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# VFW NEWS



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## New Department Headquarters sign becomes a reality

Thanks to so many our dreams have come true... It's been a long Journey with a lot of help. This is how it started:

Current State Commander, Ken Kraft found Boulder Designs while recruiting last April.

Boulder Designs franchise owner Brian Wuitschick gave us 25% off and \$500 off delivery fees for a donation of more than \$1500.

At the June 2017 State Convention, we raised \$1,895 and also received a donation of \$500 made by American Income Life.

Past State Commander Richard Halverson allowed special donation for All-State to go towards the sign.

We also had very special help from Jason and George Carroll in preparing the pad that the sign sits on.



6

It's finally done!



1

Site prep



2

Pad in place



3

Is it straight now?



5

Almost...



4

Sign delivery

# Updates

## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER



**RICK HIGGINS**

### Year-End Reporting

Happy New Year to all! With the holiday season behind us and half of this VFW year over, it is time to execute your plan for a successful finish to the year. All Posts and Districts have time to complete all of the programs before year's end.

Post and District Commanders should be checking the "Pink and Purple Monster" to see what programs are needed to reach All-State status. Check the membership program information section in the roster book for the requirements, as well. The All-American requirements are a little different this year, so be sure to review them.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year winners have been named at the Post and District levels and have been forwarded to Department for judging. At the Mid-Winter Convention a State winner for both scholarships will be named and the Teachers will get recognition. I hope you are planning to attend the banquet to honor these young students and teachers. Congratulations to all of the winners from across the State.

State membership numbers are looking pretty good, keep up the good work. Our mission is not complete until we reach 100%.

Before I close, I would like to thank all of the Posts and Districts that have contributed money to Department for the Voice of Democracy scholarship program. We have been able to increase the award amounts because of your generosity.

Looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the Mid-Winter Convention in Newport.

Yours in Comradeship,

*Rick Higgins*  
Sr. Vice Commander

## CHAPLAIN



**REX SMITH**

### Deadline for Chaplain of the Year Award

I look forward to this new year, anticipating the opportunity to present another Chaplain of the Year award. Why is this so important? Because I know there are dedicated Chaplains who are serving the communities they live in and the posts and districts they serve and we do not want to miss the opportunity to recognize their work and service. Our Chaplain of the Year for 2016 – 2017 is Clifford McCauley serving post 3970 in Sutherlin. The deadline for recommendations for 2017 -2018 is 1 April 2018 so I am asking again for feedback and recommendations. Criteria for Chaplain of the Year includes the following: exemplary conduct of normal duties which include attendance, dependability, submission of community service reports, etc., exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties, a personal attitude which is positive and professional in all contacts with others and which represents the VFW in the best possible way, commitment to the ministry and duties of the Chaplain as reflected by service to comrades and their families, and member of the VFW in good standing with the Post, District and Department. Please feel free to call or email me for more information at 971-237-5966 or rsmith68@aol.com.

*Rex Smith*  
State Chaplain  
971-237-5966, rsmith68@aol.com

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER



**JOHN WRINKLE**

### New Veterans Legislation

I am hoping your Christmas holiday was as rewarding for you as it was for me. The best feeling in the world is being with family and friends. One of my duties is to represent you as your National Legislative Committee Member.

I am blessed with this assignment as I believe we can make a difference with our constant advocacy for Veteran rights and support for our military personnel. This past year has seen some positive forward steps in our cause.

The President has signed 10 congressional bills into law that are related to Veterans. For your information, here are some of the more important bills:

- Senate Bill 1094 - "Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017." This law gives the agency's leaders the ability to fire inept employees and protect those who uncover and report wrongdoing at the VA.
- House of Representative Bill 873 - "Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act." This law calls for a memorial to US military who fought in the war on terrorism to be built on the National Mall. The construction of the memorial, which will accompany remembrances like the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, will be overseen by the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation.
- Senate Joint Resolution 1 - "Joint Resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield." This resolution approves a location on the National Mall in Washington, DC to create a memorial to Gulf War veterans.
- Senate Bill 305 - "Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017." This bill adds National Vietnam War Veterans Day (March 29) as a holiday upon which the American flag should be prominently displayed.
- House of Representative Bill 3218 - "Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017." Also known as the "Forever GI Bill," this law expands opportunities for veterans to use their educational benefits, most prominently getting rid of a 15-year time limit on using educational benefits for veterans who left active duty in 2013 or later. It also makes it easier for veterans to find schools that give them priority enrollment. It passed unanimously in the House and Senate.
- Senate Bill 544 - "An Act to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the termination date for the Veterans Choice Program, and for other purposes." This law extends the "Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014," eliminating its August 7, 2017 sunset date and allowing it to function until the money in the Veterans Choice Fund is gone. It also makes the VA the primary payer "for medical care relating to non-service connected disabilities" and allows the VA to share medical information with non-VA agencies providing medical services to veterans.

