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Comrades,

As I write this the Posts should be getting VOD and PP entries to their Districts and District Chairmen should be getting them to Department Chairmen. It is important that everyone watch the deadlines so each chairman can get the winner to the next step. As you may have heard by now, the 2021 Legislative Conference and Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners has been canceled. As I write this, National is still working on how and when these will be done. The Commander-in-Chief's testimony may be done on Zoom. At this time, they are saying only three or four would be allowed to attend in person. The VOD winners will also have to be handled differently than normal; but they have not decided how that will be yet.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Midwinter. As I am writing this, we are still working out the last details. As everyone is aware, in these times things change from day to day. We may have to do some on Zoom due to restrictions of how many we can have in a room. Hopefully, this will all be set by the time you read this

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How do you Eat an Elephant?

One of the most daunting tasks this year is going to be reaching your membership goals. It is almost like eating an elephant. So how do you take on this task? Simply put, to meet your membership goals and achieve over 100 percent membership, tackle it like you would if you had to eat an elephant, one bite at a time.

We are asking that you try to achieve four percent growth every month. This four percent represents a bite out of membership. This four percent can come from new members or expiring members, but if your post can do that every month, you will hit 100 percent and department will reach 100 percent membership this year. Membership consists of two parts, getting new members and retaining the members you already have.

Recruiting new members is difficult this year but not impossible. Most of our new membership comes from recruiting booths and fairs and other community events. Since those have been cancelled this year, we need to go back to basics and recruit where we

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Greetings All,

I had so hoped that someone would notice that I did not put a Message on the VFW Auxiliary Website in October. **NO ONE NOTICED.** Are any of you reading our Web Messages?

You should be reading the National Executive Orders, Memos and Department Presidents Messages as communications in your meetings.

Please read: Booklet of Instruction - **Secretary's Minutes**, D. Auxiliary Order of Business, #8. Bullets 2 and 3 - Reading of Official and Other Communications. (These are in the yellow section of the Podium Edition Bylaws and Rituals 2020, pages 10 and 11.)

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more Auxiliary News!



VETERANS WORKING FOR VETERANS!

In 2019 the VFW joined with other service organizations at the signing of HB 3452, which designated Highway 26 as the "POW/MIA Memorial Highway." The law became effective on January 1, 2020.

Oregon Veterans dedicated the nation's first border-to-border POW-MIA Memorial highway September 18, 2020.

That Was Then....



Sept. 26, 2019: State Commander John Wrinkle, Sr. Vice Commander George Carroll, Jr. Vice Commander Dennis Pratt, National Council Member Bert Key, State Inspector Wayne Sharp at Ceremonial Signing.



Sept. 26, 2019: Governor signs HB 3452 into law.

This is Now...



Sept. 18, 2020: State VFW Commander George Carroll at Dedication Ceremony.



State Commander George Carroll at Sign on Highway 26 near 212 Junction.

See Page 5 of this
Newsletter for more
pictures and related articles.

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STATE COMMANDER *Cont. from pg. 1*

and neither the Government nor the Hotel change anything. I am hopeful that we can gather together once again.

One of the problems that has been coming up around the State this year is divisions within the Post. There have been several different reasons for this. Some differences are simple differences of opinion or personalities. Some have been centered around the canteen. I would like to remind everyone that at the beginning of our meetings we are instructed, “Do not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations. Let us uphold always the obligations of unselfish comradeship and loyalty to our organization and to the government of the United States of America.” If you cannot remember hearing this, maybe you need to get out of the bar and get in the meeting. It is apparent to me that with all the pressures of the COVID-19 some members’ nerves are on edge. This does not mean that it is a free ride to bad behavior. Nor is PTSD; if you feel the stress is coming on, back off and seek help. Do not use PTSD as an excuse for flying off the handle at anyone. If as veterans we want the public to take us seriously, we must be able to control our emotions and our actions.

We all have an opinion and often feel free to share it with others. If you are going to share your opinion, be ready to “agree to disagree” because the other person may not care about your opinion. That is okay. What is theirs is theirs, and what is yours is yours. Look for things you can all agree on instead of those you do not. If you have trouble getting along with others after having a few drinks, maybe you need to have a few less. You may find that the problem is not other people as much as what you have been drinking. Nor do you need to antagonize those under stress or someone else who has had too much to drink. I was once told that it takes two to fight.

As all Commanders have been in the past, I am concerned with membership. I know that we have trouble getting out to do recruiting events. We need to speak to those veterans in the parking lot when we go to the store, in a restaurant we are eating in, or wherever we can find them. We need to keep doing the welfare checks on our members. Know whether they are Life Members or Annual Members. Know whether they have paid their annual dues for this year or not. Remind them that we need them to keep their membership. Explain to them how to become a life member if they are an annual member. If you are going to take information to the Quartermaster on a new Life member or an Annual member transferring to Life who plans to use the installment plan to pay their Life dues, make sure the member knows that National will send them an email before they start charging payments to the member’s card. The member must respond to that email or National will not proceed with the monthly deductions. Also remind them that if the card they used to start the payment plan changes or is cancelled, the member is responsible for providing National with a new card number. National does not call or contact anyone if the card stops working; it is the member’s responsibility to make sure the card that National has is good. Also, make sure the member is aware that if they do the payment plan, they will not receive their Life Member card until installment plan payments are complete. Until then they will receive an Annual Member card.


I would ask that each Post look at those members who are in need. Some are disabled, some may be out of work or some may be of an age

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when their income no longer covers all their bills as it once did. Each Post must decide who they can help and who they cannot. I know that many Posts had as much success with the Buddy Poppy drive this year as in past years, so relief funds maybe thinner than normal. I would ask that each Post try not to leave a member behind if it is in the Post’s power to prevent it.

In closing I ask that everyone stay safe. Call a Post member to let them know how you are doing. And keep up the good fight. For as they say, NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

In Comradeship,
George E. Carroll, Oregon State Commander



REMEMBER VETERANS DAY!

SR. VICE COMMANDER *Cont. from pg. 1*

can. Always have those applications with you ready to be filled out. This is the year to approach your neighbors or to start a conversation with those people you see at the grocery store wearing veteran hats or coming out of a car with campaign license plates. You may not be able to get them all, but a bite at a time is all it takes.

The second half of membership is retention. Retention would be easy if after the membership year ends on June 30, every annual member would pay their dues on July 1st. That is not possible for most, and this means the post needs to wait to see who will stay in and who will let their dues lapse as the year rolls out. You need to go online and look at your expiring members list on the national website. You need to contact those expiring this month and all that expired in past months and convince them their membership is important. Develop a plan of action to contact these members, either with email messages, direct mailings, phone calls or home visits. A combination of all these methods will need to be utilized because different people respond to different methods.

You can decrease the number of those not interested in staying by remembering that “**retention begins when they sign up.**” The easiest way to retain a member is when they show up to a meeting and they learn firsthand what you are doing in the community. However, if they do not show up to meetings you must communicate with them in other ways to let them know that your post is working hard in the community for veterans. It is a chance to show that the sales pitch they received when they signed up was true. If you do not have a newsletter that includes this information, a letter should go out at least once a year highlighting your accomplishments. More expedient methods include emails and Facebook posts, but not all members will read emails or other electronic media. Do not let the first time they hear from you be when you are asking for this year’s dues.

Depending on your post size, four percent of your unpaid members is not that many members. Sometimes it is only one member, sometimes it is six members. Either way, taking a little bite out every month, is easier than trying to do it all in May.

