Life Membership reports.

I've already cleaned up those two lists. In looking them over, there were questions on my part as to the number of WWII members that were shown. Due to their age, it was suspected that several of them were still alive. A quick Google search showed that, indeed, a few of the PUFL's and Honorary Life Members were no longer living. In fact, some have been gone 10 years or more.

If:

1. They are not present at meetings, and
 2. The Adjutant is not sending them their membership card since PUFL cards are sent by National, and
 3. The Honorary Life members are being automatically renewed, with their cards not being "returned to sender" by the Post Office, and
 4. If there is no answer when Buddy Checks are conducted, and
 5. The Veteran's family does not notify the Post of their having passed
- these members will most likely fall through the cracks.

The Flag and Emblem Sales have continuous year pins. Between the cost of the pins and the price of postage, this can be a pricey endeavor, but membership officers should stock up on several of each year (they come in 5-year increments) and consider sending the pins out when sending the membership cards. Small details such as this, or birthday cards for Veterans over a certain age, will let them know that they are on the Post's radar and hopefully the cracks will start shrinking.

The second detour began when I started looking over the Post Membership Rosters. Some Posts have quite a few expired members shown – some going back to 2023, as the reports which I can see do go back that far. There is going to be an attempt on my part in the next couple of months to try and get the expired members to come back to the Post. Again, I had to ask myself, "Are these members really expired, or are they deceased, as well?" At this time, I am still on that particular detour.

Lastly,

I would like to mention that the following Posts are now closed: Coquille-Myrtle Point Post 36, Eugene "Cougar" Greene (Warm Springs) Post 48, Deer Ridge (Madras) Post 131, Wamic Post 135, Don L. Medlock (Spray) Post 164; and, also, Heppner Post 87 has officially been merged with Ione Post 95.

As per the requirement in the Membership and Post Activities Code of Procedures, the most recent Membership Goal Report as of this date is hereby following:

Department of Oregon 2026 Membership
as of 9/29/25

Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

OR Dist 0001 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0002	Washington	Forest Grove	3	32	42	1	78	128	60.94
OR-0006	Hillsboro Inc	Hillsboro	1	49	61	1	112	200	56.00
OR-0012	Clatsop Inc	Astoria	2	49	92	1	144	294	48.98
OR-0042	J H Wellington Inc	St Helens	2	20	56	1	79	109	72.48
OR-0047	Tillamook	Tillamook	1	6	15	0	22	64	34.38
OR-0056	Argonne Inc	Sherwood	9	25	68	0	102	201	50.75
OR-0068	T Les Galloway	Clatskanie	1	18	49	0	68	112	60.71
OR-0090	John Kalmbach	Banks	1	19	64	0	84	126	66.67
OR-0099	Seaside	Seaside	5	40	121	0	166	294	56.46
OR-0104	Aloha	Aloha	6	67	152	4	229	475	48.21
OR-0119	Vernonia Inc	Vernonia	1	3	20	0	24	39	61.54
OR-0124	Beaverton	Beaverton	1	13	22	0	36	83	43.37
OR-0126	Neill Walker	Nehalem	0	2	0	0	2	0	#DIV/0
OR-0168	Tigard	Tigard	5	66	161	2	234	457	51.20
OR-0168	Cannon Beach	Cannon Beach	4	10	50	0	64	122	52.46
		SUM:	42	419	973	10	1,444	2,704	53.4

OR Dist 0002 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0007	Delbert Reeves	Silverton	0	6	6	0	12	30	40.00
OR-0009	Capital	Salem	0	37	43	1	81	137	59.12
OR-0017	Keizer	Keizer	0	5	28	1	34	53	64.15
OR-0020	Carl B Fenton	Dallas	1	17	33	2	53	130	40.77
OR-0021	Mc Minnville	Mc Minnville	7	49	121	2	179	443	40.41
OR-0033	Independence	Independence	1	3	33	0	37	42	88.10
OR-0046	Woodburn	Woodburn	0	7	13	0	20	43	46.51
OR-0057	Lester C Rees	Newberg	1	9	30	1	41	78	52.56
OR-0058	Stayton	Stayton	0	24	66	1	91	187	48.66
OR-0075	Sheridan	Sheridan	0	9	17	0	26	83	31.33
OR-0089	Mt. Angel	Mt. Angel	0	3	28	1	32	64	50.00
OR-0110	Aurora Inc	Aurora	0	2	2	1	5	20	25.00

