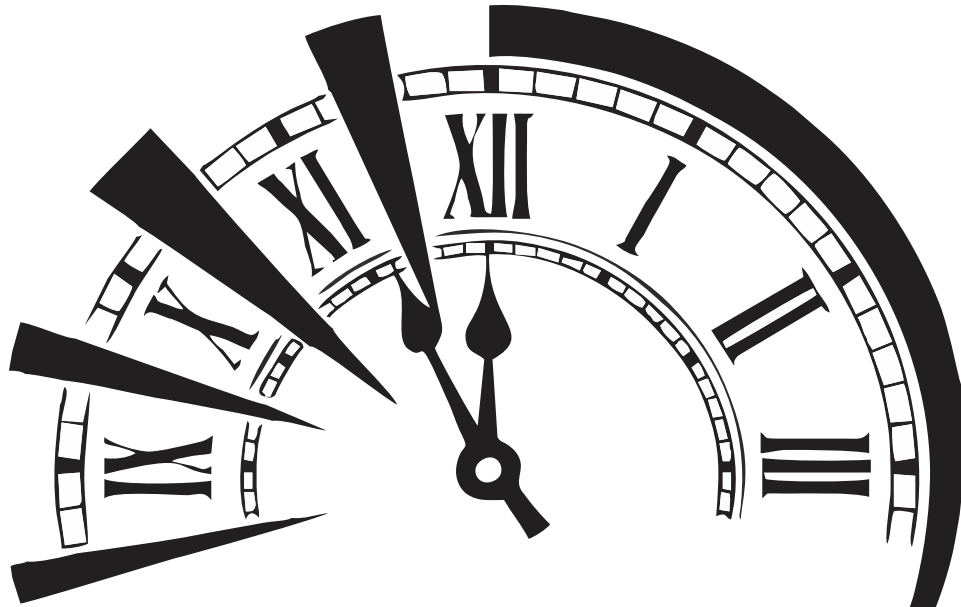


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Letter from the National Commander

Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

Sometimes we measure our advocacy successes in months, or even sessions of Congress. In the case of the recent reclassification of cannabis, it took nearly a decade.

On Dec. 18, I was honored to participate in an Oval Office ceremony where President Trump signed an executive order directing federal agencies to remove outdated barriers to federally approved research into the therapeutic value of cannabis for veterans. The American Legion has called for reclassification of cannabis to recognize it “as a drug with potential medical value” as early as 2016 when it [approved a resolution](#).

Here’s what the executive order means: It lifts the restrictions on large-scale, randomized clinical trials that could lead to solutions for veterans, first responders and others who are facing challenges with PTSD, TBI, sleep disruption, anxiety, depression and chronic pain.

I am so pleased that this obstacle has been set aside. Advances in cannabis research have the potential to lead to solutions that could alleviate these issues and contribute to reducing suicide risk among veterans. If just one clinical trial yields a solution that can save the life of just one veteran, it will be worth it.

Just think what that will mean to The American Legion’s efforts to prevent suicide as part of our [Be the One mission](#).

As we celebrate this achievement, let’s also be clear about one thing: The American Legion’s support for this executive order does not imply we support the legalization of cannabis for non-medical use. Reclassification does not mean legalization for recreational use, nor does it mandate use of potential clinical options. It simply removes outdated federal barriers to critical research.

Through years of engagement with veterans and clinicians, we have learned how cannabis can be life changing for some individuals. With the signing of this executive order, science-backed solutions can be reached, and more veterans’ lives could be saved.

Dan K. Wiley
National Commander
The American Legion



The American Legion National Commander Joins President Trump for Executive Order Reclassifying Cannabis

(WASHINGTON– December 18, 2025) – American Legion National Commander Dan K. Wiley stood alongside President Donald Trump in the Oval Office Thursday when the president issued an executive order to reclassify cannabis in a way that will allow FDA to legally conduct research into its therapeutic value for veterans.

“This is an important executive order, and The American Legion has long advocated for this change,” Wiley said in the White House. “Cannabis being classified schedule 1 blocks large-scale, randomized clinical trials examining cannabis’ impact on PTSD, TBI, sleep disruption, anxiety, depression, and chronic pain ... conditions strongly associated with veteran suicide.”

The American Legion passed a resolution in 2016 to reclassify cannabis to recognize it “as a drug with potential medical value.” Wiley made clear that this move does not imply American Legion support for legalization of cannabis for non-medical use. “Reclassification is not legalization and does not mandate use,” Wiley said.

“It simply removes federal barriers to research and informed decision-making. It promotes transparency, clinician oversight, informed consent, and honest patient-provider discussions – reducing unsafe self-medication.

Supporting reclassification demonstrates the Legion’s commitment to science, oversight, and saving lives through evidence-based public health policy.”

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Message from the Commander

Welcome 2026! January is always a great time of year to get organized and prepared for the next 12 months. As a Post Adjutant I have been cleaning out files, getting everything loaded on our Post account and creating new files for the new year. As the Post Finance Officer, I consolidated 2025 financials and applied for grants to support our community outreach program. Starting fresh and organized in a new year is quite an accomplishment.

It is a great time of year to review your Constitution and By Laws and make sure you have the guidance in place for your Post to run like a well-oiled machine. I have talked to several that need to add their acknowledgement of how they will work with other Legion Families. We are all running a business assigned to the State of Oregon as non-profit organizations. Know the rules we need to follow that keep us out of trouble.