VFW TAPS

9-01-2020 to 10-27-2020				
District	Post	First	MI	Last
2	2848	Robert	H	Davison
3	1325	Paul J	E	Anderson
3	1325	David		Christian
3	1325	Alfred	T	Novacek
3	4248	Peter	W	Tanner
4	3440	Charles	A	Cummings
4	3440	Clayton	E	Duval
4	3440	James	F	Ginger
4	3440	Donald	L	Goddard
4	3440	Arthur	R	Noble
4	3440	James	R	Seeley
5	1383	George	A	Allen
5	1383	Keith	E	Allen
5	1383	Jerry	L	Benson
5	1383	James	O	Burke
5	1383	Robert	H	Davies
5	1383	David	G	Duffy
5	1383	William	L	Hartman
5	1383	John	W	Powell
5	1383	David	D	Reeder
5	1383	Calvin	L	Russell
5	1383	Jasper	L	Strunk
5	1383	Harry	A	Teel
5	1383	Leonard	O	Weber
5	1383	Kenneth	L	Young
6	4060	Lyle	A	Trottier
6	4060	Donald	J	Tusten
7	2302	Harry	T	Mackin
8	922	Edmond	F	Doherty
8	922	Jack	A	Eichholz
8	922	Neal	R	Seely
8	4750	Leroy	B	Latham
9	3156	Stephen	R	Cole
9	3232	Jackson		Harmon
9	3232	Malcolm	E	Wright
9	4227	Marcus	H	Norton
10	1643	Marvin	L	Forester
10	4108	Norman	E	Rife
10	12141	William	L	Apgar
12	3970	Mike	T	Roloson
12	9745	Theodore	A	Anderson
12	9745	Mickey	E	Keffer
13	293	Ben		Brown
13	293	E	M	Reuter
13	3965	Earl	T	Foley
13	3965	Larry	L	Godsey
13	3965	Joaquin		Pina
13	4039	John	A	Fairfield
14	584	Bruce		Beilke
14	584	Steve		Besse
14	661	Joseph	C	Drapela
14	2105	Richard	E	Henson
14	3957	Robert	W	Wilson
15	1324	William	M	Trumble
15	3973	Charles	T	Luttrell
15	4273	Robert	E	Floyd
15	4273	Daryl	W	Gardner
16	2666	Dave	J	Andresen
16	2666	Randy	J	Leedom
16	2666	Walter		McKinney
16	3452	Richard	J	Bolman
16	4015	Robert	S	Lokting
16	10626	Harold	E	Clappe
16	10626	Billy	G	Hill
MAL	15038	Robert	C	Cussins
MAL	15038	Benhard		Kemper
MAL	15038	John	R	Steigleder

UPDATES

CHIEF OF STAFF

Greetings Comrades. Before you know it, the current program year will be done. I know it has become easy for us to lay back and blame the current Pandemic for our inability to get our programs done and reach our membership goals of being 100% plus 1, however to be considered All State, Posts will need 100% plus one to meet the quota cited in the State Commander’s Membership Program listed in the Department’s Roster Book.

Realistically, we are prohibited in most areas from hosting recruiting events. That means we must, even if it is distasteful or time consuming, call all our members to check on their welfare and remind them that their membership is invaluable and necessary for us to carry on our advocacy for all veterans’ rights. If you are a Post Commander, Quartermaster, or Adjutant that has trouble contacting people, look around at your membership. There are a few members, like me, who know it is the right thing to do for our membership and the VFW, even though it might feel like we are begging.

When we contact members, we often find that they are struggling and would qualify as a hardship. Our relief fund allows us to pay hardship member dues. We should also confirm their address and make sure they are receiving the National magazine. Sometimes you find that a member has died, and records need to be updated. It may be uncomfortable, but it is the right thing to do for our membership and the VFW.

Find comrades that can talk to our membership and give them a list of names to call. Your Quartermaster can print out a copy of phone numbers and emails. Utilize this list to get it done. If your Quartermaster cannot generate a list for you, you can call Headquarters or me. We can assist you in generating a call list. This is the lifeline that has been thrown out for us to use. Grab hold and let us get this Department to 100% as rapidly as we can. We have a great State Commander. We must support him by reaching our membership and program goals.

As the Chief of Staff, I am working for State Commander George Carroll and you. Do not hesitate to contact me by calling my cell phone at 541-678-3895 (texting is acceptable too) or email me at wrinkle4108@gmail.com. I will respond to you within 24 hours.

Fair winds and following seas,
John R. Wrinkle, Chief of Staff



John Wrinkle
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STATE JUDGE ADVOCATE

Comrades and friends, I pray all are in good health. As our weather changes, extra care is needed to avoid serious health issues, and not just Covid-19 issues. Stay inside, stay warm and stay healthy.

Since taking an officer position within the VFW Department of Oregon, I have had the pleasure of visiting Posts throughout our State. I have felt welcomed in all the communities and felt the pride our many veterans and the support the VFW can provide.

However, we (the VFW) cannot provide this much-needed support without a membership that is willing to step up and help. The key word here is “recruitment.” As a veteran’s organization, our strength is in our numbers, and not just membership in a whole, but in the number of members that are willing to volunteer their time and effort. As a Post we should do more to recognize the efforts that our members do put forth. Posts that have Post Officers that are continuous members should consider paying for their Life Membership. I believe it is better to use your “Dues Reserve Funds” to reward those that step up and help than it is to use the funds just to make 100% membership.

On a final note, I wish all a happy and joyous holiday season.
Ronald E. Ballard, Department Judge Advocate.



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STATE CHAPLAIN



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I recently remembered a prayer I read several years ago. I am not sure who the author is but whoever it may be had a masterful way with words. These thoughts I share with you because of the author’s powerful message.

“We are blessed and thankful for the heritage we have in our great nation. There is no other land like ours. This land was purchased with the sacrifice men and women have made to protect the freedoms we enjoy daily and those whose lives of service keep us free today. We have the freedom to express our opinions, whatever they may be. We have the honor and privilege of serving our fellow veterans and their families, our neighbors, and our communities. We have the example of men and women whose service inspires us to greater efforts in the time the Lord gives.”

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. **Proverbs 9:10**
Rex Smith, State Chaplain


AUX PRESIDENT *Cont. from pg. 1*

Auxiliary members when visiting VFW Canteens: You must abide by VFW Post House Committee Rules. You are eligible to visit as an Auxiliary member, but you must follow the rules. If you do not, there are consequences.

Many of you are asking about Mid-Winter. At this time, we do not have answers for you. When we know more you will also know. Covid-19 has caused many issues this year.

Wishing all a Very Happy Thanksgiving!

Loyally,
Debra Wright, President



HOW TO PRINT A HARD COPY OF THIS ISSUE

To print one or more pages of this edition of Oregon VFW News, open the pdf in Adobe Acrobat and in the Print Dialogue box, specify which page(s) you want to print. The default size is 11" X 17" paper. To print on 8.5" X 11" paper, choose 'Shrink to printable area' or 'Scale to Fit.'

Would you prefer to receive an 11"x17" copy? You can receive a hard copy in the mail for \$10 per year for black & white or \$15 for color. Contact VFW Headquarters at 503-255-5808 or orvfwHQ@gmail.com to get on the mailing list.



Teacher of the Year

District Chairmen:

Have your Posts sent you their entries for these programs yet?

Remember, the deadline for submitting to Department Chairs is December 1, 2020!

UPDATES

UPDATE FROM THE “NEW GUY” ON THE BLOCK



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Greetings Comrades. The National VFW is continuing to work for you and all veterans through this Pandemic. At a recent Zoom meeting with Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch II, we were informed that the National Legislative Conference in Washington DC has unfortunately been canceled. The reason is that Congress is limiting us to only 4 or 5 attendees to address the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs. The Parade of Winners that honors our 1st place Patriots Pen Winner and ultimately decides our 1st place Voice of Democracy winner has been put on hold. We are working hard at determining how to get the Parade of Winners scheduled. As soon as a viable solution is found, we will get the word out.

Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch II has mailed me a copy of the VFW Talking Points – Fall 2020. The following is the information he supplied regarding the State of Affairs:

- ♦ A major turning point in our nation and with our organization is upon us.
- ♦ Racial bias must end.
- ♦ VFW will answer this call. We will be agents of change.
- ♦ Discrimination will not be tolerated within our organization.
- ♦ We need diversity among our ranks.
- ♦ ALL eligible veterans are invited to join our ranks.
- ♦ We continue to learn, grow, and change.
- ♦ Disciplinary action is proper for acts of discrimination of any type.
- ♦ Individuals who cannot treat others with respect and dignity despite gender, race, age, sexual orientation, or religion should leave our organization.
- ♦ A diversity committee has been established to better understand how racial bias has impacted our organization and offer insight and suggestions on the way forward.

Feel free to call me, text me, or email me with any questions or issues that you are concerned with. My cell phone number is 541-678-3895 and email address is wrinkle4108@gmail.com. I promise to respond to you within a day.