Valorie and I are wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Looking forward to visiting with you at Mid-Winter Convention in Newport,

*John R. Wrinkle*  
Junior Vice Commander

## VOICE OF DEMOCRACY & PATRIOT'S PEN



District 12: Braden Wilborn



District 13: Ally Warner



District 14: Elijah Leutwyler



District 15: Mark Aldrich



District 16: Karthick Sareehar



District 16 Patriot's Pen: Faith Palma



This year our District winners went for a tour of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

Congratulations to our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen District Winners!



VOD winner Phillip Dunagan from District 8, and Patriot's Pen winner, Faith Palma.



District 2: Maria Burns



District 3: Clara Liebert



District 4: Tianna Huffman



District 5: Hannah Collier



District 6: Alisa Fox



District 7: Dana Nieland



District 8: Phillip Dunagan



District 9: Abigail Coday



District 10: Benjamin Gunnels

# Updates

## Share your news

**Submissions for  
March - April VFW News  
due by February 22, 2018**

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Please avoid pdfs for text.

**Please send your submissions to:  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Broadway at 34th St.,  
Kansas City, MO 64111.

#### STATE SURGEON



**DENNIS PRATT**

### Bullets vs Guns

A few years ago while the department was recruiting new members, whenever there was a potential member who said they did not have the time to attend meetings, they were reassured that their membership would mean that we have one more bullet to send downrange when we lobbied for Veteran benefits. That analogy may or not be accurate; however, if it is accurate, bullets are ineffective

without guns. So who are the guns? The guns in this case would have to be the active Veterans of Foreign Wars members at all levels of our organization. You can say that our National Commander-in-Chief is the equivalent of a full broadside from the USS Iowa, and the faithful member that shows up to the meeting and quietly does what they can is like your dependable .45 caliber sidearm. All other active members fit somewhere in between.

I am sure most posts have plenty of bullets. If you have 10% of your members showing up to your meeting, you have an average post, but that means that 90% of your members are bullets. The problem posts face is usually not having enough guns to effectively run all the yearly programs. So, how do you get more members to show up to meetings and to be more than bullets?

This past summer National sent out to all the Departments a list of more than 1,000 complaints new members had registered through a survey National conducted. They ranged from issues the new members had with the way National handles things down to personality conflicts at the post level. One thing that stood out from these results is that about 25 percent of the respondents were never contacted by the local post they joined, so the new members do not even know when the post meeting is. So, the first step in getting more guns in your post is to make positive contact with every new member when they show up on your roster and make sure they know when and where you meet and a little bit about your post.

The next determining factor if a member is going to be a gun, a bullet or just fall off your roster in two years is their perceptions from that first meeting they go to. Does your post have a welcoming environment and is the first-time member acknowledged and introduced to the rest of the members? Is the Ceremonial Initiation performed to welcome them to the Veterans of Foreign Wars? A well organized meeting that is both professional and fun will also keep members coming back. No one enjoys a chaotic scramble where nothing gets done. You should also explain different aspects of the meeting to them so they are not overwhelmed and confused. All of these steps ensure that the new member feels accepted and vital to the post and the post's future. If they they are just a number, or a seat filler, they probably will not come back.

The next thing you can do at that first meeting is to find out a little bit about them and what their strengths are and what there interests are. This will help you to find a committee or a project they would be interested in, and therefore will keep them interested in coming back. There have been too many stories where a member is given too many responsibilities and not enough guidance and they're no longer are interested in showing up.

If you are looking to add "guns" to your post, communication is the key. Communicate with them before the first meeting and when they come to their first meeting, let them get a feel for your post culture, understand the business of the post and learn what you are doing in the community.

*Dennis Pratt*  
State Surgeon

#### ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER



**CHERYL CAMPOS**

### Missing Quartermaster Bonds and Audits

The following are missing Audits or QM bonds; please get these taken care of right away.

Missing Audits and not having your Post or District bonded is a good way to ensure your Post or District gets suspended; not only is it against National By-laws but it's a checks and balance to protect the Post and the Quartermaster.