For those that need to make buddy checks in the new year the time is now. Invite them to your meetings and get them involved as a volunteer to launch your Post forward to a successful year.

Don't forget to get your renewals in by the end of the month and avoid risking your LIT insurance being cancelled at the end of the month. Also remember those who do not renew their membership for 2026 by the end of January (Grace period) will move into an expired status.

Review your calendar and get ready for a prosperous year ahead.

Commander
Renee Ohler
Department of Oregon



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BE THE ONE



A Message from the Detachment Commander

Well, another month has gone by and the holidays are here, with the New Year approaching fast. With the New Year coming we need to take time and reflect on what we accomplished this last year and what we need to work on this next year.

Needless to say this last (6) six months has been a learning experience, but very worthwhile and interesting.

I want to thank Dianne Standing and the Auxiliary for putting together a wonderful Christmas Party and Santiam Post 51, in Lebanon, it seemed as though everyone enjoyed themselves. We even had a jail where people were arrested, placed in jail and had to pay a fine to get out, lot's of fun, all the money collected went to the Presidents & Commanders projects.

Just a reminder the SAL will have our DEC in Milwaukee, Oregon, Post 180 on January 10, 2026 with dinner that evening. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday, and your New Year is starting out fantastic.

Detachment Commander
Jerry Patton
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“That’s why we’re here today: to send the message of “BE THE ONE”

By: Steven B. Brooks

In addition to providing claims assistance and signing up new members, Legion's activation display at the Army-Navy Game provides opportunity to promote veteran suicide prevention.

Volunteer interact with fans at The American legion Fan Walk activation display outside of M&T Field ahead of the Army-Navy Game presented by USAA.

As an associate sponsor of the Army-Navy Game presented by USAA, The American Legion had a strong presence at “America’s Game.” The organization’s Be the One activation display was positioned at the beginning of the Fan Walk outside of M&T Stadium in Baltimore.



At the display, volunteers and American Legion Department of Maryland staff – which included a visit from National Commander Dan K. Wiley – provided U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs claims assistance, and handed out branded swag that includes beanies, coozies, handwarmers, bracelets and other items. A smaller display also was inside of the stadium and allowed attendees to get their photos in front of either Go Army or Go Navy backdrops.

The display also provided an opportunity to recruit new members into The American Legion Family, of which dozens were signed into the three organizations.

But for Department of Maryland Commander Nikki Randolph, the most important mission of the display and those working it was simple: promote Be the One, The American Legion’s veteran suicide prevention program.

“It is enabling us to push ... Be the One. Be the One for somebody today,” said Randolph, a member of American Legion Post 278 in Stevensville. “Because you never know. Anybody you’re talking to today, this might be the last day they want to be here. But it might be something that I said, something that you said, or a smile or a handshake that gives them the will to get through to one more day.

“That’s why we’re here today: to send the message of Be the One. If doesn’t matter if you’re American Legion, a non-veteran, another VSO. If you’re willing to take the pledge to Be the One for a veteran, that’s enough for me.”

As game attendee after game attendee stopped by the display, Randolph and the other Legion Family members working it had a chance to interact with them.

“It’s a high you cannot explain. It is such a wonderful opportunity,” Randolph said. “Me, I’m an Air Force veteran. I have no dog in the fight. I’m just here for the veterans. For the families. For the cadets. For the midshipmen. There’s no better place to be today than here at the Army-Navy Game.”

Talking with veterans heading toward the game also was a highlight for Department of Maryland Service Officer Adrian Gamboa as well. “I love it because of the interaction with all of the folks and all of the (foot traffic),” he said. “You hear some stories from the veterans coming by. And it’s a chance to thank them for their service.”

The display also gave Gamboa, a U.S. Marine Corps retiree and member of Carroll Post 31 in Westminster, a chance for important outreach.

“Unfortunately, we still have hundreds and thousands of veterans that don’t know about their benefits,” Gamboa said. “If we can just introduce ourselves, tell them what we do. Last year (at the Army-Navy Game), I had about five or six people who had never heard about their VA benefits. I brought them in, and I think out of them, three got benefits.

“It’s about awareness. It’s about telling them that we’re here. And if they’re from another state, I can give them the list of service officers in their state. And at the end of the day, it’s getting them taken care of. And if they don’t have time to sit here and get help with their VA claim, they get my business card and my cell number, and I will take care of them eventually.”

Department of Maryland Gaming Chairman Clayton Adam, a member of Post 175 in Severna Park, was given the opportunity to assist at the display and then attend the game by Randolph. “I’ve been in the Navy 23 years and haven’t been to the Army-Navy Game,” he said. “I was like, ‘absolutely.’”

A master chief petty officer, Adam said the Legion’s associate sponsorship of the game is an excellent way to share what the Legion does and how it impacts those for which it advocates.

“I love it, because the number of things we do for active duty and our veterans, it’s awesome that we’re finally getting to be recognized,” Adam said. “Supporting (the game) helps us with our own brand, of course. Letting people know what we are. I’ve talked to so many people that were like, I didn’t know I could join the Legion. Or ‘I didn’t know what the Legion was.’”

Adam said the display also is a good opportunity to share the efforts of local posts and encourage non-members to join. “Four or five years ago, I didn’t know what the Legion was until someone brought me in for a breakfast,” he said. “And I’ve been hooked ever since.