Fair winds and following seas,
John R. Wrinkle, NCM – Oregon

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ROSTER CHANGES—VFW

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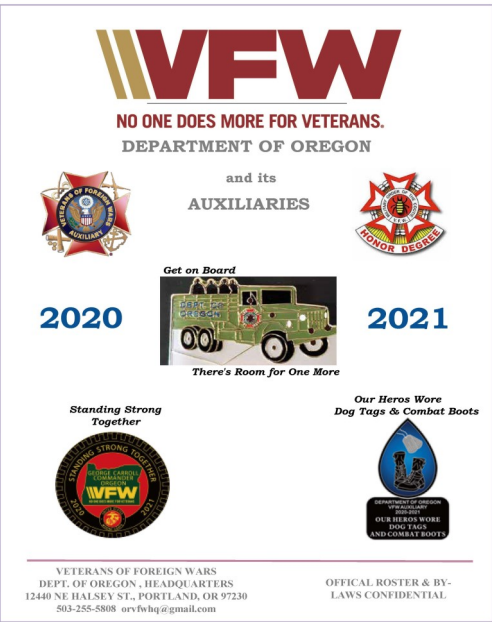
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Meeting place change:
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Do you have your Department Roster yet?

This book contains information on State Officers for the VFW, VFW Auxiliary, and Military Order of the Cootie and Auxiliary, (MOC/MOCA), plus District, Post, Auxiliary or Pup Tent Auxiliary information.

For the VFW, it also includes All American and All State information, the Membership Program, Department By-Laws, Prodedural Guide, alphabetical list of Posts and a Membership Eligibility Guide.

For the VFW Auxiliary, it includes Department Standing Rules, Treasurer’s Hints, and Department By-Laws.

For the MOC/MOCA, you will find information on officers for Grand, individual Pup Tents and their Auxiliaries as well as Supreme 13th District Information.

Books are available at VFW Headquarters for \$8.00 each. Call 503-255-5808 for more information or email orvfwhq@gmail.com. Get yours today!

Are you planning a recruiting event? Do you need hats to catch the eye of passing veterans? I have a limited supply of hats that can be made available to you. If you are planning an event, let me know and I will make sure my next order reflects what you need.

The hats are to be sold for \$20 each and your Post or District can keep \$8 from each hat you sell. All profits are to go to Membership. All Posts have members who need help with their dues from time to time. This is a great way to make sure you have the funds to cover those members are struggling. Don’t leave them behind!

George E. Carroll, State Commander

HATS, HATS, HATS!



OREGON POW-MIA HIGHWAY SIGNS DEDICATED

Oregon veterans dedicated the nation’s first border-to-border POW/MIA Memorial Highway in a series of ceremonies across the state on September 18, 2020 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The designation of U.S. Highway 26 honors 920 Oregon prisoners of war, including 135 civilians, 999 Oregon military veterans and one civilian listed as missing in action. The project was spearheaded by Dick Tobiason, chairman of the Bend Heroes Foundation.

Chapter 392 helped organize one of these events which was held in Boring, Oregon. The ceremony was hosted at Jaycee Newman Nursery and organized by the Vietnam Veterans of America Oregon State Council and its Portland Chapter 392. The Sandy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4273 and its auxiliary assisted. The ceremony location was adjacent to the Highway 26/Highway 212 interchange, where the two Boring signs were installed (eastbound and westbound).

Clackamas County Commissioners Paul Savas and Sonya Fischer were in attendance along with representatives from the American Legion Department of Oregon, Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Oregon and its Auxiliary, Vietnam Veterans of America and the National League of POW-MIA Families.

Steve Bates of the Boring Committee on Memorials and Remembrance served as the master of ceremonies of the event. "May these signs cause honor and remembrance of the missing and their families and may these signs cause a greater knowledge and remembrance of the missing," Bates said.

Dick Lovegren, the Oregon coordinator for the National League of POW-MIA Families, gave a presentation at the ceremony. Lovegren's brother is still missing in Vietnam.

Article by Steve Carr, President, VVA Chapter 392. Photos below are courtesy of Q Madp and Jaycee Newman.



Above: State VFW Commander George Carroll and American Legion Commander Steve Adams Perform Flag Folding Ceremony at Dedication.



Master of Ceremonies Steve Bates, Boring Committee on Memorials & Remembrance.



UPDATES

BEND CBOC RENAMED TO HONOR WWII MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT



Medal of Honor Recipient Robert Maxwell
10/26/20 to 5/11/2019



The following article was submitted by Dick Tobiason, a local veteran and President of “Bend Heroes Foundation.”

Quote from the White House:

“On Tuesday, October 13, 2020, the President signed into law: S. 4072, which designates the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Bend, Oregon, as the Robert D. Maxwell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic.”

As Mr. Maxwell’s Veterans Agent for 16 years, I am delighted the Oregon delegation in Washington, DC accepted my October 1, 2018 request for that renaming.

When I asked Bob Maxwell two- and one-half years ago for his approval for the renaming he replied, “Ok, as long as that does not stop veterans from visiting the clinic.”

Bob was pleased I also requested in the same letter 4 more VA facilities be renamed:

Portland VA Medical Center: Stuart S. Stryker and Elmer E. Fryar – both WWII KIAs

Salem VA Clinic: Henry Schauer – WWII Survivor from Bob’s 3rd Infantry Division

Eugene VA Healthcare Center - Maximo Yabes – KIA Vietnam

La Grande VA Clinic: John Noble Holcomb – KIA Vietnam

Elmer Fryar’s parents accepted his posthumous award in the same ceremony in Denver when Bob Maxwell received his Medal of Honor award. Fryar still remains MIA.

As Elmer Fryar is not honored at the Medal of Honor memorials at the Capitol building and on the ODVA grounds in Salem, I was successful in getting agreements to add him.

Thanks Oregon delegation and staff for honoring Mr. Maxwell!

Mid-Winter Voice of Democracy Conference

Valley River Inn, Eugene

VFW - January 30-31, 2021

Auxiliary – January 29-31, 2021*

*(See the Auxiliary Website for more information)



Rooms 99.00 plus tax (109.89)

Deadline for Rooms : December 30, 2020

Call hotel direct toll free- 1-800-543-8266 or 541-743-1000

VFW AUXILIARY UPDATES

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Greetings,

After looking at inspection reports, it was brought to my attention that some of you do not know what needs to be included in your secretary’s book. (Yes, you must have a book or three-ring binder to keep the information for the secretary in.)

The following should be part of your secretary arsenal:

- Minutes book or Three-Ring Binder
- Treasurer’s report and copies of audits. All must be incorporated in the minutes. You must include when audits are sent to Department Treasurer.
- Copy of Bond showing President and Treasurer Bonded.
- Roll call book.
- Folder for newsletters, correspondence, and/or Bulletins from Current District Presidents. Include General orders from the National and Department.
- List of Auxiliary Chairman.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP THIS INFORMATION FOR 6 YEARS.

If you are no longer a secretary, you must pass all books over to the new secretary. They are not yours to keep once you are no longer in that position.

You are to call roll at every meeting, whether in place or virtual.

If you type minutes on the computer, you must have a 3-ring binder to keep minutes organized. When you have an audit or inspection, they need to be readily available to be looked at and BE SIGNED BY AUDIT TEAM and inspecting officers.

You must read correspondence received and check the Oregon VFW Auxiliary website for President’s message, National Orders, and news from Dept. Chairmen.

I hope that this will help in doing your job as a secretary. If you need any assistance, please email or call.

Thank you for all that you are doing, and stay safe.

Janie Wills, Secretary

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I hope you have all had a good September and October attending Auxiliary and/or District meetings. My home district, District 10 met on September 19 at VFW Post 4108 with Debby Fawver as our Department Representative. I also had the honor and privilege of representing our Department at District

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AUX COMMUNITY OUTREACH



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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

October already. Have you been busy helping other organizations in your community? Have you hosted a Blood Drive for the Red Cross? How about served Meals on Wheels? Both fall under the Auxiliary Community Outreach Program. Did you donate time and effort to your community for wildfire evacuees? Community Outreach. Have you done any of the below:

- Gather food supplies for those who have been displaced due to the fires or your food bank
- Collected items for donations, clothing, bedding, toiletries, pet food, etc.
- Served meals on the fire lines or at evacuee shelters
- Assisted city leaders with paperwork for tracking evacuees
- Assisted in preparing county fairgrounds to house evacuated livestock

All of these qualify under the Auxiliary Community Outreach Program. I know many of you have participated in these activities. Please submit the number of Auxiliary volunteers and the hours in a report. Remember monetary donations do not count in this program. It is all about the volunteers and the hours.