OR-0122	Canby	Canby	3	52	97	0	152	261	58.24
OR-0136	Salem	Salem	0	29	23	3	55	127	43.31
OR-0149	Pioneer Inc	Salem	1	12	4	1	18	34	52.94
OR-0159	Mill City-Gates	Mill City	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0
OR-0173	Carlton Memorial	Carlton	2	13	59	1	75	97	77.32
		SUM:	16	277	603	15	911	1,829	49.81

OR Dist 0003 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0003	Eugene Inc	Eugene	5	15	54	1	75	74	101.35
OR-0010	Albany Inc	Albany	3	75	145	3	226	454	49.78
OR-0011	Corvallis	Corvallis	0	16	16	1	33	70	47.14
OR-0032	Calvin Funk	Cottage Grove	0	14	31	0	45	71	63.38
OR-0040	Springfield	Springfield	0	23	32	1	56	95	58.95
OR-0051	Santiam Inc	Lebanon	12	54	228	2	296	575	51.48
OR-0059	Francis M Yost	Florence	2	14	21	0	37	76	48.68
OR-0061	Tri-Counties	Junction City	0	15	18	1	34	70	48.57
OR-0064	Cascade	Oakridge	0	4	5	0	9	26	34.62
OR-0083	North Eugene-Santa Cla	Eugene	2	31	102	0	135	254	53.15
OR-0097	Lincoln City	Lincoln City	0	10	3	0	13	34	38.24
OR-0100	Mary's River	Philomath	0	1	2	0	3	15	20.00
OR-0116	Newport	Newport	6	29	119	0	154	289	53.29
OR-0133	Timber City	Sweet Home	0	9	8	0	17	24	70.83
OR-0184	Travis Moothart	Brownsville	1	9	26	0	36	53	67.92
		SUM:	31	319	810	9	1,169	2,180	53.62

OR Dist 0004 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0008	Klamath	Klamath Falls	2	36	93	3	134	231	58.01
OR-0014	Guy T Applewhite	Ashland	0	4	3	0	7	26	26.92
OR-0015	Medford	Medford	2	38	59	1	100	165	60.61
OR-0028	Grants Pass	Grants Pass	7	33	112	2	154	270	57.04
OR-0050	Williams Valley	Williams	2	6	21	0	29	59	49.15
OR-0069	Rogue River	Rogue River	0	1	2	0	3	15	20.00
OR-0070	Glenn Morrison	Cave Junction	0	5	20	0	25	38	65.79
OR-0084	Malin Inc	Malin	13	10	18	0	41	63	65.08

OR-0129	Myers-Holland Inc	Central Point	0	4	96	0	100	115	86.96
OR-0192	White City	White City	0	8	20	0	28	66	42.42
		SUM:	26	145	444	6	621	1,048	59.26

OR Dist 0005 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0004	Stevens-Chute	Bend	0	24	22	2	48	94	51.06
OR-0019	The Dalles Inc	The Dalles	0	13	9	0	22	65	33.85
OR-0022	Hood River	Hood River	0	10	21	0	31	56	55.36
OR-0025	Frank Burns	Condon	0	2	11	0	13	26	50.00
OR-0029	Crook County	Prineville	6	19	96	3	124	233	53.22
OR-0044	Ray Johnson	Redmond	2	44	59	1	106	220	48.18
OR-0045	La Pine	La Pine	4	75	97	0	176	375	46.93
OR-0049	Sherman County	Moro	0	4	9	0	13	27	48.15
OR-0055	Mosier Inc	Mosier	0	2	0	0	2	20	10.00
OR-0086	Sisters	Sisters	0	10	26	0	36	81	44.44
OR-0125	Jefferson County Vetera	Madras	0	6	8	1	15	41	36.59
		SUM:	12	209	358	7	586	1,238	47.33