UPCOMMING EVENTS

2026 YEAR

Jan	Post Initiation Ceremony for new members	
Jan 17-18	Mid-winter DEC Meeting (virtual)	
Feb 2	Remembrance: 4 Chaplains memorial/service	
Feb	Americanism Month	
Feb 7	District 2 Meeting	Carlton, Post 173
Feb 16	Presidents Day	
Mar	Community Service Month / Boys State prep	
Mar	District 6 Meeting	Post 41, Baker
Mar 15	District 5 Roundup	Prineville, OR
Mar 15-17	American Legions funding	
Apr	Children & Youth Month / Old timers night	
Apr 11	Spring DEC	TBD
April 15	Deadline for Boys State Apps	
April 25	Dist 6 Meeting	Post 43, La Grande
May 10	Mother's Day	
May 2	District 2 Caucus	Keizer, Post 17
May 25	Memorial Day	
Jun 14	Flag Day	
Jun 15	Fathers Day	
June 24-27	Department Convention	Chinook Winds, Lincoln City
June 21-27	Boys State	OSU, Corvallis
July 4	Independence Day Celebration	
Aug	National Convention, Louisville, KY	
Sep	National Disaster Preparedness Month/POW Reg Day	
Sep 7	Labor Day	
Sep 11	9/11 Remembrance	
Sep 17	Constitution Day	
Oct	Launch POST membership campaign	
Nov 11	Veterans Day and American Education Week	
Nov 26	Thanksgiving	
Dec	Visit Veterans in homes, hospitals, & Sick.	
Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Day.	
Dec 25	Christmas	



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USA 250 CHALLENGE

Past National Commander James LaCoursiere announced the USA 250 Challenge as a way to kick off The American Legion's celebration of our nation's 250th birthday.

The challenge is a major part of how The American Legion will celebrate the historic occasion, now through July 4, 2026. That may seem like a long way off — but it is up to us as leaders to act now to demonstrate to the American Legion Family, other veterans and our nation why this is important. **If you haven't already, signed up, encourage others and share [this link to register](#).**

What I love about the USA 250 Challenge is that it ties in several key components that our organization prioritizes — community service, mental wellness and fitness activities.

In fact, the challenge was designed to allow anyone to participate, virtually any way they choose. Participants may pursue one or more of the three categories over the next year, either solo and/or as part of a team. You can learn more about the challenge, which benefits the Veterans & Children Foundation, at [this web page](#).

More about the categories:

- **Wellness:** Participants complete 250 hours of wellness activities such as yoga, meditation and other forms of mindfulness. A post, district or department team could work together to conduct 250 Buddy Checks, for example.
- **Fitness activities:** Participants may choose to walk, bicycle or cover 250 miles (or hours) any way they choose. Or they can aim to do 250 hours of activity like playing pickleball, strength training or kayaking. An example of a team challenge for a post or district would be 10 participants each walking 25 miles.
- **Community service:** Participants achieve 250 hours of community service or reach the 250 bar of a community service project. A post or district could team up to create and distribute 250 care packages to deployed troops, collect 250 items for homeless veterans, or some other project.

For questions about the challenge itself, please contact Henry Howard, hhoward@legion.org.

Let's kick off our celebration of America's 250th birthday by leading from the front, engaging in physical activities, conducting community service and embracing mental wellness!



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If you have an article of interest, Post information, photos, anything of interest for the Legionnaire Magazine, please send them in. We send out approx. 7,200 e-mails of the Legionnaire Magazine each month, we hope you are receiving it. If not get with your commander and find out why.

We are trying to build up the Legionnaire Magazine where it is interesting and informative to everyone, we want all our Post to know what is going on around the Great State of Oregon. Let us know. Send your articles to:

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TRIVIA

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1. What high military honor is awarded to individuals who have been wounded or lost their lives in service to their country?
2. What village in the state of New York is considered the official birthplace of Memorial Day?
3. Who is the only woman to ever be awarded the Medal of Honor?
4. How many presidents has served in the Military.



Adjutants Column



A Christmas Message to the Veterans and Members of The American Legion

This Christmas season, and the New Year upon us, we extend our deepest gratitude to the veterans of the American Legion.

Your service, sacrifice, and steadfast commitment to our nation embody the true spirit of duty and selflessness. May this holiday bring you peace, warmth, and time with those you hold dear. We honor not only your service to our country, but also your continued dedication to community, fellowship, and supporting fellow veterans.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, happiness, and well-deserved rest.

Thank you for all you have given, and continue to give, for our nation.

With sincere appreciation and respect.

Adjutant/PDC
Flynn Phillips



Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Just wanted to take a few minutes to send out a newsletter to keep you informed as to what is coming our way in the near future....besides Christmas and the New Year.

Our combined efforts with the Rotary Club is going quite well out at the Fair Grounds where excited families drive through the Land of Lights and walk through Candy Cane Lane. Some of you may not know this but Post 37 was asked to man the Hot Chocolate Shack where we dispense free hot chocolate to those wishing to top off their Christmas experience with a hot beverage. One evening we dispensed 176 cups of happiness and the following evening... 201! Had a great time visiting with families.

Pacific Northwest Veterans Alliance has once again asked for our Honor Guard to present the Colors at the annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner that will be held January 24, 2026 at the Wildhorse Convention Center. We were also asked to present the Missing Man Table. All of you are invited, but, I need to have a head count for the Chef who is an Army Vet. Keep this in mind when this is brought up in the January meeting. Yes, you may bring your significant other.