I have not received very many reports for my program, and it will be April before you know it. Please, please, please report your time. Again, if you are not sure if it qualifies report it and let me figure out whether it qualifies.

Loyally,
Cookie Little

DEPT. SR. VICE PRESIDENT Cont.

meetings. On October 10 I was in Halfway attending the District 6 meeting. On October 17 I was in Hillsboro at the District 16 meeting. On October 24 I was in Warrenton at the District 2 meeting. It was so great seeing the members that were able to attend and hearing about how they are trying to stay active during this pandemic. Creative solutions are needed right now since we cannot do all the events that we normally do.

I will also be attending the Western Conference to be held at Little America, Cheyenne, Wyoming from November 5 through November 8. The Department of Hawaii will be partnering with us as we put on a skit demonstrating “Mentoring Through Leadership” for those attending. I look forward to the event and seeing everyone who attends from Western Conference states. I will report on the event in my December article.

Have a great month everyone and continue to keep yourselves safe and healthy!

Valorie Wrinkle, Dept. Sr. Vice President



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Presidents, here is the checklist you should use for each meeting to make sure you are prepared:

Current Podium Edition of Bylaws, Ritual, and Booklet of Instruction.

National Program Book (available for download at vfwauxiliary.org).

Department Program Book and Current year’s Department General Orders (if applicable)

Order of Business/Agenda prepared with the assistance of Secretary and Treasurer prior to meeting

Chairman Reports to be distributed prior to meeting.

Arrive early to check that the room is prepared for meeting:

Charter, Gavel, Altar Cloth, Bible, Flag stands properly placed

Start and end the meeting as scheduled.

A clock on the podium will help achieve the suggested one-hour time. Hint: Set a timer!

You can also use a phone/text tree to remind members about meetings and events with your Auxiliary. The President first calls or texts the Senior Vice-President and Junior Vice-President. Then each of them would call/text the next person down on the tree, and so on and so forth. Each member would only have one other person to contact. This is another way to communicate with your Auxiliary members.

District Presidents make sure you are finishing your Auxiliary inspections and get your paperwork back to Madam President Debra Wright.

You can get information and forms from the National VFW Auxiliary website at <http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources>. There is a lot of information that helps all our Auxiliaries. Please use it; that is what it is there for!

If any auxiliary needs help, please do not hesitate to call Chief of Staff Cathy Lindsay or our Department President Debra Wright. Our numbers are in the roster. We are here for all of you.

Loyally,
Catherine Lindsay

VFW AUXILIARY UPDATES

AMERICANISM



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Hello brothers and sisters in the Auxiliaries. I am slowing receiving reports from some of you and look forward to receiving reports from ALL the Oregon Auxiliaries.

There is so much information at our fingertips and there are many people before me who have worked really hard to make our lives easier when we are in positions of leadership. Please check out the websites, MALTA, By-laws and Ritual Books, Understanding Auxiliary Traditions, and the Officer Guidebook, to name a few sources.

I came across a song the other day and have been singing and whistling it daily. I thought you might enjoy whistling or singing it sometime.

This is my country! Land of my birth! This is my country! Grandest on earth! I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold, for this is my country to have and to hold.

What difference if I hail from North or South or from the East or West? My heart is filled with love for all of these. I only know I swell with pride and deep within my breast I thrill to see Old Glory paint the breeze.

With hand upon heart I thank the Lord for this my native land, for all I love is here within her gates. My soul is rooted deeply in the soil on which I stand, for these are my own United States.

This is my country! Land of my choice! This is my country! Hear my proud voice! I pledge thee my allegiance, America the bold, for this is my country! To have and to hold.

Upcoming November dates to remember:

- November 2 (1889 North Dakota (39th) and South Dakota (40) joined the union.
- November 4 (1979) Iranian terrorists invaded American embassy in Teheran. Diplomats, employees and embassy guards were taken prisoner and held hostage.
- November 7 (1805) Lewis and Clark Expedition reached Pacific Ocean.
- November 8 (1889) Montana (41st) state to join the union.
- November 8 (1960) John Fitzgerald Kennedy elected 35th US President.
- November 10 (1775) U. S. Marine Corps founded by Congress.
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 11 (1889) Washington (42nd) State to join the union.
- November 11 (1021) Tomb of the Unknown Soldier established in Arlington Cemetery.
- November 14 (1858) Booker T Washington, educator, and writer, born.
- November 16 (1907) Oklahoma (46th) state to join the Union.
- November 19 (1863) Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.
- November 21, (1789) North Carolina (12th) state to join the Union.
- November 22, (1963) President Kennedy assassinated in Texas.
- Last Thursday in November-Thanksgiving Day

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VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,
The Big day is almost here, November 3rd. Remember to VOTE! Please remind people to get the vote out. This is always an important time.

Veterans Day is November 11th. Many of us will be distributing Buddy Poppies. We need more than ever to remind the public about our Veterans and what the VFW Auxiliary does. Our programs provide resources for Veterans and their families.

I would like to propose a challenge. Since Thanksgiving will be here soon, I would like to challenge the auxiliaries to a food drive. The auxiliary that collects the most food will win \$50.00 dollars. The food could go to food banks, the Missions, and other organizations that provide meals for the homeless and families. The last day for the drive will be Saturday, November 19th. Any questions or concerns, please call or e-mail me at 541-746-9849, e-mail address: aforce3993@comcast.net.

Another choice would be to support our National President’s Special Project. Her project is the Stars, Stripes, Support: Combating Food Insecurity Among Our Nation’s Military Service Personnel and Their Families. Send your check earmarked Unmet Needs -Hunger to: VFW National Headquarters, Attn: VFW Foundation, 4006 W. 34th Street, 9th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.

As the holidays approach, the need for extra help increases, so let’s not forget our caregivers and family members. Find ways to help them get away for a little time to refocus. This is a strain on them physically and mentally. I like the idea of a gift card for a spa day.

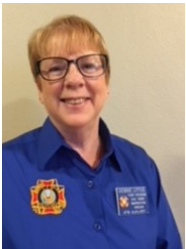
Busy times are coming and so is the flu season, be safe out there.
Loyally,
Odette Force

AMERICANISM (Continued)

November 28 (1775) American Navy **founded**.
Remember to do something special on any of these days. As Americans we can fly our flag daily and always at night **if** there is a light on it.
I have been making thank you cards and handing them out to members and anyone else who is showing patriotism and pride in their environment and their surroundings. I also purchased pocket constitutions and hand them out with the cards.
My auxiliary has been replacing worn flags that citizens and businesses had been flying. This is a good project for those of you who want to see our flag flying with pride.
We are very creative beings, so continue to send me your Americanism Reports so we can help others, Veterans and their families and show the nation that Oregonians love our country and our veterans.
Remember that our heroes wore combat boots (and tennis shoes at home.)
Take care and do all you can do for the veteran and their family members. Remember to show pride in yourself and in the United States of America. VOTE!!!

DEPT. CHAPLAIN

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Greetings,
Fall is in the air, but summer is holding on. I hope this finds everyone safe from both the pandemic and the terrible wildfires that have set Oregon on fire. If someone in your Auxiliary has lost their home or family to the fires, please let me know, I would like to send out a card letting them know the Auxiliary is there for them.

I recently had a Zoom meeting with Department Chaplains from across the country. It is always enlightening and educational to hear what others are doing in their Auxiliaries. Many of these brothers and sisters will be their Department President when I am the Department President for Oregon. It is wonderful to forge these friendships now knowing many will go through the chairs with me. We each share what is happening in our states during these Zoom conferences. The West is on fire, the South is battling hurricanes and tropical storms, the East is experiencing severe storms and the North is also battling severe storms. In addition, several states are experiencing a resurgence of COVID. As an Auxiliary we should do all we can to aid and assist those who need help.
One of the great perks of being a Department of Oregon line officer is you get to travel to other Districts and serve as the Department Representative. I recently traveled to Bandon for the District 4 meeting. They had a great meeting with several in attendance. It is awesome to hear how others are being creative during these trying times to still be able to aid our veterans and their families. I came home with good ideas.
Please remember to reach out to me if you have an Auxiliary member who needs a Get-Well Card or a family that needs a Sympathy card.
Loyally,
Cookie Little, Chaplain



OREGON POSTS AND AUXILIARIES IN ACTION!

Successful Yard Sale Raises Funds for Local VFW Post

by Sherrie Kvamme
of the Hells Canyon Journal

Saturday's yard sale was worth all of the planning, organizing and collecting to put together a truly successful yard sale. Nobody even minded a hot day spent in the sunshine.