The following are missing Audits and or Bond:

#### District 2

Post 2994 Clatskanie missing June & Sept Audits

#### District 3

Post 4248 Portland missing Sept Audit  
District 3 is missing its Fall Audit

#### District 4

Post 966 Brookings missing June & Sept Audits as well as missing QM Bond  
Post 3182 North Bend missing June & Sept Audits  
Post 6102 Powers missing Sept Audit

#### District 5

Post 6147 Malin is missing QM Bond  
The District is missing QM Bond

#### District 7

The District is missing Fall Audit

#### District 8 Missing Fall Audit

#### District 9

Post 3232 missing Sept Audit  
Post 3594 Missing QM Bond

#### District 10

Post 1412 Prineville Missing Sept Audit

#### District 12

Post 2468 Roseburg Missing June & Sept Audit

#### District 14

Post 2105 Harrisburg Missing Sept Audit and QM Bond  
Post 3437 Sweet Home Missing June & Sept Audit  
Post 4065 Jefferson missing Sept Audit

#### District 15

Post 6057 Canby Missing Sept Audit  
Post 12140 Lake Oswego Missing Sept Audit  
District is Missing Fall Audit

#### District 16

Post 2666<sup>9</sup> is missing Sept Audit

*Cheryl Campos*  
Adjutant/Quartermaster

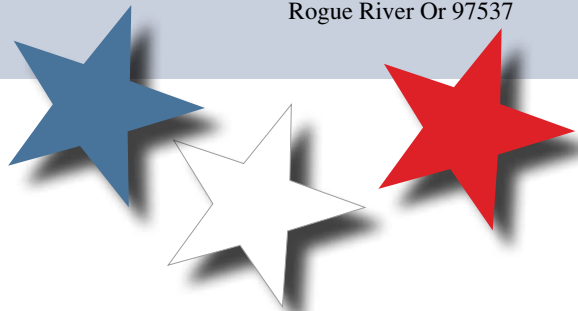
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### Winter District Meetings

DIST.	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REMARKS
7	24-Feb	11:00am	Post 4116 410 E Main Rogue River Or 97537	Noon



# News

## Legacy Life Members in Oregon

Post	First Name	Last Name	Legacy Level
180	Scott	Gill	Gold
180	Tyler E	Marriott	Gold
180	Val G	Shaull	Bronze
180	Maynard C	Smith	Bronze
293	Mark D	Chapman Gold	
584	Melvin L	Chaput	Gold
584	James M	Willis	Bronze
661	Greg	Terhune	Gold
661	Kerry A	Wymetalek	Gold
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	Neil E	Birch	Bronze
1324	Robert W	Black	Bronze
1324	Charles E	Chamberlin	Bronze
1324	Shawn P	Dachtler	Bronze
1324	Maurice A	Deets	Bronze
1324	Edward L	Gresham	Gold
1324	Arthur E	Kimball	Gold
1324	James G	McDonald	Gold
1324	Dale K	Miller	Bronze
1324	John S	Morell, Jr.	Bronze
1324	Larry W	Moseley	Bronze
1324	D J	Ruger	Gold
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
1442	Gordon K	Hillesland	Gold
1442	Albert A	Reijonen	Bronze
1442	Daniel W	Wakefield	Gold*
1909	Roger A	Ege	Gold
1909	Linda K	Kelly	Silver
2468	Earl T	McAloney	Gold
2624	David A	Teem, Sr	Silver
2666	Don R	Bowen	Bronze
2666	Ernie	Doyle	Gold
2666	Andrew L	Eason	Bronze
2666	Daniel F	Fink	Bronze
2666	Dennis C	Marsh	Gold
2666	Roger D	Pack	Bronze
2666	Michael R	Premi	Bronze
2666	Peter J	Pringle	Bronze
2666	Larry R	Tomb	Bronze
2666	Dale S	Yee	Bronze
2928	Michael C	Tribble	Bronze
3156	Andrea D	Summerlin	Gold
3203	Dennis R	Pratt	Bronze
3232	Bruce D	Andrade	Bronze
3232	Thomas S	Benedict	Bronze
3232	Robert F	Brown	Gold
3232	Fred M	Burns	Bronze
3232	Anthony V	Cavarno	Bronze
3232	Paul L	Gargis	Gold
3232	Gerald F	Hernandez	Silver
3232	Phillip M	Jarvis	Silver
3232	Frederick T	Kolbeck	Gold
3232	Dennis R	Marsh	Silver
3232	John E	McBride	Bronze
3232	Harold D	Morgan Sr.	Bronze
3232	Merritt C	Mosby	Bronze*
3232	Allen R	Ransom	Bronze
3232	Gordon	Rhodes	Bronze
3232	Rex L	Ruck	Gold
3232	Kennith E	Smith	Gold
3232	Bruce W	Smith	Bronze
3232	David R	Snyder	Bronze
3232	Thomas F	Spayd	Gold
3232	James W	Swant	Bronze
3232	Robert B	Woerner	Silver
3232	Harley O	Youngblood	Bronze*
3440	Larry D	Langenberg	Gold
3452	Shaun D	Benson	Bronze
3452	Lawrence J	Howard	Bronze
3452	Arthur V	Mauer	Bronze
3452	Harvey A	Pitcher	Gold
3594	Jon W	Parks	Bronze
3957	Lawrence R	Alexander	Gold
3965	Steven M	Boosinger	Gold
3965	James E	Manson	Gold
3965	James E	Matthews	Silver
3965	John P	Stanks	Gold
3965	Jess M	Wise, Jr	Gold*
3973	George E	Carroll	Gold
3973	Jason	Carroll	Gold