In closing my wife and I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Aaron Wetterling
Commander
Post 37**



BE THE ONE

Training & Development

I sincerely hope everyone had a great Christmas, and had time to reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas Season. Looking forward into the new year, I hope you all prosper in MIND, BODY & SPIRIT.

Also, with the New Year we need to sharpen our attention to the “BE THE ONE” campaign. It’s not just a promotional campaign, it’s a life saving program, it’s definitely one of our BIG MISSIONS within The American Legion. We see the words, “BE THE ONE” everywhere, just about everything we touch with the American Legion. That is a psychological reminder that we need to make sure, we are doing our part and putting fourth our best effort for our Veterans. Don’t take it lightly, just one phone call, or a pat on the back, word of kindness & encouragement can help save a life. Keep doing those “BUDDY CHECKS” & continue to “BE THE ONE.”

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.

Chairman
Steven D. Shollenburg

LEGION TRAINING

**You can’t lead others
if you can’t lead your-
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**Start with self re-
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The U.S. Constitution is America's foundational legal document, outlining the federal government's structure (Legislative, Executive, Judicial branches in Articles I-III) and principles, while "Our Four Fathers Articles" likely refers to the **Federalist Papers**, 85 essays by Hamilton, Madison, and Jay (the "Founding Fathers") advocating for the Constitution's ratification, explaining its provisions, and offering deep insight into their vision for limited government, checks and balances, and individual rights. These articles, along with the Constitution and Bill of Rights, form the core of American governance and liberty.

The Federalist Papers (The "Four Fathers" Articles)

Authors: Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, writing under the pseudonym "Publius".

Purpose: To persuade New Yorkers to adopt the new Constitution over the weaker Articles of Confederation.

- **Content:** Detailed explanations of constitutional clauses, promoting ideas like separation of powers and judicial review.

Significance: Provide invaluable insight into the Framers' intent and are still used for interpreting the Constitution.

The Founders' Vision & Key Concepts

- **Limited Government:** The Constitution was designed to create a federal government with specific, limited powers, reserving others for states and the people (10th Amendment).

- **Checks & Balances:** The system ensures no single branch becomes too powerful, a key theme in the Federalist Papers.

Amendments: The Founders anticipated change, creating a way to add amendments (like the Bill of Rights) to protect fundamental freedoms (speech, religion, etc.)

In essence, the Constitution is the rulebook, and the Federalist Papers are the instruction manual written by the creators (the "Four Fathers") to explain how that book should work.

The Founding Fathers (Framers)

While there is no single official list, historians typically recognize **seven principal Founding Fathers** who played the most pivotal roles in establishing the nation:

- **George Washington** – Presided over the Constitutional Convention and served as the first President.
- **James Madison** – Often called the "Father of the Constitution" for his primary role in drafting the document.
- **Thomas Jefferson** – Principal author of the Declaration of Independence (though he was in France during the drafting of the Constitution).
- **Alexander Hamilton** – A key advocate for a strong central government and primary author of the *Federalist Papers*.
- **Benjamin Franklin** – The oldest delegate at the Constitutional Convention, known for his wisdom and compromise.
- **John Adams** – A champion of independence who helped draft the Declaration of Independence.
- **John Jay** – The first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and a contributor to the *Federalist Papers*.

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Legislative Commission

Projects Review.

1. Associations

- a) Military
- b) Communities
- c) Service clubs and nonprofits.
- d) Support activities for military families with a family member activated for the National Guard.
- e) Training programs for veterans presented by Service providers. With worksheets to be completed and given to the service member.
- f) Fundraising projects for non-profits and the homeless. In including military or veterans. This could include supporting National Guard programs for homeless.
- g) Develop programs for activated National Guard family members. Such as the Elsinore free movies or performances.
- h) To develop and maintain the reputation or image of the American Legion.
- i) Develop fundraising projects for the department and programs. This would include working with the Oregon Community Foundation. Develop corporate partnerships. Work with Posts that have the ability to generate money from their activities.
- j) There are Internet programs to help organize fundraising.

I would like to work with a small committee that is organized to complete and add to these ideas. A lot of our members have limited time, and we need to maximize our strengths to develop programs, raise money, increase membership, and improve the image of veterans continue their service in their communities.

Respectfully,
Tim Cowan

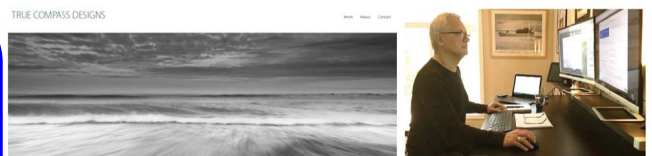


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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

A mid-year review of the records at Department has revealed that still more attention is needed in recording the actions of our Department, Commissions, Committees and Districts. So far this year, only 3 of 11 Commissions and 5 of 23 Committees have meeting minutes on file at Department. Seven of our ten Districts have the minutes of at least one district meeting on file.

From Robert's Rules of Order, "The record of the proceedings of a deliberative assembly is ...called the Minutes."

Why do we keep minutes? Besides the definition from Robert's Rules of Order, they provide continuity for future reference in documenting the actions taken in administering the business and programs of The American Legion. Also, per The State of Oregon Revised Statutes 60.771 Corporations states "(1) A corporation shall keep as permanent records minutes of all meetings of the corporation's shareholders and board of directors, a record of all actions that the shareholders or board of directors take without a meeting and record of all actions that a committee of the board of directors take in place of the board of directors on behalf of the corporation."