Admittedly, they all missed the fun of working their three annual fundraisers this year, which include the Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo, Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo and Pine Fest, but their reaction to that disappointment was to step up, get busy and reinvent their resources! The yard sale was deemed a total success!

Proceeds from the yard sale will be used for the donations typically made to area youth projects by the VFW and to help defray expenses of maintenance of the VFW Hall.

Aspecial feature at the yard sale was the auction of a turkey raised by Liberty Welch. Liberty, who had originally planned on selling her turkey at the fair, ended up having a better idea. When she found out about the VFW yard sale she asked her parents if she could donate her turkey to sell it there specifically, so the money would go "to the people who fought for our country." Liberty got her wish and had a wonderful time.

In true Mib Dailey style, the crowd was entertained with gusto! Mib worked a six-time



Photo courtesy VFW Post #7847

SIX-YEAR-OLD LIBERTY WELCH with her three year old sister Gwyneth, her parents Josh and Dianna Welch and the now infamous 'Tom the Turkey'!

repeated bidding frenzy on Liberty's turkey bringing in a grand total of \$1,485. The final winner of the bid was VFW Commander Ken Booth, who took Tom the Turkey home to live out his life as the family's

favorite pet. Liberty is looking forward to an occasional visit with Tom at the Booth's place. Tom the Turkey is beyond relieved and all but jumped into the Booth's pickup for the ride to his new home!



Photo by Gail Kimberling

THIS AUCTION WAS NO TURKEY! More than \$1,200 was raised for VFW Post #7847 through a flurry of bids and re-bids for a beautiful turkey named "Tom" in an auction held Saturday, September 5 during the VFW yard sale in Halfway. Six-year-old Liberty Welch raised the turkey and donated the bird to help support "the people who fought for our country." Mib Dailey was auctioneer, and the bidding finally ended with lucky winners Ken and Colleen Booth (kneeling in the photo above) taking "Tom" to join other pets at their Richland home.

Below is a picture of Auxiliary 7847 President Colleen Gilmore presenting Miss Liberty Welch with a RAP (Random Act of Patriotism) coin from the Auxiliary while District 6 President Debi Duggan looks on.

Liberty was honored for showing her patriotism when she donated her pet turkey to be auctioned off for local veterans.
(See article to the left.)

The RAP coin was presented to Liberty during October District 6 meeting.
Liberty, your selflessness and patriotism are an inspiration to us all!



Front of RAP Coin



Back of RAP Coin

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

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Hello Everyone,
Well, Fall is upon us. November has several times we may be participating in special events. The Elections of our Nation's leaders, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving, just to name a few. Have your Auxiliaries held or plan to hold any activities for these events? Please **REMEMBER**, advertise in the media, take photos, and journal your event so the community hears and sees what you do for them and for the Veterans. Keep your Auxiliary's history for future generations to learn from. We can reach so many people by sharing and being examples. Teach our younger generations what the Auxiliaries have done, are doing, and can do in the future. Let your voices be heard. Tell the Who, What, Where, How, and Why of your Auxiliaries History. Thank you to those Auxiliaries who have sent in their reports to me. Auxiliaries are having Guest Department Officers visiting, so be sure to send in photos and reports of those visits so I can include them in the Department Presidents Photo Book and year-end reports. **REMEMBER, REPORT, and RECORD** your Histories.

Sincerely,
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UPDATES



DEPARTMENT OF OREGON MEMBERSHIP
2020-2021
As of 10-27-2020



DEPARTMENT TOTAL 2019-2020 = 14,636 DEPARTMENT PERCENTAGE 2019-2020 = 95.19%

DEPARTMENT TOTAL 2020-2021 = 10,892 DEPARTMENT PERCENTAGE 2020-2021 = 74.41%

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #2		
1440	ST. HELENS	65*	47
1909	RAINIER	59*	46
2848	BAY CITY	113*	92
2994	CLATSKANIE	37*	34
4362	SCAPPOOSE	66*	52
10580	WARENTON	152	69
12123	SEASIDE	77*	34
TOTAL		569	374

POST	DISTRICT #3		
1325	PENINSULA/PEP	127*	78
1442	JASPER C. LENT	204*	163
4248	SELLWOOD BRK.	368	314
TOTAL		699	555

POST	DISTRICT #4		
965	COQUILLE	21*	21*
966	BROOKINGS	77*	63
2928	MYRTLE POINT	51*	44
3182	NORTH BEND	68*	65
3440	BANDON	211*	167
4439	GOLD BEACH	51*	33
6102	POWERS	32*	26
TOTAL		511*	419

POST	DISTRICT #5		
1383	KLAMATH FALLS	790*	589
4070	LAKEVIEW	79*	62
6147	MALIN	20*	13
TOTAL		889*	

POST	DISTRICT #6		
3048	BAKER CITY	142*	103
3749	HUNTINGTON	15*	13
4060	UNION	104*	135
4307	ENTERPRISE	151*	136
5452	ONTARIO	116*	108
7847	HALFWAY	76*	62
TOTAL		669*	557

POST	DISTRICT #7		
1833	MEDFORD	381*	306
2302	GRANTS PASS	154*	108
4116	ROGUE RIVER	279*	248
6881	SHADY COVE	66*	47
9670	JACKSONVILLE	34*	24
TOTAL		914*	733

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #8		
922	PENDLETON	277*	215
2471	THE DALLES	70*	50
3597	JOHN DAY	29*	25
4567	MILTON FREE-WATER	28*	19
4750	HERMISTON	148	108
TOTAL		552*	417

POST	DISTRICT #9		
732	SILETZ	32*	15
3156	WALDPORT	56*	35
3232	FLORENCE	338	218
4227	TOLEDO	72*	121
TOTAL		614	389

POST	DISTRICT #10		
1412	PRINEVILLE	106	91
1643	BEND	313*	240
4108	REDMOND	709*	476
4217	WARM SPRINGS	38*	27
7242	LA PINE	61*	53
8138	SISTERS	59*	46
12141	MADRAS	85*	55
TOTAL		1371*	988

		2019 to 2020	2020 to 2021
MAL	MEMBERS AT LARGE	1500	1277

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

VFW STORE

1 Stop Shopping

Still accepting custom orders, but as mandates differ from state to state, please expect some delays.

- * VFW Items
- * Auxiliary
- * Military Medals
- * Apparel
- U.S. Flags
- Patriotic Items
- Custom Orders
- And Much More!

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #12		
2468	ROSEBURG	304*	228
3970	SUTHERLIN	143	118
9744	MYRTLE CREEK	129	91
9745	WINSTON	165*	138
TOTAL		741	575

POST	DISTRICT #13		
293	EUGENE	333	177
	COTTAGE GROVE	213*	104
3965	SPRINGFIELD	508	475
4039	CRESWELL	107	68
4166	MARCOLA	46*	15
7384	COBURG	61	32
9448	VENETA	162	110
10639	JUNCTION CITY	20	17
TOTAL		1450	998

POST	DISTRICT #14		
584	ALBANY	389*	320
661	SALEM	365	256
2105	HARRISBURG	35*	25
3203	DALLAS	140*	97
3437	SWEET HOME	201*	169
3957	MONROE	53*	39
4065	JEFFERSON	33*	28
5638	STAYTON	84*	65
TOTAL		1300*	999

POST	DISTRICT #15		
180	GRESHAM	237	185
1324	OREGON CITY	273	208
3973	MOLALLA	439*	337
4273	SANDY	629*	309
6057	CANBY	83	63
12140	LAKE OSWEGO	219	115
TOTAL		1880	1217

POST	DISTRICT #16		
2666	HILLSBORO	269	210
3452	TUALATIN	164*	150
4015	NEWBERG	166*	137
4211	WILLAMINA	79*	66
4617	BEAVERTON	85*	56
10626	DAYTON	214*	111
TOTAL		977*	730



RECRUITERS

District	Post #	Recruiter	Mbrs
2	12123	Claude Miller	20
2	1383	Douglas D. Herrera	6
5	180	David B. Lowe	5
15	180	Franklin R. West	5
15	584	Robert W. Gore	4
6	3232	Allen R. Ransom	2
9	2468	Dana J. Foley	2
9	4227	Michael R. Petersen	2
12	3965	Todd D. Wagner	2
13	584	Michael Robert Aaron	2
14	2666	Roger D. Pack	2
14	3437	Ryan P. Matteson	2
14	5452	Frank C. Griffith	2
16	10626	Juan M. Palacios	2
4	1383	Christopher Molineaux	1