Post	First Name	Last Name	Legacy Level
3973	Roscoe V	Dorsett	Bronze*
3973	Jason F	Griswold	Gold
3973	Ronald W	Jagodnik	Gold
3973	Jeffrey D	Knight	Gold
3973	Ernest H	Winterton	Bronze
3973	Rodney W	Wymore	Silver
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	Billy Wayne	Miller	Bronze
4015	Randall E	Savage	Bronze
4015	Leonard	Schorzmann	Bronze
4015	Alvin A	Tesky	Bronze
4039	Camren J	Baker	Bronze
4039	Vernon A	Beard	Silver
4039	Bill E	Beer	Bronze
4039	John R	Clark	Bronze
4039	Richard L	Colson	Silver
4039	Donald L	Fertgus	Bronze
4039	Jack L	Gradle	Bronze
4039	Leonard M	Hecker	Bronze
4039	David W	Hendrick	Bronze
4039	Rick L	Higgins	Gold
4039	Richard A	Leppin	Bronze
4039	Melvin L	Northcutt	Bronze*
4039	Bryce L	Watson	Bronze
4108	Charles E	Chester Jr	Gold
4108	Harold G	Davidson	Gold*
4108	Dennis G	Guthrie	Gold
4108	Gary D	Pitman	Silver
4108	Dan S	Tureck	Gold
4108	John R	Wrinkle	Gold
4116	Thomas A	Lazette	Bronze
4116	James M	Poling	Silver
4116	Charles A	Prudhon	Silver
4211	Lee K	Saddler	Bronze
4217	Raymond C	Tsumpti Jr	Gold
4248	Gregory L	Drais	Gold
4248	Dale N	Guldenzopf	Gold
4248	Thomas R	Mc Neal	Bronze*
4273	Robert L	Anderson	Bronze*
4273	Terry E	Boyer	Silver*
4273	Bert W	Key	Gold
4273	William H	Miller	Gold
5452	Gary M	Good	Bronze
5452	Harvey	Hatfield Jr	Silver
6057	Robert G	Sigleer	Bronze
6057	Janile L	Yost	Silver
7384	Norman M	Henshen	Silver
9448	Richard L	Eubank	Gold
9448	John C	Johann	Gold
9448	Thomas G	Laing	Gold
9448	Stanley G	Ritari	Bronze
10580	E L	Dunn	Bronze
10580	Albert A	Little	Bronze
10626	Cheryl E	Campos	Gold
10626	Thomas G	Clayton	Bronze
10626	Juan M	Palacios	Bronze
12140	Anthony L	Barber	Bronze
12140	Robert M	Bragg	Bronze
12140	Kenneth L	Kraft	Gold
12140	Raymond L	Mack Jr.	Bronze
12140	Beau D	Mcneff	Bronze
12140	Donald L	Reed	Silver
12140	Boyd C	Yaden	Bronze
15038	David M	Kidd	Bronze
15038	Courtland J	Rawson	Gold
15038	Donald C	Sopher	Bronze*

Posts with 5 or more Legacy Members	
1324	13
2666	10
3232	23
3965	5
3973	8
4015	13
4039	13
4108	6
12140	5



\* Deceased Member  
 \*\*\* In Memorium Member

# News

## Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony

Saturday, February 17, 2018, 10:00 AM

Canby Adult Center

1250 S. Ivy

THE CANBY-AURORA

VFW 6057 Post/Auxiliary

Cordially Invites You To the

23rd Anniversary of the

Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony

All Veterans Groups and Service Organizations

are Invited to Bring Their Colors

and be a Part of the Ceremony

Assembly Time 9:30 A.M.