What should be included in the minutes?

The Order of Business and the essentials of this record are:

- 1.1. Kind of meeting — regular, or special
- 1.2. Name of the assembly
- 1.3. Date of meeting and place
- 1.4. Name of chair and secretary/adjutant
- 1.5. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and their approval as amended, if amendments are required
- 1.6. Reports of Officers and Committees
- 1.7. All the main motions; and the name of the member who introduced a main motion, (that of the second isn't required) and points of order and appeals, whether sustained or lost, and all other motions that were not lost or withdrawn.
- 1.8. Unfinished Business
- 1.9. New Business
- 1.10. Hours of meeting and adjournment.
- 1.11. Signature of president and secretary.

The minutes should contain reference as to the members present, to indicate whether sufficient members are present to constitute a quorum for conducting business.

The principal duty of the secretary/adjutant is to record what is done by the assembly, not verbatim what is said by the members. When a count has been ordered or the vote is by ballot, he or she should enter the number of votes on each side.

When elections are conducted, the names of people elected should be included in the minutes. When reports are given, the minutes should include who the report is given by, and the report may be summarized as to the subject. Any report should be attached to the Minutes.

Any resolutions resulting from business of the meeting should be entered in the minutes with the result of the vote noted both for and against.

Chairman
Richard Ramey
Internal Affairs





Immediate Past Department Commander Department of Oregon

From the National Site: Today, the No. 1 issue facing the veteran community is suicide. The mission of The American Legion & “Be The One” initiative is to reduce the rate of veteran suicide. We are actively working on lessening the stigma associated with mental health treatment and empowering everyone to take appropriate action when a veteran or service member may be at risk – one life at a time.

From Mike Eschete, USMC; At the request of Flynn Phillips, Be the One is more than just a simple phrase initiated by the American Legion, it’s an opportunity for veterans to reach out to other veterans and say I want to be the one who invites you to a cup of coffee, to have breakfast, or have lunch.

I want to invite you to sit down at a table with my friends, invite you to play cards, coordinate with our family, I want to invite you to be part of my community, my veterans, and my family. I want to help you integrate into having a “What’s next” by truly Being the One. It’s more than dialing the numbers to get suicide prevention for 988. You are a reality of connecting with the veteran. To change their life by giving them an opportunity to do something that they may not have had since they left the military, they haven’t had a platoon, a section, a squad, or a company that’s been part of the team. When you reach out to a veteran and invite them to sit at the table with you, and you look face-to-face with them, you are being “THE ONE”. I believe that’s what the American Legion wants from all of us is to BE THE ONE that reconnects the veteran to a community and give him a future that’s different than the one that the people who have taken their lives, that’s what it’s all about BE THE ONE that connects and brings the veteran to a table and makes their life better.

Also, Oregon has wonderful parks, and you can guide a veteran to the many state parks we have, and there is free access for disabled veterans to connect with nature, which calms the mind, that is good mental health, and it costs nothing, effectively reducing suicide. Our veterans are looking for connection, connection with others like-minded veterans, connection to nature; only if they knew. But right now, the Parks and Recreation Department is trying to shut down some of that access. “Budget constraints”.

Let your voice be heard.

Contact for the Parks is below; I have been told that ODVA is looking into the problem.



Katie Gauthier
Government Relations; Interim Communications Manager
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer St. NE, Suite C, Salem, OR 97301
Cell: 503-510-9678

S. Flynn Phillips
Adjutant / PDC
Department of Oregon

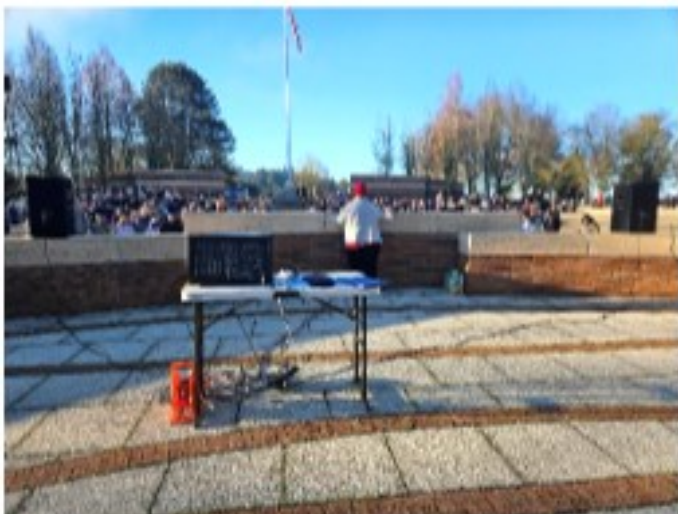
BE THE ONE

Don’t forget your
“BUDDY CHECKS”
Call them today, while your thinking of it.
They may need you, “NOW!”

Wreaths Across America Ceremony



The Department Adjutant Flynn Phillips, and 1st Vice Commander Fred Broadwater attended the Ceremony. There were 3000 wreaths that were laid on Headstones. Flynn Phillips provided the sound system for the event.





FINDING PURPOSE, COURAGE AND SERVANT LEADERSHIP AT NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

Nicole McElravy, of Vale, Or. Shares how the week will deepen your connection to The American Legion's mission and give you the confidence to step forward with courage, purpose and heart.