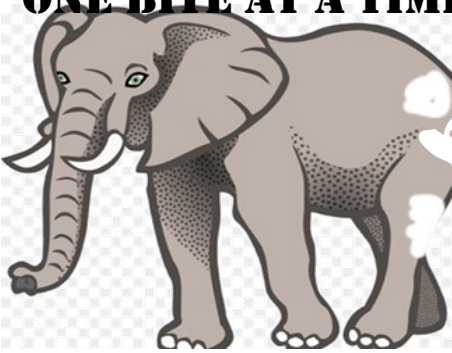
District	Post #	Recruiter	Mbrs
5	1383	Ronald E. Ballard	1
5	5452	Jerry Spivey	1
6	4116	Charles A. Prudhon	1
7	4750	Robert L. Davis	1
8	4108	John R. Wrinkle	1
10	2468	Heather L. Gilbert	1
10	4108	Martin Baltazar	1
12	3473	Mary K. Sweezy	1
12	9745	Jason L. Neiss	1
12	9745	Ronald M. Schelin	1
13	584	Kelly Craig Lawson	1
13	3473	Monroe W. Parrish	1
13	3965	Frank Estrella	1
13	4039	Rick L. Higgins	1
13	9448	Donald L. Fertgus	1

District	Post #	Recruiter	Mbrs
13	9448	Kathy A. Lundeen	1
14	180	Robert L. Dooms Jr	1
14	3437	Lloyd M. Lovik III	1
15	1324	Gregory A. Arnold	1
15	1324	Larry W. Moseley	1
15	3452	Harvey A. Pitcher	1
15	3973	George E. Carroll	1
15	4273	Allen P. Anderson	1
15	4273	Bert W. Key	1
16	3440	Ronald G. Gunter	1
16	3452	Jason A. Potter	1
16	3452	Paul A. Maidel Jr	1
16	4211	Louis A. Rober	1
16	10626	Cheryl E. Campos	1
16	10626	Michael D. Billings	1

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

MEMBERSHIP IS LIKE EATING AN ELEPHANT...HOW DO YOU ACCOMPLISH THIS???

ONE BITE AT A TIME



THE COMMANDER IS ASKING ALL OF US TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF THE ELEPHANT BY PUTTING IN 4% OF THE POST MEMBERSHIP EACH MONTH.

(THAT IS LIKE 1-10 MEMBERS DEPENDING ON SIZE OF POST)

IF EVERYONE PLAYS, ALL POSTS WILL BE 100% BY MAY.

CHECK THE CHART TO SEE HOW YOU DID (IT WILL BE ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE @ www.vfwor.org.)

TOP POST WITH MOST INCREASE IN EACH DIVISION WILL RECEIVE A \$25.00 GIFT CARD FOR THE VFW STORE.

Dist	Div	Post	City	Adjusted Prior Year*	Current Total	Nov 1 Total	Nov 4%	Goal
2	1	0		569	374	374	9	382
2	2	1440	SAINT HELENS	65	47	47	9	48
2	2	1909	RAINIER	59	46	46	9	47
2	3	2848	BAY CITY	113	92	92	9	93
2	1	2994	CLATSKANIE	37	34	34	9	35
2	2	4362	SCAPPOOSE	66	52	52	10	53
2	3	10580	WARRENTON	152	69	69	10	70
2	2	12123	SEASIDE	77	34	34	10	36
3	2	0		699	556	556	10	562
3	3	1325	PORTLAND	127	78	78	10	80
3	3	1442	PORTLAND	204	163	163	10	165
3	4	4248	PORTLAND	368	315	315	10	318
4	1	0		511	421	421	10	425
4	1	965	COQUILLE	21	21	21	1	22
4	2	966	BROOKINGS	77	63	63	12	64
4	2	2928	MYRTLE POINT	51	44	44	12	45
4	2	3182	NORTH BEND	68	65	65	12	66
4	3	3440	BANDON	211	168	168	12	170
4	2	4439	GOLD BEACH	51	34	34	13	35
4	1	6102	POWERS	32	26	26	13	27
5	2	0		889	667	667	13	676
5	4	1383	KLAMATH FALLS	790	591	591	13	599
5	2	4070	LAKEVIEW	79	63	63	13	64
5	1	6147	MALIN	20	13	13	13	14
6	1	0		669	559	559	13	564
6	3	3048	BAKER CITY	142	103	103	13	105
6	1	3749	HUNTINGTON	15	13	13	13	14
6	3	4060	UNION	169	135	135	14	136
6	3	4307	ENTERPRISE	151	137	137	14	138
6	3	5452	ONTARIO	116	109	109	14	110
6	2	7847	HALFWAY	76	62	62	14	63
7	2	0		914	736	736	14	744
7	4	1833	MEDFORD	381	307	307	14	308
7	3	2302	GRANTS PASS	154	108	108	14	110
7	4	4116	ROGUE RIVER	279	249	249	14	251
7	2	6881	SHADY COVE	66	47	47	14	48
7	1	9670	JACKSONVILLE	34	25	25	15	26
8	1	0		552	419	419	15	425
8	4	922	PENDLETON	277	217	217	15	220
8	2	2471	THE DALLES	70	50	50	15	51
8	1	3597	JOHN DAY	29	25	25	15	26
8	1	4567	MILTON FREEWATER	28	19	19	15	20
8	3	4750	HERMISTON	148	108	108	15	110
9	1	0		614	404	404	16	413
9	1	732	SILETZ	32	15	15	99	16
9	2	3156	WALDPORT	56	35	35	99	36
9	4	3232	FLORENCE	338	233	233	255	238
9	3	4227	TOLEDO	188	121	121	0	124

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10	4	0		1371	993	993	16	1009
10	3	1412	PRINEVILLE	106	91	91	1	92
10	4	1643	BEND	313	240	240	3	243
10	4	4108	REDMOND	709	480	480	10	490
10	1	4217	WARM SPRINGS	38	27	27	1	28
10	2	7242	LA PINE	61	53	53	1	55
10	2	8138	SISTERS	59	46	46	1	47
10	2	12141	MADRAS	85	56	56	2	58
12	2	0		741	575	575	7	582
12	4	2468	ROSEBURG	304	228	228	4	232
12	3	3970	SUTHERLIN	143	118	118	1	119
12	3	9744	MYRTLE CREEK	129	91	91	2	93
12	3	9745	WINSTON	165	138	138	2	140
13	4	0		1450	1004	1004	18	1022
13	4	293	EUGENE	333	177	177	7	184
13	3	3473	COTTAGE GROVE	213	105	105	5	110
13	4	3965	SPRINGFIELD	508	477	477	2	479
13	3	4039	CRESWELL	107	70	70	2	72
13	1	4166	MARCOLA	46	15	15	2	17
13	2	7384	COBURG	61	32	32	2	34
13	3	9448	VENETA	162	111	111	3	115
13	1	10639	JUNCTION CITY	20	17	17	1	18
14	3	0		1300	1003	1003	12	1015
14	4	584	ALBANY	389	320	320	3	323
14	4	661	SALEM	365	257	257	5	262
14	1	2105	HARRISBURG	35	25	25	1	26
14	3	3203	DALLAS	140	99	99	2	101
14	3	3437	SWEET HOME	201	170	170	2	172
14	2	3957	MONROE	53	39	39	1	40
14	1	4065	JEFFERSON	33	28	28	1	29
14	2	5638	STAYTON	84	65	65	1	66
15	4	0		1880	1218	1218	27	1245
15	4	180	GRESHAM	237	185	185	3	188
15	4	1324	OREGON CITY	273	209	209	3	212
15	4	3973	MOLALLA	439	337	337	5	342
15	4	4273	SANDY	629	309	309	13	322
15	2	6057	CANBY	83	63	63	1	64
15	3	12140	LAKE OSWEGO	219	115	115	5	120
16	2	0		977	735	735	10	745
16	4	2666	HILLSBORO	269	211	211	3	214
16	3	3452	TUALATIN	164	150	150	1	151
16	3	4015	NEWBERG	166	138	138	2	140
16	2	4211	WILLAMINA	79	66	66	1	67
16	3	10626	DAYTON	214	113	113	5	118
99	4	0		1500	1282	1282	9	1291
99	4	15038	PORTLAND- MAL	1500	1282	1282	9	1291
255	0			14636	10946	10946	148	11094