Breakfast will be Served by the Canby Adult Center

Immediately Following the Ceremony

(Please RSVP how many are coming)

Adults: \$8.00

Children (10 yrs and under): \$5.00

For more information please call

(503) 266-4527



## Leave your mark for the future

### Become a Legacy Life Member

#### What is a Legacy Life Member?

Being a Legacy Life member is another level of the VFW Life Membership program. It is intended to give our life members a way to leave a lasting legacy to the VFW. Future generations will know you, not only for the sacrifices you made as a veteran, but for the contribution you made as a member. That's a legacy to be proud of. When you become a Legacy Life Member, you are helping us strengthen the VFW where NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

There are three levels of Legacy Life Membership available: Gold, Silver, or Bronze. Each level offers generous benefits reserved exclusively for Legacy Life

Members. Once your Legacy Life Membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department and the organization. You can feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are helping not only today's veterans, but the veterans of tomorrow. The best thing is that you will always be a member of your Post — even after you're gone.

Now Legacy Life memberships can be purchased for deceased life members. This is a great way to honor our past life members and keep them on the rolls of your Post. This program is also offered in a payment plan as well. If you are a Life Member and are interested in this program, simply fill out the form below. Contact Department Headquarters with questions 503-255-5808



#### LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE FORM

Life Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Business or Cell) (E-Mail)

Bronze \$400   
  Silver \$800   
  Gold \$1,200  
 Check   
  Visa   
  MasterCard   
  Discover   
  Amex   
  Installment Plan  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Upon my demise  make a One-Time Endowment or  continue the Annual Endowment  
(See Terms and Conditions - item #5 for explanation.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

You must be a current Life Member of the VFW.

Instructions:

1. Complete the Form on the reverse side of this card in its entirety.
2. Check the level: Bronze, Silver or Gold. You may upgrade your Legacy level at any time by paying the difference to your desired level.
3. Payment options: Check or Credit Card - payment in full.
4. Installment option. Purchase an Installment Legacy Life Membership by making four equal payments. The first payment must accompany this form and be equal to ¼ of the level being purchased. (Bronze \$100, Silver \$200 and Gold \$300). The remaining balance will be billed by National Headquarters quarterly.
5. Choose the endowment:
  - a. One-time Endowment payment: Upon your death, the principle amount of your Legacy will be paid in equal amounts to your Post, Department and the National organization, as applicable.
  - b. Annual Endowment: the Legacy level payment will continue annually after your death.
6. Sign your full name.
7. Enclose check, money order or credit card information for payment.
8. Mail this card, a check, money order or credit card information to:

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
 National Headquarters - Membership  
 406 W. 34th Street  
 Kansas City, MO 64111-2778