Nicole McElravy of Vale, Ore., is a 2025 National American Legion College graduate.

Who am I that I might make a difference in The American Legion?

That was the question I asked National American Legion College Chancellor and Past National Commander Daniel Seehafer one morning at National American Legion College (NALC) last month. I arrived in Indianapolis carrying two things at once, excitement for what I hoped to learn, and a quiet doubt about whether I truly belonged in leadership. I've learned that those two emotions can coexist in the same heart.

I've always loved leadership development, but years of interpersonal violence and domestic violence left wounds inside me that leadership books don't address. Trauma doesn't just shape your past; it shapes the way you see yourself. For a long time, I didn't know if the hollow places inside me could ever be filled.

Seehafer looked around the room and told us that many of us had lived through moments we never saw coming, moments we weren't prepared to handle. But we were at NALC for a reason. And that reason, he said, was personal.

Then he said something I will never forget: "Servant leadership is not weak. It takes strength. It takes courage. And it takes heart." He reminded us that purpose and relevance aren't outdated theories, they are virtues The American Legion needs right now.

A Week Immersed in Purpose, Seehafer NALC Dean, Mike Rohan, and Past National Commander Denise Rohan created a week filled with some of the best educators in The American Legion. Our class of 54 students absorbed lessons on mentorship, budgeting, strategic planning, volunteer management, tax law, partnership development and resolution writing. It was an outpouring of information, like a sudden rainstorm on a sunny afternoon, and every one of us soaked it in.

Real Life After College After I returned home, life accelerated. Holidays. Kids. Court. VA therapy. Full-time work. Traveling 2,500 miles to care for my aging mother. My energy slowly drained away.

In the middle of it all, someone told me my actions at my post didn't reflect what they expected from a new NALC graduate. Their words landed harder than they probably knew. It cut deep because it touched the oldest and most familiar wound inside me: the fear that I'm never enough.

But I remembered what Seehafer taught us. Servant leadership isn't for the weak. It requires courage, AND heart.

So instead of folding in on myself and quitting, I made calls. I reached out for help. And other veterans stepped up with willingness and heart. Events were covered. Our community was served. Our post kept moving forward. Not because of my strength, but because servant leadership invites others to lead alongside you.

For the first time in my life, I didn't fall back into my learned trauma response. I fell back on purpose and relevance. And it worked.

Why NALC Matters For any Legionnaire considering National American Legion College, hear this clearly: NALC can change you.

You will learn programs, project management, communication, community outreach, and the practical skills that keep this organization strong. But even more importantly, you will learn the foundation Seehafer drilled into us all week long: character, commitment and competence.

Character is shaped through servant leadership, humility, authenticity, integrity, honesty, purpose and relevance.

Commitment grows as you learn what the Legion truly stands for and how deeply our mission matters to communities everywhere.

**BE THE ONE
TODAY**

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WIND & RAIN

Department Headquarters

The recent storm brought down a couple of large tree limbs onto the roof. One created a 4-inch puncture hole which we didn't see until Dave, Lynn's better half started blowing off the remaining debris of pinecones and pine needles. Kudos to Dave for discovering it, He also hauled all the limbs to a burn pile filling his big trailer. I called PDC Tom Harris who is our expert roofer and he called Snyder roofing to come and repair the hole. Snyder Roofing came out first thing the next morning and repaired the hole. We are back in business.



DEADLINE

**For the
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Paws Assisting Veterans

Paws Assisting Veterans (PAVE) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing service dogs free of charge to qualified Veterans with physical and/or mental disabilities in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California.

PAVE service dogs support Veterans through tasks such as:

- Picking up dropped objects
- Opening/closing doors & drawers
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- Providing light balance support
- Waking veterans from nightmares

Veteran Qualifications

- Honorably Discharged
- Currently in treatment with a supportive provider
- Psychologically safe & stable
- Is able to care for the needs of a service dog
- Has stable housing & finances
- If employed, has a safe workplace for a service dog
- Ability to attend training camp in Portland, Oregon

To apply for a PAVE service dog please email:
info@paveusa.org

We do not place medical alert, guide dogs, hearing dog or full-weight balance service dogs.

Diane Standing, Auxiliary Presidents

Yearly project for 2025-2026 .

Paws Assisting Veterans

Paws for Veterans is the Auxiliary Presidents Project for the 2025-2026 year.

It is a very worthwhile cause, and very much needed for our Veterans who need a service animal. Be very generous when you have the opportunity and give from the heart.

Auxiliary Presidents project for the year, so let's help her get to her goal.



BE THE ONE



4 Pillars, what is Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Healthcare Advocacy: Lobbying for adequate VA funding and timely access to medical facilities.

Claims Assistance: Maintaining a nationwide network of Service Officers who help veterans navigate benefit claims and appeals for free.

Transition Services: Supporting programs like Heroes to Hometowns to help wounded warriors reintegrate into civilian life.

Ending Homelessness: Working to eliminate veteran homelessness through career assistance and financial aid.

For more than 90 years, the Legion has been the nation's leading advocate for proper health care and earned benefits for America's veterans. The Legion was instrumental in creating the Veterans Administration in 1930, and an ardent supporter of its rise to Cabinet status when it became the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in 1989. As the relationship between VA and veterans evolves, the Legion will help VA meet its critical mission.