OR Dist 0006 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0023	Pendleton	Pendleton	0	9	2	0	11	18	61.11
OR-0024	Milton-Freewater	Milton Freewater	0	12	24	0	36	72	50.00
OR-0037	Hermiston	Hermiston	0	11	40	0	51	121	42.15
OR-0041	John Noble Holcomb	Baker City	0	10	10	1	21	54	38.89
OR-0043	La Grande	La Grande	3	27	56	0	86	191	45.03
OR-0072	Kruse	Wallowa	0	1	9	0	10	21	47.62
OR-0095	Ione	Ione	0	12	16	0	28	52	53.85
OR-0130	Athena	Athena	0	2	14	0	16	20	80.00
OR-0140	George St Dennis	Mission	0	4	1	0	5	0	#DIV/0
OR-0157	Wallowa Lake	Joseph	1	6	18	0	25	49	51.02
		SUM:	4	94	190	1	289	598	48.33

OR Dist 0007 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
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OR-0030	Gresham	Gresham	1	15	25	1	42	76	55.28
OR-0074	Carl Douglas	Estacada	5	29	24	2	60	150	40.00
OR-0098	St Johns Inc	Portland	0	12	13	0	25	49	51.02
OR-0108	Corbett	Corbett	0	4	1	0	5	22	22.73
OR-0134	Frederick And John Ravi	Portland	0	21	41	0	62	108	57.41
OR-0137	Dana King	Portland	0	4	2	0	6	15	40.00
OR-0185	City Of Roses Musicians	Portland	0	3	8	0	11	24	45.83
		SUM:	6	88	114	3	211	444	47.52

OR Dist 0008 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0001	Portland	Portland	11	59	91	0	161	324	49.69
OR-0005	Willamette Falls Inc	Oregon City	0	5	7	0	12	79	15.19
OR-0065	Wilsonville	Wilsonville	0	7	29	0	36	57	63.16
OR-0127	Sandy	Sandy	0	2	1	0	3	26	11.54
OR-0150	Oregon Trail	Portland	0	21	37	0	58	99	58.59
OR-0180	Milwaukie	Milwaukie	5	40	238	1	284	521	54.51
		SUM:	16	134	403	1	554	1,106	50.09

OR Dist 0009 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0016	Earle B Stewart	Roseburg	2	44	56	2	104	192	54.17
OR-0026	Bandon	Bandon	0	14	17	0	31	66	46.97
OR-0034	Bay Area	North Bend	3	30	70	1	104	153	67.97
OR-0062	Reedsport	Reedsport	0	11	15	0	26	37	70.27
OR-0076	Port Orford	Port Orford	0	0	2	0	2	21	9.52
OR-0121	Sutherlin	Sutherlin	1	4	51	0	56	62	90.32
OR-0123	Fallin	Canyonville	3	6	26	0	35	59	59.32
OR-0152	Baird-Heaton	Oakland	0	5	10	0	15	38	39.47
		SUM:	9	114	247	3	373	628	59.39

OR Dist 0010 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0063	Hamey County	Burns	1	12	41	1	55	127	43.31
OR-0067	Ontario	Ontario	0	10	55	0	65	116	56.03

OR-0077	Ellis Tracy	John Day	2	4	19	1	26	44	59.09
OR-0079	Nyssa	Nyssa	0	2	12	0	14	26	53.85
OR-0098	Vale	Vale	1	4	30	0	35	64	54.69
OR-0108	Prairie	Prairie City	0	5	36	1	42	77	54.55
		SUM:	4	37	193	3	237	454	52.2

OR Dist 0099 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0114	Headquarters	Portland	0	59	318	0	377	220	171.36
		SUM:	0	59	318	0	377	220	171.36

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
OR-0048	Eugene Cougar Greene	Warm Springs	0	1	0	0	1	0	
OR-0135	Wamic	Wamic	0	1	0	0	1	0	
OR-0164	Don L Medlock	Spray	0	2	0	0	2	0	
		SUM:	0	4	0	0	4	0	

Department of Oregon Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
Sum:	166	1,899	4,653	58	6,776	12,449	54.43

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NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION REPORT

Greg Marvin

National Security/Foreign Relations and

Homeland Security Commission

Robert G. Marvin Commission Chair

Department of Oregon Fall 2025 D.E.C. Book of Reports-National Security Commission Members:

Robert G. Marvin, Commission Chair

Steve Adams, Foreign Relations Committee/ROTC

James Jerome, Law & Order, Homeland Security Committee

Flynn Phillips, Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee

Roger D. Holderby, National Guard & Reserve Committee

September 30, 2025

The National Security Commission would like to remind everyone that the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year applications and instructions will be e-mailed in early October to all the Posts in the Department of Oregon and to the District Commanders. Last year we had two outstanding Officers that received the awards at the Department level as well as receiving the Western Regional awards, allowing them to be considered for the National awards. The Law Officer was Jacob Blair of the Carlton Police Department, and the Firefighter was Scott Bernards of the Carlton Fire District. Both Officers were sponsored by Carlton Post 173.

There will be a few changes in the applications this year and we hope the Post representatives will work closely with the Police and Fire Department Chiefs and follow the directions. It is important that we receive the information as that is the only way we have in making our decisions. Each of the officers submitted is outstanding and we need all of the information to make our decisions. Thank you for sharing your outstanding Law Officers and Firefighters with us. We wish they all could win.

We are not making any changes in the National Security Commission Code of conduct and ask that it be approved as it is.

Robert G. Marvin, Chair

September 30, 2025

NATIONAL SECURITY NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

August 24, 2025

Meeting was called to order by James Greear at 0900.

SALUTE TO COLORS WAS MADE.

Vote was taken to elect a Chairperson: James Greear was elected Chairman. Secretary Sidney Chapel.

Four resolutions were read and voted on.

Submitted by Dept. of Montana

Resolution #5, National Defense Budget Review

Resolved: By American Legion in National Convention assembled in Tampa, Florida, August 26, 27, 28, 2025. That The American Legion recommend to the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee that in consultation with the Department of Defense, they agree upon and adopt a joint agreement to establish and respect a minimum 4.5% base minimum of the GDP and that they will not allow a budget of lesser percentage.

Nevada stated that we had just passed the Great Big Beautiful Bill which increased the % to 5%.

Motion made to move this to the Standing Committee at the October NEC. Motion PASSED

Submitted by Dept. of Iowa

Resolution #21, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal For Service In Honduras

Resolved: By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Tampa, Florida, August 26,27,28, 2025, That The American Legion urges Congress to issue an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, or similar recognition, of having served in an area of hostility, to all United States troops who served in Honduras from 1981 to 1992.

Motion made North Dakota. Motion Passed. Moved to October NEC

Submitted by Dept. of Utah

Resolution #33, Order of Precedence For Armed Forces Branch Flags

Resolved: By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Tampa, Florida, August 26, 27, 28, 2025, That the National American Legion supports a petition to the Legislative body of the United States on behalf of a grateful Nation.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That the American Legion duly support, honor and Petition the President of the United States to proclaim by executive order; as a way to join together the hearts and minds of millions of Americans in honor to give America's Armed Forces respect and consistency in Armed Forces Branch Flags that every American can respect and comply in a logical chronological order.

Motion: Failed. Navy had a four month break continuity, in that the Continental Congress disbanded the Navy by not funding its four ships.

Flag Order Will Continue 1. US Army

2. US Marines

3. US Navy

4. US Air Force

5. US Space Force

6. US Coast Guard, When placed under control of the

Department

Of Defense.

Submitted By Dept. of New York

Resolution #35, Medal Of Honor For Michael Ollis

Resolved, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Tampa, Florida, August 26, 27, 28, 2025, That the members of The American Legion Department of New York, respectfully support and request that Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis be presented the Medal of Honor {MOH} for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of live above and beyond the call of duty; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Donald J Trump, the Secretary of the Army, Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis, Senator Charles Schumer, and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand for action and support.

Motion: Passed

SALUTE TO COLORS WAS MADE.

MEETING RECESSED AT 0937

September 27, 2025

In addition to the above Caucus report. The guest speaker was from the US Border Patrol. He gave an excellent speech on Border Security, and its effect on National Security, and the Drug problem in the USA. Morale in the Border Patrol is at a record high.

FOREIGN RELATIONS & ROTC COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Adams

Members:

Steve Adams, Chair

4 yr Open

3 yr Open

2 yr Chris Mann

1 yr Open

Chairman, Steve Adams has contacted the Oregon State University and University ROTC representatives, and they will be furnishing with him lists of medal and award winners.