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# Statistics

## Department of Oregon Membership 2017 - 2018

as of 1/8/2018



Department Total	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Department Percentage	2017	2018
	14,255	12,811					99.20%	80.62%	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>									
1440 St. Helens	56*	54							
1909 Rainier	69	57							
2848 Bay City	113	99							
2994 Clatskanie	35	35*							
4362 Scappoose	67	65							
10580 Warrenton	43	51*							
12123 Seaside	39	57*							
	<b>422</b>	<b>418</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>									
1325 Peninsula/Pep	124*	97							
1442 Jasper C Lent	244*	212							
4248 Sellwood Brk.	474	411							
	<b>842</b>	<b>720</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>									
965 Coquille	22	23							
966 Brookings	89	80							
2928 Myrtle Point	53	51							
3182North Bend	74	69							
3440 Bandon	200*	193							
4439 Gold Beach	51*	39							
6102 Powers	36*	30							
	<b>525</b>	<b>485</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>									
1383 Klamath Falls	711	639							
4070 Lakeview	74*	78*							
6147 Malin	20*	12							
	<b>805</b>	<b>729</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>									
2990 La Grande	69*	55							
3048 Baker City	150	159*							
3749 Huntington	20	20							
4060 Union	115	107							
4307 Enterprise	170*	161							
5452 Ontario	124	119							
7847 Halfway	82*	72							
	<b>730</b>	<b>693</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>									
1833 Medford	355	356							
2302 Grants Pass	142*	115							
4116 Rogue River	300*	259							
6881 Shady Cove	39*	34							
9670 Jacksonville	25	20							
	<b>861</b>	<b>784</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #8</b>									
922 Pendleton	315*	258							
2471 The Dalles	78*	69							
3597 John Day	30*	29							
567 Milton Freewater	40*	29							
4750 Hermiston	185*	167							
	<b>648*</b>	<b>549</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #9</b>									
732 Siletz	27*	18							
2624 Newport	116*	121*							
3156 Waldport	40*	33							
3232 Florence	315*	233							
3594 Reedsport	40	35							
4227 Toledo	32*	26							
	<b>570*</b>	<b>466</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #10</b>									
1412 Prineville	127*	115							
1643 Bend	294	276							
4108 Redmond	647*	576							
4217 Warm Springs	37*	30							
7242 La Pine	66*	51							
8138 Sisters	50*	43							
12141 Madras	57*	64							
	<b>1278</b>	<b>1155</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #11</b>									
2468 Roseburg	270	244							
3970 Sutherlin	164	151							
7752 Myrtle Creek	112	115							
9745 Winston	188	170							
	<b>734</b>	<b>680</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #12</b>									
293 Eugene	284	217							
3473 Cottage Grove	180*	129							
3965 Springfield	539*	502							
4039 Creswell	105*	82							
4166 Marcola	33*	33							
7384 Coburg	51*	37							
9448 Veneta	123*	121							
10639Junction City	23	20							
121337 Eugene	23	13							
	<b>1361</b>	<b>1154</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #13</b>									
584 Albany	360	342							
661 Salem	342	360							
2105 Harrisburg	36*	32							
3203 Dallas	124*	108							
3437 Sweet Home	222	188							
3957 Monroe	37	30							
4065 Jefferson	36	31							
5638 Stayton	75	74							
	<b>1232</b>	<b>1165</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #14</b>									
180 Gresham	233*	179							
1324 Oregon City	274*	222							
3973 Molalla	427*	330							
4273 Sandy	416*	404							
6057 Canby	100*	79							
12140 Lake Oswego	336*	276							
	<b>1786*</b>	<b>1490</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #15</b>									
2666 Hillsboro	275*	230							
3452 Tualatin	154	147							
4015 Newberg	177	165							
4211 Willamina	74	78*							
4617 Beaverton	89	83							
10626 Dayton	178*	180*							
	<b>947</b>	<b>883</b>							
<b>DISTRICT #16</b>									
MEMBERS AT LARGE	1515	1440							
*100% POSTS									

## New Membership Guidelines

Our last Membership Focus email talked about the proper procedures for deceasing a member of your Post. This week, we're going to take a look at the 2017-2018 VFW National Membership Program and go over some important details of the All-American contest.

You can always find the current version of the VFW Membership Program online by logging into [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), scrolling down to VFW Training & Support, and then clicking on the Membership Recruiting & Retention link. On that page you will find the 2017-18 VFW National Membership Program, as well as other valuable resources.

For some background, the All-American contest has been one of the VFW's longest-running incentives to recognize our Posts, Districts, and Departments that go above and beyond to further the mission of the VFW by increasing membership and taking part in VFW programs. Every year at the National Convention, All-American Commanders are recognized for their achievements.

This year's requirements differ from those in previous years, so please refer to the 2017-2018 VFW National Membership Program for the specific details. I will go over them here:

**For a Post to make All-American, they must:**

- Have more than 50 members on July 1, 2018.
- Have membership greater than 100%, meaning an increase over their June 30, 2017 total (adjusted after the Life Member Amnesty period).
- Recruit new and reinstated members equal to 5% of prior year total. What this means is that if your prior year total (visible on Memstats) is 100, you must have at least 5 new and/or reinstated members this year in order to be considered for All-American status. If your prior year total was 250, you will need 13 new and/or reinstated members.
- Finish in the top 50 Posts in your respective division. Membership divisions are based on your prior year totals, and are published in the National Membership Program. The top

50 will be based off membership percentages (Current Year Total / Prior Year Total).

- Advance an entry to the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and National Citizenship Education programs. Overseas Posts may make a \$50 donation in lieu of entry.
- Buddy Poppy: Must purchase Buddy Poppies.



- Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to National Veterans & Military Support Services, minimum of \$50.

- Appoint a Post Service Officer.

This may seem like a lot, but these are all things your Post should be doing. If your Post is among the top-performing Posts, those are the ones we will reward with All-American status.