As it has for decades, the Legion continues to aggressively lobby for adequate funding of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), to provide timely access to quality health care. Additionally, the Legion seeks to ensure fair rulings on claims and other earned veterans benefits for those who have service-connected injuries and illnesses. A nationwide network of more than 2,500 American Legion accredited service officers and other professional staff works diligently to assist veterans in obtaining the benefits and care they have earned and deserve through VHA, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and the National Cemetery Administration.

Here are some other areas that VA&R contributes to:

Protect VA from Budget Reductions

Boost VA Construction Projects

Stop Denying VA Health Care

Speed up Delivery of Electronic Health Records

Reduce Delays in Integrated Disability Evaluation System

Improve Access to Health Care in Rural Areas

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SAVE THE DATE National Regional Information Conferences

JAN. 31, 2026 - INDIANAPOLIS or **FEB. 7, 2026 - ATLANTA**

WHAT? One-day, comprehensive curriculum that covers:

- Legal topics
- Be the One
- American Legion Programs
- Running an Effective Meeting
- Post Operations
- Membership Retention

WHY? To strengthen understanding and implementation of American Legion Programs and Services!

WHO? American Legion leaders in departments, districts and posts looking to increase operational effectiveness.

HOW? Contact The American Legion National Internal Affairs division at ia@legion.org or call **317-630-1287**.

REGISTRATION OPENS AUG. 27, 2025, AND SPACE IS LIMITED, SO SIGN UP NOW!!

★ OREGON BOYS STATE ★ CIVICS & LEADERSHIP



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- BOYS STATE IS A SELECTIVE CIVIC-LEADERSHIP PROGRAM WHERE STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE COME TOGETHER FOR ONE WEEK TO FORM A MOCK GOVERNMENT, WRITE AND PASS LEGISLATION, RUN CAMPAIGNS, AND LEARN HOW PUBLIC SERVICE ACTUALLY WORKS.
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BE **THE** ONE

Question: What is Be the One?

Answer: At its core, Be the One is The American Legion's top priority, a mission to reduce the number of veterans and servicemembers who die by suicide. It involves everyone throughout the entire American Legion Family. Post members are able to support Be the One by conducting Buddy Checks, raising awareness of resources for veterans in their communities, taking the Columbia University training so they know what to do in a potential time of crisis and more. Posts, units and squadrons can work together to host or support events aimed at bringing the darkness of suicide into the light. By talking about it, raising awareness and fostering camaraderie, you are demonstrating how to "Be the One." At the department level, staff can elevate awareness about how posts and members are contributing to the cause, and also create opportunities for training sessions, fundraisers, awareness events and other means to promote Be the One. At the national level, staff is promoting the initiative through various marketing, internal media and external media means. National Headquarters staff is also focusing energies on creating more training opportunities, resource materials and other ways that posts and members can further the mission.

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**TAKE
ACTION
TODAY!**



HOW YOU CAN BE THE ONE

What: The American Legion's Be the One initiative encourages American Legion Family members, veterans, servicemembers and others to take action when they believe a veteran is at risk of suicide.

Why: To reduce the alarming number of veteran suicides.

How: Our goal is to destigmatize asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can Be The One.

Veterans: Talk with fellow veterans about how you are feeling.

Ask for help when you think you need it.

Know there are millions of people ready to help you.

Remember your family and friends care.

Non-veterans: Ask veterans in your life how they are doing.

Listen when a veteran needs to talk.

Reach out when a veteran is struggling.

American Legion Posts: Educate members, other veterans and civilians on the campaign.

Display resources at your post or in your community.

Share events of success stories at legiontown.org.

FOR URGENT HELP

Call 988 and press 1

You may also text

838255

Or visit

Veteranscrisisline.net

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Competence develops as the dean and faculty equip you with resources, processes, and best practices that strengthen both you and your post.

These aren't just leadership concepts; they are the framework that transforms willingness into impact.

NALC will deepen your connection to The American Legion's mission and give you the confidence to step forward with courage, purpose and heart. And when doubt inevitably shows up, as it does for all of us, you will have something stronger to fall back on servant leadership grounded in character, sustained by commitment, and strengthened by competence.

When you walk through the doors of NALC, you may ask yourself the same question I asked at the beginning: "Who am I to make a difference?" After NALC, you will know the answer.

You are a servant leader with the character to care, the commitment to show up, and the competence to make a real difference.

And that is exactly who The American Legion needs.

Submitted by: Nicole McElravy



Dr. James Naismith

STORIES OF THE NATIONAL GUARD

The National Guard service branch is older than the United States.

Dec. 13, was the birthday of the National Guard. According to Military.com, "In a move that would create the first militia on the North American continent, the Massachusetts General Court in Salem issued an order on Dec. 13, 1636, requiring all able-bodied men between 16 and 60 years old to create a standing Army for protection."

Today, the Army National Guard (and Air National Guard, created after World War II) are active across the country and around the world. A number of prominent Americans served in one of these; here are a few of their stories.

Tom Selleck: the actor served in the California Army National Guard for six years, attaining the rank of sergeant, and later appeared on recruitment posters for the California Guard and the California Military Academy.

Dr. James Naismith: Naismith, born in Canada and credited as the inventor of the game of basketball, became a chaplain in the Kansas Army National Guard and took part in Pershing's Pancho Villa expedition in 1916. He also spent 19 months in France during World War I for the Y.M.C.A., where he taught soldiers on the front lines against venereal diseases, vice and substance use.