Steve Adams, Chair

September 30, 2025

LAW & ORDER, HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

James Jerome

Commander, Here is my report for the Fall DEC.

Code of Procedures for Homeland Security Committee was updated with spelling corrected, and changes to Committee members. James Jerome Committee Chair.

Bob Soria, Voting Committee Member.

Alan Alderman, Voting Committee Member

Bob Van Voorhis, Voting Committee Member.

District and Post Commanders need to start the process for the annual selection of a candidate for Law Enforcement Officer of the year, and Firefighter of the year. In the past we have used a closing date of December 31st at the end of year. I would like to move it to December 20th. This gets the application to the Homeland Security Committee before the Holiday season and end of year mail delays. Grading will be done in January and to Department by January 20th. This gives Department ten days to send to National for final grading. As soon as final grading is done at Department level the Chair will notify the Department Commander, Department Adjutant, and the National Security Commission Chair of our awardees. Finally, the nominating Posts will be told how they placed.

You can get the applications for FF of the Year and LE Officer of Year off the National Website, through the Department Adjutant, or me [James Jerome, at 541 620 4486] with an email address to send the blank forms to. Remember all endorsements must be on official letterhead of the City, County, or State. All endorsements must be signed by the originator. Follow the instructions and meet the deadlines.

Commander, I apologize for missing this DEC. I'm attending a Vietnam Security Police Reunion in Phoinix, Arizona, and Luke AFB where the Organization is dedicating a Memorial to the 18 Security Policemen, and 4 Crewmembers that died in the crash of Knife 13 a USAF Helicopter that went down in Thailand. They were forming up to rescue the crew of SS Mayaguez. It was a three Helio assault. When one of the three crashed the mission was cancelled. The Mayaguez crew was removed from the ship which only had six Kemmer Rouge guarding the crew.

Commander this concludes my report.

God Bless these United States.

James Jerome, Homeland Committee Chair

MILITARY BENEFITS AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

S. Flynn Phillips

From the National Commander

July 8, 2025

Chairman Roger F. Wicker
Senate Committee on Armed Services
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Jack Reed
Senate Committee on Armed Services
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Chairman Mike Rogers
House Committee on Armed Services
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Adam Smith
House Committee on Armed Services
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Wicker and Rogers, and Ranking Members Reed and Smith,

On behalf of The American Legion and our 1.5 million dues-paying members, thank you and the members of your committees for supporting our nation's servicemembers, veterans, and their families. As an organization of veterans who fought for our freedoms, The American Legion believes the national security of the United States of America is upheld by maintaining a well-funded Department of Defense (DOD), high levels of quality of life in the military community, and a superior and lethal military force. As your committees develop the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), we urge Congress to include the following provisions in the bill's final version.

Military Quality of Life: The American Legion believes that Congress must continue to improve the quality of life for servicemembers and military families. Factors that contribute to quality of life include proper compensation, appropriate housing for families and single servicemembers, quality healthcare for servicemembers and their families, both domestically and overseas, reasonably priced commissaries, equal opportunities for career development, and access to affordable childcare. We support increased funding for new barracks and renovation of qualified barracks and family housing, expanding financial assistance to servicemembers for private and public childcare facilities, granting military construction authority for building new child-development centers, and retaining military commissaries and exchanges, MWR programs, educational benefits, and spouse employment programs.

Lethality of the Armed Forces: The continued modernization of the armed forces is essential for maintaining military superiority and ensuring national security in an increasingly complex and dynamic global environment. The American Legion supports modernization, including updating military infrastructure, rebuilding the defense industrial base, increased funding for research and development, integration of emerging technologies, and enhancing talent acquisition by reforming recruitment strategies and retention incentives to military personnel with advanced technical skills.

Funding of the State Department and Foreign Operations: The American Legion supports adequately funding the State Department to advance American security interests abroad. Diplomats are the first line of defense through relationship-building and promoting foreign policy objectives, possibly preventing the U.S. from entering wars. Underfunding diplomacy risks empowering foreign adversaries, a critical concern to U.S. national security.