**District leadership criteria for All-American:**

- Recruit new and reinstated members equal to 5% of prior year totals.
- Have membership greater than 100%.
- Finish in the top 25 Districts in your division.
- Advance entries to the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and National

Citizenship Education programs. Overseas Districts may make a \$100 donation in lieu of entry.

The requirements for District All-American status are much the same as for Posts; we are looking at the aggregate performance of the District to determine All-American status.

**For All-American Department leadership criteria, the requirements are:**

- Membership greater than 100%
- Recruit new and reinstated members equal 5% of prior year totals.
- Establish at least one new VFW Post in the Department \*OR\* increase the membership of three Posts with less than 50 members to having over 50 members.
- National Legislative Service: Submit monthly NLS committee member/chairman reports to the National Legislative Service department in the Washington DC office.

• National Veterans Services: Must have a State/Department service officer submitted to National Veterans Services in the Washington DC office by July 31, 2017 as well as submitting monthly NVS committee member/chairman reports to the National Veterans Services office in Washington DC.

• Submit entries for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and National Citizenship Education programs for national judging.

• Veterans & Military Support Programs: Must complete a State/Department fundraiser with proceeds going to Veterans & Military Support Programs, Kansas City MO.

• Student Veterans of America (SVA): Must have a State/Department level SVA liaison registered with the VFW Programs department no later than July 31, 2017. Must also complete three or more SVA events spanning at least two of the three semesters (fall, spring, and summer) and submit activity reports to the VFW Programs Department.

You will note that this year, the All-American contest contains a lot of specifics about VFW program participation. This is part of the work our Posts, Districts, and Departments are here to do, furthering the overall VFW mission. If you have questions about these programs or requirements, you can contact us directly at the Membership Department and we will be happy to answer any questions and address any concerns you may have.

Every year, it is our honor as the VFW Membership Department to administer this program and to recognize those in the VFW who truly go above and beyond, exceeding the standard and raising the bar for what it means to live up to the VFW motto and show that NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

As always, the National Headquarters is here to provide support, training, materials, and anything else you need to reach these goals. We're just an email or a phone call away.

In addition, under the Membership Recruiting and Retention page - <http://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/membership-recruiting-and-retention> - you can find training videos, webinars, as well as downloadable forms, brochures, and posters. If you need it, we will most likely have it available on the website for you or you can order it from the Membership Department.