John Amos: the actor served in the New Jersey National Guard, as well as being named an honorary master chief of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Jerry Mathers: the child star served in the California Air National Guard from 1966 to 1969 as a colonel's aide.

James Garner: the actor spent seven months in the California National Guard between stints in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II (12 months) and the U.S. Army during the Korean War (14 months). During the latter, he received two Purple Hearts

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Helping Yourself, or a Friend



SUICIDE PREVENTION

Tips and Resources for Teens and Parents

Always take any comments about hurting oneself or killing oneself seriously.

If you are concerned about someone, ask yourself the following:

Is your gut telling you to be worried because your friend has withdrawn from everyone and everything? Become more worried or on edge? Seems unusually angry, or just not normal to you?

Has your friend or family member shown or shared any of the following?


- Talking about wanting to die or be dead; suicide; or a suicide plan.
- Engaging in risky behaviors such as cutting, burning, or abusing substances.
- Feeling as though things will never get better.
- Struggling to deal with a big loss in his/her life.
- Seeming as if he or she is in terrible emotional pain (like something is wrong deep inside that won't go away).

How to Help: Tips for Talking About Suicide

Knowing what to say to a friend when you're worried can be tough. Use these tips to help you find the words to tell your friend you care:

- Ask how your friend is feeling, and whether your friend is OK. Listen like a true friend.
- Find out if your friend feels safe.
- Tell your friend you are worried, and that he/she is not alone.
- Talk to an adult you trust about your concerns.

To help a friend you can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255 or
text **"CONNECT" to 85511.**

 Do not leave someone alone who has made a plan and has acquired the means to carry out the plan. **Get professional help immediately.**





VETERANS STAND DOWN

Resources include housing, employment, health care, education, clothing, pet care, legal assistance, advocates for state and federal benefits, and more.



Friday
November 7, 2025



10 AM –
2 PM



Sonrise Church
6701 NE Campus Way Drive
Hillsboro, OR 97124

About the event:

- One-stop connection to key services and resources
- Free for all veterans
- 50+ service providers on hand
- Breakfast and lunch included

To attend, volunteer, donate or find more information:

Scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit <https://bit.ly/vet-stand-down>.





JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY!

For nearly a century, The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion have worked steadfastly, side by side, promoting patriotism and national security while supporting youth and advocating for veterans and active-duty military personnel and families.

The American Legion Family of over 2.5 million members also includes American Legion Riders. An American Legion Rider must be a member of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary in order to join a chapter at a local post.

While members of the American Legion Family are individually unique, collectively we are a multi-million member powerhouse of caring advocates dedicated to service. You'll find that getting connected to the American Legion Family is one of the best decisions you'll ever make. Please use the enclosed applications to join today. For details on the American Legion Family, contact:

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The American Legion: Founded in 1919, The American Legion is the nation's largest and most influential veterans service organization. It is made up of 1.6 million wartime veterans who focus activities on the organization's Four Pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Defense, Americanism, and Children & Youth. [legion.org/join](https://www.legion.org/join)

The Sons of The American Legion (SAL): Founded in 1932, the SAL honor the service and sacrifice of veterans. There are more than 378,000 members in worldwide. Members include males whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and are eligible for membership in The American Legion. [legion.org/sons/join](https://www.legion.org/sons/join)

The American Legion Auxiliary: The Auxiliary's membership is more than 550,000 strong. With more than 7,600 units in communities, members are fiercely dedicated to serving, helping, and meeting the needs of veterans, the military, and their families. [ALforVeterans.org](https://www.ALforVeterans.org)

American Legion Riders: With more than 2,500 chapters, Legion Riders have helped raise nearly \$20 million for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. The Riders also perform a number of services for American Legion-supported causes and provide support at military funerals. Participants must be members of The American Legion, Auxiliary or SAL. [legion.org/riders](https://www.legion.org/riders)



Join The American Legion Family





THE AMERICAN LEGION - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____
First Initial Last Date of Birth _____

Address _____
Street City State ZIP _____

Male Female

Membership ID# (former member) Post # Phone # Email Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWI | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (MM/only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts | |

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 105 S, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check www.legion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at legion.org.

DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____
 Received from _____
 \$ _____ for 20 _____ dues
 Recruiter's name _____
 Recruiter's signature _____
 Recruiter's phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth date _____

Name _____
First Initial Last Recruited by _____
Initial Last

Address _____
Street City State ZIP Phone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department's website headquarters, or visit legionsa.org.

DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____
 Received from _____
 \$ _____ for 20 _____ dues
 Squadron No. _____
 Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____ Unit # and Location (if known) _____

_____/_____/_____
Date of Birth (Required) Birth - 17 18 and older

Have you been a member previously? Yes No (If yes, fill in below, if known)

Previous Unit City/State _____ ALA ID# _____

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Submit this application to the AIA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. **Membership pending approval of application.**

Eligible Through—None of Veteran/Female Veterans: U or Your Own Name

If Living: _____
American Legion Member ID # (Required) Post # City State

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact AIA unit about the necessary military records.)

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

- WWI (46/1917-11/11/1918)
 Anytime after 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):
- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> WWI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | |

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> Self |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter | |

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer (Membership Verification) _____ Date _____

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____
 Received from _____
 \$ _____ for 20 _____ dues
 Recruiter's Name _____
 Recruiter's Signature _____
 Recruiter's Phone # _____