Border Security: A secure nation begins with secure borders. The American Legion supports increased funding to field advanced technologies to counter threats at ports of entry, greater DHS oversight to eliminate barriers for increased Border Patrol recruitment, and increased funding for DOD counter-narcotics and counter-transnational organized crime missions. National defense begins at home, and this effort is critical to our sovereignty and safety.

Protect Coast Guard Pay and Entitlements: The U.S. Coast Guard carries out missions vital to our national security. The American Legion supports legislative actions that guarantee Coast Guard servicemembers get fair pay and full benefits on schedule, particularly during instances of government shutdowns or funding discontinuance. The repeated threat of government shutdowns brings severe and unnecessary hardship to Coast Guard servicemembers.

Full Accountability and POW/MIAs: The American Legion remains firmly committed to achieving the fullest possible accounting for all U.S. servicemembers still listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action. We support NDAA language that continues to prioritize funding for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), enhances interagency cooperation, and mandates reporting on mission progress. Roughly 81,000 service members remain unaccounted for. Accountability for our missing heroes is a sacred obligation that reflects the values of our nation.

The American Legion applauds the tremendous work of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees in their continued effort to maintain a robust national defense, and we urge quick passage of this legislation. We appreciate your continued leadership and support for these essential issues.

For God and Country,

James A. LaCoursiere, Jr.
National Commander

Cc: Members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees

NATIONAL GUARD & RESERVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Roger Holderby

Members:

Roger Holderby,

Chair

4 yr Fred Broadwater

3 yr Roger Holderby

2 yr Chris Mann

1 yr Robert Soria

No report Currently. I contacted Roger Holderby by phone and he told that he did not know that he had been selected for a Chairperson or membership position on the committee and he was not interested and did not want to be on either position. I have not contacted the others yet about their positions yet, but I will have the results at the DEC meeting. (RGM)

Roger D. Holderby, Chair

National Guard & Reserve Committee

FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT

Gary Baldwin

In accordance with the Department Constitution & By-Laws amendment passed by the Department Convention: all references to “Permanent Finance Commission” be changed to “Finance Commission” throughout the Code of Procedures.

Paragraph 11, first sentence be changed to read: “Members of the Commission shall produce “periodical” articles for release and distribution through the Oregon Legionnaire. (In other words, replace “monthly” with “periodical”).

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION

REPORT

Bob Huff

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VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION (VA&R) COMMISSION

**VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND HOMELESS (VE&E)
COMMISSION**

PDC Bob Huff

Welcome to our Department of Oregon Fall DEC for 2025. Our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission members for the 2025-2026 membership year are Department Chaplain and Alternate NEC Betty Fish Ferguson, Ann Everetts, District 1 Commander Adam Gettman, John Reish and PDC Bob Huff, Chair. The focus of the Commission is oversight over VA&R activities for our department. So far during this membership year we have held combined meetings with our Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness (VE&E) Commission members as their Commission participates with our Commission on our activity supporting our Veterans and their Families. Members of the VE&E Commission are Niki McElravy, Tim Troupe, Department Judge Advocate Maria Tye, Carol Bova-Rice, and PDC Bob Huff.

Our commission has met several times already this membership year virtually in ZOOM and participated in events and have many more events scheduled. We just met on Wednesday September 10 on our Code of Procedures and updates. On June 16 we participated in the ODVA Expo 25 Event at the Salem National Guard Auditorium and held a “Be the One” display and hand-outs; on July 9th, we held a Veterans Stand-Down, Employment and Benefits Event at the VA SORCC in White City, on September 3rd two events, one, a Veterans Stand-Down, Employment and Benefits Event at the Josephine County Fairgrounds and our team held a Veterans Stand-Down at the YMCA in Salem; all well attended and provided services to many Veterans. On September 24 we are participating in a Veterans Stand-Down and Benefits Event at the Roseburg Armory and on September 26 and 27 we are participating in the ODVA Women Veterans Conference at the River House Lodge in Bend and holding a “Be the One” event.