Matt Nute  
VFW Membership Department



# VFW TAPS

DIST/POST/CITY	NAME	DIST/POST/CITY	NAME	DIST/POST/CITY	NAME
2 1440 St. Helens	Von N Smith	8 4750 Hermiston	Leroy Proctor	14 661 Salem	Carlos H Grant
2 2848 Bay City	Donald S Bishop	8 4750 Hermiston	Bennie B Reeves	14 661 Salem	Richard J Manning
2 2848 Bay City	Vincent H Richard	9 3156 Waldport	James W Groves	14 3437 Sweet Home	AW Duncan
2 2848 Bay City	Marvin C Riley	9 3156 Waldport	Larry A Wilson	15 180 Portland	Harry E Stewart
2 2848 Bay City	Kay A Yingling	9 3232 Florence	Larry Robert Allen	15 1324 Oregon City	Charley G Wallis
2 10580 Warrenton	Jim Fluhrer	9 3232 Florence	Dale E Allin	15 6057 Canby	Elroy L Blomberg
2 12123 Seaside	Spurgeon D Keeth, Sr.	9 3232 Florence	Joel R Sorensen	15 12140 Lake Oswego	Bill L Deforrest
3 1325 Portland	Frank L Larsen	9 3232 Florence	Leroy Vick	15 12140 Lake Oswego	Aaron C Ellis
3 1442 Portland	Robert R Lawrence	9 4227 Toledo	William A Robeson	15 12140 Lake Oswego	Richard L Golladay
3 4248 Portland	Frank P Fuesser	10 1412 Prineville	Ralph E Little	15 12140 Lake Oswego	Laytham Gooden
3 4248 Portland	James D Gratton	10 1643 Bend	John S Kizzia	15 12140 Lake Oswego	Bernard W Johnson, Jr
3 4248 Portland	Edward D Landis	10 1643 Bend	Lawrence L Zufelt	15 12140 Lake Oswego	Robert V Long, Sr.
3 4248 Portland	Kenneth F Mahle	10 4108 Redmond	John L Jackson	15 12140 Lake Oswego	Thomas Phelps
3 4248 Portland	John E Marti	10 4108 Redmond	Laurence Robbins	15 12140 Lake Oswego	Ian W Quinn
3 4248 Portland	Roy E Roberts	12 2468 Roseburg	George W Marsh	15 12140 Lake Oswego	Donald P Thomas
5 1383 Klamath Falls	John P Ervine	12 2468 Roseburg	Robert D Nickles	15 12140 Lake Oswego	Clayton Thompson
5 1383 Klamath Falls	Ward J Friedman	12 2468 Umpqua	Alden Pakros	16 4211 Willamina	Robert B De Long
6 2990 La Grande	Oscar W Berger	12 2468 Roseburg	Donald W Pruitt, Sr.	16 4211 Willamina	James E Nichols
6 4060 Union	Armand J De Rosset	12 3970 Sutherlin	William J Cranford	16 4211 Willamina	Kevin W Scott
6 4060 Union	Johnny K Denning	12 3970 Sutherlin	Thomas D Llewellyn	16 10626 McMinnville	Colin L Armstrong
6 5452 Ontario	Eldon L Hammon	13 293 Eugene	William M Kunkle	16 10626 McMinnville	RC Greene
6 7847 Halfway	Ira D Booth	13 293 Eugene	Patrick J Moore	113 4039 Creswell	Henry O Honer
7 1833 Medford	John C Ferch	13 3473 Cottage Grove	Howard K Bennett	15038 Member-at-Large	William B Borgeson
7 2302 Grants Pass	Pierre E Desolminiac	13 3473 Cottage Grove	James E Boyce	15038 Member-at-Large	Phillip Hall
7 4116 Rogue River	Owen D Bullock	13 3473 Cottage Grove	Larry D Edmiston	15038 Member-at-Large	Walter A Langer
7 4116 Rogue River	Herbert E Robb, Jr	13 3473 Cottage Grove	Richard A Simpson	15038 Member-at-Large	Harvey V Rossi
8 4750 Hermiston	Kenneth L Alford	13 3965 Springfield	Alvin E West	15038 Member-at-Large	Clyde H Sinner
8 4750 Hermiston	Michael H Flerchinger	13 10639 Junction City	Richard P Bryson	15038 Member-at-Large	Rudolph B Stevens
8 4750 Hermiston	Ronald G Lamoreaux	14 661 Salem	Michael Costello	15038 Member-at-Large	Robert F Strickland
8 4750 Hermiston	Albert W Partlow	14 661 Salem	Elwood L Fogleman		
		14 661 Salem	Walter W Gibson		

## RECRUITERS

as of 1/8/18

Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members	Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members
		No Recruiter	73	14	584	Henry L. Hamel	5
15	12140	Kenneth L. Kraft	218	4	3440	Joseph Q. Addair	4
15	3973	George E. Carroll	48	10	1643	Robert W. Cusick	4
10	4108	John R. Wrinkle	46	10	1643	Rodney B. Upham	4
15	3973	Jason Carroll	34	14	661	Kerry A. Wymetalek	4
14	3203	Dennis R. Pratt	33	2	1440	Denver L. Peoples	3
15	3973	Ronald W. Jagodnik	32	2	2848	James O. Henry	3
13	4039	Rick L. Higgins	30	2	10580	Albert A. Little	3
9	3232	James W. Swant	26	6	4307	Ann M. Gosnell	3
6	4060	Timothy W. Carper	24	7	4116	Robert D. Wood	3
2	12123	Claude Miller	22	10	4108	Dan S. Tureck	3
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	13	10	4108	Jason E. Brock	3
13	9448	Kathy A. Lundeen	13	10	12141	Leonard L. Parsons	3
15	3973	Rodney W. Wymore	12	12	3970	James E. Horton	3
16	2666	Roger D. Pack	12	13	3473	Kenneth E. Hunt	3
10	12141	Floyd W. Leach	10	13	3965	James E. Matthews	3
15	4273	Allen P. Anderson	9	14	661	Greg Terhune	3
15	4273	Bert W. Key	8	14	3203	Johnathon A. Mullins	3
3	4248	Dale N. Guldenzopf	7	15	1324	Paul H. Harris	3
13	3965	James E. Manson	7	15	1324	Robert W. Black	3
16	10626	Juan M. Palacios	7	15	6057	Martin T. Lackner	3
6	4060	Kenneth J. Hart	5				

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Roseburg 97470. 541-459-3765

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~ Cheryl Campos.



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