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

TOTAL LIST OF ALL POST & DISTRICTS WHO...
TOOK A BITE OF THE ELEPHANT



District 2	
1440	SAINT HELENS
1909	RAINIER
2848	BAY CITY
4362	SCAPPOOSE
District 3	
1442	PORTLAND
4248	PORTLAND
District 4	
965	COQUILLE
966	BROOKINGS
2928	MYRTLE POINT
3182	NORTH BEND
3440	BANDON
4439	GOLD BEACH
District 5	
1383	KLAMATH FALLS
4070	LAKEVIEW
District 6	
3048	BAKER CITY
4060	UNION
4307	ENTERPRISE
5452	ONTARIO
District 7	
2302	GRANTS PASS
4116	ROGUE RIVER
6881	SHADY COVE
9670	JACKSONVILLE
District 8	
922	PENDLETON
2471	THE DALLES
District 9	
3232	FLORENCE

District 10	
1412	PRINEVILLE
1643	BEND
4108	REDMOND
4217	WARM SPRINGS
7242	LA PINE
12141	MADRAS
District 12	
2468	ROSEBURG
3970	SUTHERLIN
9745	WINSTON
District 13	
3965	SPRINGFIELD
4039	CRESWELL
9448	VENETA
District 14	
584	ALBANY
661	SALEM
3203	DALLAS
3437	SWEET HOME
3957	MONROE
4065	JEFFERSON
5638	STAYTON
District 15	
180	GRESHAM
1324	OREGON CITY
3973	MOLALLA
6057	CANBY
District 16	
2666	HILLSBORO
10626	DAYTON
Members At Large	
15038	PORTLAND-MAL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH
EATING THIS ELEPHANT...
IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER THIS
ELEPHANT WILL BE NOTHING BUT
BONES IN NO TIME!

WINNERS OF OCTOBER’S TAKE A BITE OF THE ELEPHANT CONTEST

\$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR THE VFW STORE GOES TO:

- DIVISION 1 WINNER-

POST 9670 JACKSONVILLE
- DIVISION 2 WINNER-

POST 4362 SCAPPOOSE
- DIVISION 3 WINNER-

POST 3437 SWEET HOME
- DIVISION 4 WINNER-

POST 3973 MOLALLA

CONGRATULATIONS!

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERS IN OREGON

POSTS WITH 5 OR MORE LEGACY MEMBERS

3232 Florence	34
1324 Oregon City	23
4039 Creswell	15
4015 Newburg	12
3973 Molalla	12
2666 Hillsboro	10
4108 Deschutes	8
3452 Tualatin	7
4273 Sandy	7
9448 Veneta	7
180 Gresham	6
12140 Lake Oswego	6
661 Salem	5
1383 Klamath Falls	5
3965 Springfield	5
4362 Scappoose	6
5452 Ontario	5
10580 Warrenton	5
Members at Large	6

Total Legacy Life Members	
GOLD	93
SILVER	25
BRONZE	129
TOTAL	249
* Marks Deceased	

Post	First Name	Last Name	Legacy Level
180	Robert	L Dooks Jr	Gold
180	Scott	Gill	Gold
180	Franklin	R West	Gold
180	David	B Lowe	Silver
180	Val	G Shaull	Bronze
180	Maynard	C Smith*	Bronze
293	Mark	D Chapman	Gold
293	James	I Bell	Bronze
293	Joseph	M Rosano	Bronze
584	Melvin	L Chaput	Gold
584	James	M Willis	Bronze
661	Greg	Terhune	Gold
661	Kerry	A Wymetalek	Gold
661	Leonard	V Goss	Bronze
661	Robert	F Osterlund*	Bronze
661	James	E Robertson	Bronze
922	Judith	A Burger	Gold
922	Richard	E Halverson	Gold
922	James	F Hand*	Gold
922	Nicholas	R Van Kirk	Gold
1324	John	A Baranek	Gold
1324	Edward	L Gresham	Gold
1324	Arthur	E Kimball	Gold
1324	James	G McDonald	Gold
1324	D	J. Ruger	Gold
1324	Neil	E Birch	Silver
1324	Gregory	A Arnold	Bronze
1324	Shannon	M Arnold	Bronze
1324	Robert	W Black*	Bronze
1324	Charles	E Chamberlin	Bronze
1324	Shawn	P Dachtler	Bronze
1324	Maurice	A Deets	Bronze
1324	Robert	T Dingle Jr	Bronze
1324	Ronald	D Emerson	Bronze
1324	Paul	H Harris	Bronze
1324	David	M Kidd	Bronze
1324	Gerry	B Mcateer	Bronze
1324	Dale	K Miller	Bronze
1324	John	S Morell Jr	Bronze
1324	Larry	W Moseley	Bronze
1324	Steven	Prowant	Bronze
1324	William	M Trumble*	Bronze
1324	Edgar	Wales	Bronze
1325	James	H Mc Gee Jr	Gold
1383	Ronald	E Ballard	Gold
1383	Karen	H Johnson	Gold
1383	Roger	A Pattee	Gold
1383	Duane	G Whitehead	Gold
1383	Douglas	D Herrera	Bronze
1442	Gordon	K Hillesland	Gold

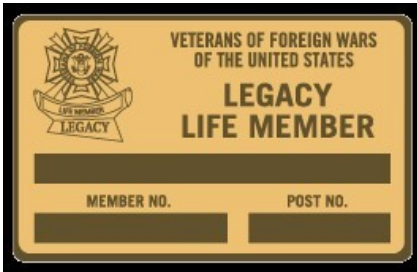
Post	First Name	Last Name	Legacy Level
1442	Daniel	W Wakefield*	Gold
1442	Albert	A Reijonen	Bronze
1643	Michael	P Boehme	Gold
1643	Byron	J Smith	Gold
1643	Matthew	R Walker	Gold
1833	Robert	K Penney	Silver
1833	Ralph	T Groover	Bronze
1833	Peter	J Pringle	Bronze
1909	Roger	A Ege	Gold
1909	Michal	D Tolleshaug	Gold
1909	Linda	K Kelly	Silver
2105	Curt	M Thomas	Gold
2302	Glenn	D German	Silver
2302	Charles	E Delore	Bronze
2468	Earl	T McAloney	Gold
2468	Michael	D Eakin	Bronze
2666	Andrew	L Eason	Gold
2666	Dennis	C Marsh	Gold
2666	Roger	D Pack	Gold
2666	Carl	G Anderson	Silver
2666	Rick	D Johnson	Silver
2666	Don	R Bowen	Bronze
2666	Daniel	F Fink	Bronze
2666	Michael	R Premi	Bronze
2666	Larry	R Tomb	Bronze
2666	Dale	S Yee	Bronze
2848	James	W Allenbrand	Silver
3182	Michael	C Malish	Gold
3203	Dennis	R Pratt	Silver
3232	Robert	F Brown	Gold
3232	Paul	L Gargis	Gold
3232	Phillip	M Jarvis*	Gold
3232	Frederick	T Kolbeck	Gold
3232	Rex	L Ruck	Gold
3232	Kennith	E Smith	Gold
3232	Thomas	F Spayd	Gold
3232	David	L Younce	Gold
3232	Gerald	F Hernandez	Silver
3232	Dennis	R Marsh*	Silver
3232	Harold	D Morgan Sr	Silver
3232	Robert	B Woerner*	Silver
3232	Bruce	D Andrade	Bronze
3232	Thomas	S Benedict	Bronze
3232	Nicole	A Buckley	Bronze
3232	Fred	M Burns	Bronze
3232	Anthony	V Cavarno	Bronze
3232	Gary	W Covert	Bronze
3232	Russell	E Downs*	Bronze
3232	James	W Gerth*	Bronze
3232	Milton	G Gravell*	Bronze
3232	Robert	J Jackson*	Bronze
3232	Vincent	R Le Piane	Bronze
3232	Timothy	K Marler*	Bronze
3232	John	E McBride	Bronze
3232	Merritt	C Mosby*	Bronze
3232	Allen	R Ransom	Bronze
3232	Gordon	Rhodes	Bronze
3232	Terry	J Robertson	Bronze
3232	Bruce	W Smith	Bronze
3232	David	R Snyder	Bronze
3232	James	W Swant	Bronze
3232	Ronald	R Tate	Bronze
3232	Harley	O Youngblood*	Bronze
3437	Vernon	L Holdridge	Silver
3437	Marion	M Fritts	Bronze
3437	Ronald	W Wilson	Bronze
3440	Larry	D Langenberg	Gold
3452	Ernie	Doyle	Gold
3452	Ted	D Gilbo	Gold