We have been very actively supporting our Veterans and will continue to serve our Veterans community. We have had a lot of demand for our activities to support Veterans events. Our

Department Service Officers have focused on both virtual, telephone and outreach for our Department Service Office which has been very busy, which our commission has oversighted. We have held “Be the One” activity for staff and patients at the VA SORCC as part of our VAVS area. and Virtual National VE&E meetings and panels in this 2025-2026 membership year and are scheduled for bi-monthly meetings for the whole membership year with our increased activity. We are planning our Veterans Day activity and will return to Eagle Point this year where we hold the Veterans Day Parade and lunch and hold an event at Eagle Point High School for our Veterans Benefits and “Be the One” activity. This will be the last year for celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam and handing out Congressional Pins and we will do that on Veterans Day this year along with “Be the One” pins and literature.

Our National Guard TAP training is being held during Yellow Ribbon ceremonies which all “DEMOBS” in Oregon are scheduled to be held at the Salem National Guard Auditorium, nonlocal this deployment; they will Bus our Returning Guard, Army and Air to Salem for the event. We will be supporting and ask that our Legion Family from those returning units area also support these events. We still have a lot on our plate, which is good. I apologize if I missed an event or giving credit to those supporting our events and activities, we have been very active this membership year which is good.

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. We are looking for opportunities to get out the information on the “Be the One” campaign and to support our department and Veterans and their families. We have a lot of opportunities with our returning veterans from Deployments. We are busy, that is good, supporting our veterans and their families is our mission. Remember, Veterans and Families do not have to be members of our Legion Family to receive support from our Veterans Service Officers; we are available.

We are starting to have and will continue to have conflicting events which we are partnered with our VE&E Team to support as we both are Pillar I, Veterans. We also have oversight of our Department VAVS Program which we now have members actively supporting all three VA’s in our Department by American Legion members. We still need SAL members to support our VA Facilities and can always use more volunteers; we have lots of opportunities.

Remember our VAVS, VA Volunteers, VA&R and VE&E members are all volunteers, and we need more Legion Family volunteers to support our programs. Our plan was to have a table at our Department Convention this past June to provide information on our activities, “Be the One” activity and opportunities to support our Veterans community; and told we would have tables; when we came to convention we were told there no tables. If you have some extra time and are looking for a challenging volunteer assignment supporting Veterans, “We Need You” we have a lot of members in all areas of our Department, we do not have a lot of volunteers.

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

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

PDC Bob Huff

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission Chair

Veterans Employment, Education and Homeless Commission Member

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT

Niki McElravy

See Bob Huff Report above

VETERANS EDUCATION & HOMELESS COMMISSION REPORT

Tim Troupe

THE OREGON AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION REPORT

BOB HUFF

OREGON AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION (OALF)

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The OALF Board of Directors members: are Bob Huff, President, Richard Ramey, Vice-President, Wendy Berger Wood, 1st Vice Commander Fred Broadwater, Carol Bova Rice, Niki McElravy, Alan Alderman, Treasurer Don Bond, Secretary Flynn Phillips, and Judge Advocate Maria Tye.

The OALF Board has met four times since Department Convention, one in person and three virtual meetings. We have completed Board elections, revised our By-Laws and Code of Procedures, approved both and am now submitting our By-Laws to the Secretary of State as we are a Private Foundation, 501c3 operating under the rules and codes of the IRS and laws of the State of Oregon operating as a non-profit. We have reviewed our Fenced-in/Dedicated Funds in the OALF Funds and notified those with funds available. We have reviewed all transactions since our last report provided to the DEC in January 2024 and found funds transferred to TAL/SAL account that were not authorized. We are billing TAL/SAL for the return of those funds. We have a high degree of confidence that the “unauthorized” transfer of \$87,017.53 was the only issue with the OALF funds which is being resolved now. As September 30, 2025, was the end of our tax year with our new tax year starting October 1, 2025, we are developing our tax reporting information now.

We have chairs for our three subcommittees, members of the OALF Board, who are very active and meet every two weeks. We have a good team on the OALF Board of Directors, and we are working on grant requests for our Programs with several opportunities to help our programs and develop an avenue to grow our funds for our Programs. We will be providing regular updates to the DEC and membership on our activities, funds available and opportunities for Posts and Members to support and use available funds for our Programs service. Our Board can provide education and direction for available grants and assistance for our approved Programs.

PDC Bob Huff

OALF President