Post	First Name	Last Name	Legacy Level
3452	Paul	A Maidel Jr	Gold
3452	Harvey	A Pitcher	Gold
3452	Shaun	D Benson	Bronze
3452	Lawrence	J Howard	Bronze
3452	Arthur	V Mauer	Bronze
3473	Monroe	W Parrish	Bronze
3957	Lawrence	R Alexander	Gold
3957	David	T Houston	Bronze
3965	Steven	M Boosinger	Gold
3965	James	E Manson	Gold
3965	James	E Matthews	Gold
3965	John	P Stanks	Gold
3965	Jess	M Wise Jr*	Gold
3970	Clifford	N Mc Cauley	Gold
3973	George	E Carroll	Gold
3973	Jason	Carroll*	Gold
3973	Jason	F Griswold	Gold
3973	Ronald	W Jagodnik*	Gold
3973	Jeffrey	D Knight	Gold
3973	Rodney	W Wymore	Gold
3973	Ernest	H Winterton	Silver
3973	Kenneth	L Carroll	Bronze
3973	Roscoe	V Dorsett*	Bronze
3973	Stephen	G Morris	Bronze
3973	David	H Wallace	Bronze
3973	Luke	T Weintz	Bronze
4015	Lester	E Beecroft*	Bronze
4015	Stanley	L Beecroft	Bronze
4015	Leon	L Blanchard	Bronze
4015	Leonard	D. Braithwait Jr	Bronze
4015	Donald	R Cooke*	Bronze
4015	George	P Edmonston	Bronze
4015	Seth	J Forquer*	Bronze
4015	Richard	G Lightfoot*	Bronze
4015	Hubert	M Mardock	Bronze
4015	Randall	E Savage	Bronze
4015	Leonard	Schorzmann	Bronze
4015	Alvin	A Tesky	Bronze
4039	Vernon	A Beard	Gold
4039	Rick	L Higgins	Gold
4039	Richard	L Colson	Silver
4039	Camren	J Baker	Bronze
4039	Bill	E Beer	Bronze
4039	John	R Clark*	Bronze
4039	Michael	G Coltharp*	Bronze
4039	Jack	L Gradle	Bronze
4039	Leonard	M Hecker	Bronze
4039	David	W Hendrick	Bronze
4039	Anthony	A Jaques	Bronze
4039	Richard	A Leppin	Bronze
4039	Melvin	L Northcutt*	Bronze
4039	Steven	P Shallenberger	Bronze
4039	Bryce	L Watson	Bronze
4108	Charles	E Chester Jr	Gold
4108	Harold	G Davidson*	Gold
4108	Dennis	G Guthrie	Gold
4108	William	E Pieters	Gold
4108	Dan	S Tureck	Gold
4108	John	R Wrinkle	Gold
4108	Gary	D Pitman*	Silver
4108	Robert	M Bragg	Bronze
4116	Corbin	A Motter	Gold
4116	James	M Poling	Silver
4116	Charles	A Prudhon	Silver
4116	Thomas	A Lazette	Bronze
4211	Lee	K Saddler	Bronze
4217	Raymond	C Tsumpti Jr	Gold
4227	Robert	R May	Gold
4227	Andrea	D Summerlin	Gold

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERS IN OREGON

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Post	First Name	Last Name	Legacy Level	Post	First Name	Last Name	Legacy Level	Post	First Name	Last Name	Legacy Level
4227	Michael	R Petersen	Bronze	5452	Harvey	Hatfield Jr	Gold	10580	Eugene	Bonk	Bronze
4227	Charles	R Ritz	Bronze	5452	Donald	M Ristow	Gold	10580	George	I Gunn	Bronze
4248	Gregory	L Drais	Gold	5452	Gary	M Good	Bronze	10580	Melvin	H Jasmin	Bronze
4248	Dale	N Guldenzopf	Gold	5452	Frank	C Griffith	Bronze	10626	Cheryl	E Campos	Gold
4248	Jay	B Agler	Bronze	5452	Shannon	M Kelly*	Bronze	10626	Juan	M Palacios	Gold
4248	William	C Hughes	Bronze	6057	Janile	L Yost	Silver	10626	Magno	T Campos Jr	Bronze
4248	Thomas	R Mc Neal*	Bronze	6057	Robert	G Sigleer	Bronze	10626	Thomas	G Clayton	Bronze
4248	Sharon	M Ploor	Bronze	6881	Larry	E Poling	Gold	12123	Louis	J Neubecker	Gold
4273	Allen	P Anderson	Gold	6881	Clarence	O Neville*	Silver	12140	Anthony	L Barber	Gold
4273	Bert	W Key	Gold	6881	Robert	D Walsh	Bronze	12140	Kenneth	L Kraft	Gold
4273	William	H Miller	Gold	7384	Norman	M Henshen	Silver	12140	Donald	L Reed	Gold
4273	Marcus	Walters	Gold	9448	James	R Clarke	Gold	12140	Larry	C Harmon	Bronze
4273	Terry	E Boyer*	Silver	9448	Donald	L Fertgus	Gold	12140	Raymond	L Mack Jr	Bronze
4273	Robert	L Anderson*	Bronze	9448	Thomas	G Laing*	Gold	12140	Boyd	C Yaden	Bronze
4273	James	M Ramsey	Bronze	9448	Stanley	G Ritari	Gold	12141	Leonard	P Hellwig	Gold
4307	Ann	M Gosnell	Bronze	9448	Michael	L Beyerlin	Bronze	12141	Craig	L Mc Donald	Bronze
4362	James	A Walling	Silver	9448	Kathy	A Lundeen	Bronze	15038	Michelle	L Love	Gold
4362	Roger	J Antonich	Bronze	9448	Kerry	G Shafer	Bronze	15038	Courtland	J Rawson	Gold
4362	Thomas	P Ford	Bronze	10580	E	L Dunn	Gold	15038	David	A Teem Sr	Gold
4362	Jerry	Peal*	Bronze	10580	Albert	A Little	Silver	15038	Michael	C Tribble	Silver
4362	David	P Sleightam	Bronze					15038	Jon	W Parks	Bronze
4362	Frank	C Weber	Bronze					15038	Donald	C Sopher*	Bronze



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UPDATES

WANTED: PICTURES & ARTICLES TO SHARE WITH DEPARTMENT!

What has your Post or Auxiliary been up to lately?

Newsletter Editor “Ponyboy” Curtis is on the hunt for articles and pictures from all Posts & Auxiliaries in Oregon. Be warned, he has been known to take pictures off of Facebook to post. If you don’t want random pictures to be stolen off of Facebook, send your pictures to State Quartermaster Cheryl Campos so she can give them to “Ponyboy” for the newsletter. Or you might be surprised!



Great Veteran Organizations working together for a joint endeavor ...

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion have an opportunity to work together creating the American Legion - Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway on US Hwy 30. Hwy 30 not only runs border to border in Oregon, but it also extends across the country, covering a total of 3,073 miles and 11 states. It is the only border to border highway in Oregon that has not been designated as a Veterans Highway.

Based on the costs of the POW/MIA Memorial Highway signs, 10-12 American Legion-Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway signs along US Hwy 30 in Oregon would cost about \$20,000-\$24,000.

There are ample justifications for an American Legion – Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway in Oregon and they can be easily turned into the necessary “Whereas” clauses for legislation. Dick Tobiason, member of VFW Post 4108 and the Bend Heroes Foundation has offered to help someone at the Department level draft legislation if the Departments agree to seek legislation.

We will need to consider how we can start raising money to help with the cost of the signs. This is a great way to honor our past, current and future members.

OREGON’S 8 BORDER TO BORDER VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAYS INITIATED BY BEND HEROES FOUNDATION (2008-2020)

- WWI: US HWY 395
- WWII: US HWY 97*
- KOREAN WAR: I-5*
- VIETNAM WAR: I-84*
- PERSIAN GULF, AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ: US HWY 101*
- PURPLE HEART TRAIL: I-5*
- OREGON MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY: US HWY 20
- POW/MIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY: US HWY 26
- *ALSO BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Oregon Veterans Memorial Highways

