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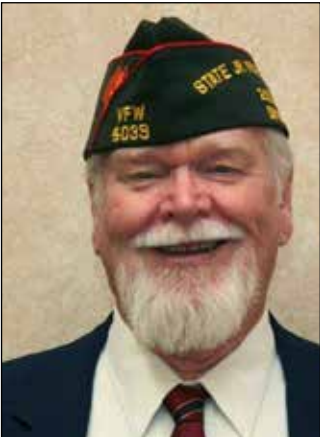
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STATE COMMANDER



RICK HIGGINS

Membership Challenges

Happy New Year! Hope you've had a wonderful holiday season, and that 2019 will be a healthy and prosperous year for each of you.

The first six months of last year was a whirlwind of activity, resulting in some major accomplishments for the Department of Oregon. As of January 1, 2019, we surpassed

our membership goal of 92 percent and in fact made it to 95.15 percent. The 92 percent goal was a benchmark set by the CnC B.J. Lawrence; his reward was a Henry Rifle for the state Quartermaster. Congratulations, Cheryl! I want to thank all of you for your hard work to accomplish this goal and especially a big shout out to the membership team. With some more hard work, we will achieve our goal of 100 percent.

As State Commander, I have created membership challenges for the Districts and the Posts for the month of December. Seven of the Districts have met the challenge. One name will be drawn to receive a free night's lodging at Mid-Winter. There were 55 Posts that met their challenge. One name will be drawn to receive a football jersey of their choice.

I want to remind all Post officers that are annual members to be sure and have their dues paid before their membership year expires. If your dues are not paid before the end of that month, you will be automatically removed by National and not allowed to be an officer until the ensuing year. If you haven't received a reminder call from me or one of the Department line officers, you soon will. Post Commanders and Quartermasters, you should be checking at the beginning of each month to be sure that your officers' dues have been paid; by doing so you will save yourselves the election of a new officer. So far this year we have not had anyone removed.

I want to thank all who have worked hard for Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year Programs. At this time the State winners have been selected for these programs. As a reminder, all District Commanders need to have rooms and meals reserved for their District winners for Mid-Winter.

I look forward to seeing you at the Mid-Winter Conference at Valley River Inn, in Eugene, January 26, 2019.

Thank you for all you do!

Yours in Comradeship,
Rick Higgins

Charging Stations for VA Hospital



Deputy Representative Carl G. Anderson and Portland Representative Chairman, Harvey Pitcher showing the charging stations that the Veterans of Foreign Wars has donated to the VA Hospital.

Department of Oregon Welcomes Gunner Kent to the 2018-2019 Mid Winter Conference



Allen F. "Gunner" Kent
Commander-in-Chief,
1994-1995, Veterans
of Foreign Wars of the
United States

Allen F. "Gunner" Kent was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1994. He served as the Veterans Service Organization Liaison in the Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C., from 1995-2005. In August 2005 he was appointed

Adjutant General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a position he held until his retirement in 2013.

Kent was on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1958 until 1982. He served with the 17th Interrogation and Translation Team, 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions in Vietnam in 1967-68, as well as a six-month assignment with an Army advisory group. He also participated in Operation Frequent Wind, the evacuation of U.S. personnel from Saigon on April 29-30, 1975.

During his military service he received the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal with 2 stars, Marine Corps Unit Commendation Medal with 2 stars, Combat Action Ribbon with gold star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with 1 star, Humanitarian Service Medal with 2 devices, Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal with 2 stars, Sea Deployment Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm, and the Vietnamese Civic Action Ribbon.

Kent's VFW involvement began in 1968 when he joined Post 2811 in Gainesville, Fla. He has served as Chairman of the Americanism Committee, Vice Chairman of both the National Legislative and National Security and Foreign Affairs committees, and was named All-American Post and Department Commander. He is currently a Gold Legacy Life member of VFW Post 9972 in Sierra Vista, Ariz. He was selected Arizona's "Young Vietnam Veteran of the Year" for 1979.

Kent's other affiliations include DAV, AMVETS, Military Order of the Cootie, Marine Corps Mustang Association, Marine Corps League, Marine Corps Intelligence Association, Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame.

He and his wife, Rebecca, reside in Sierra Vista, Ariz. They have two grown children, Allen Jr., and Kimberli Kent Harney, and two grandchildren — granddaughter Topaz, and grandson Dakota.

AUXILLIARY PRESIDENT



CATHY LINDSAY

Together We can Achieve Everything

Hello, VFW Auxiliary, I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. We all have been busy helping our Veterans and communities this Christmas. I have seen the pictures throughout our state — Keep up the great work!

We are so close to our goal for membership for the 2nd quarter, please get those apps to Sonya Saltee, Department Treasurer, before January 25th. We are at 96.99 percent in membership again, so close to being 100 percent. I know we can do it: Just Believe in ourselves that Oregon can be #1. So keep on recruiting.

Mid -Winter is at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, January 25-27, 2019. I am looking so forward to the Mid-Winter meeting, we are going to do something new and I hope you like it. Can't wait to hear those speeches from those amazing students who are our future.

Make sure you are sending your monthly reports to our Program Coordinator Paula Espeland. Remember, that's how the chairmen will be getting their information for their year-end reports. If you are doing the work, report it — report, report, report. Thank you for working so hard on our programs; the Veterans and our communities appreciate it.

Our Organization Rocks! Believe in our mission.

If any Auxiliaries need help, please don't hesitate to call Jan Halverson, our Chief of Staff, or me. We are here for you.

Goal: To work with my VFW counterpart in a productive way and try to set a good example for my auxiliaries of how this relationship BENEFITS both sides.

Quote: "I Stand Alone, But Together We can achieve everything."

Thank you for what you do for our Veterans. You all know it is greatly appreciated. Riding for our Veterans - all things are possible for those who Believe.

Loyally,
Catherine Lindsay

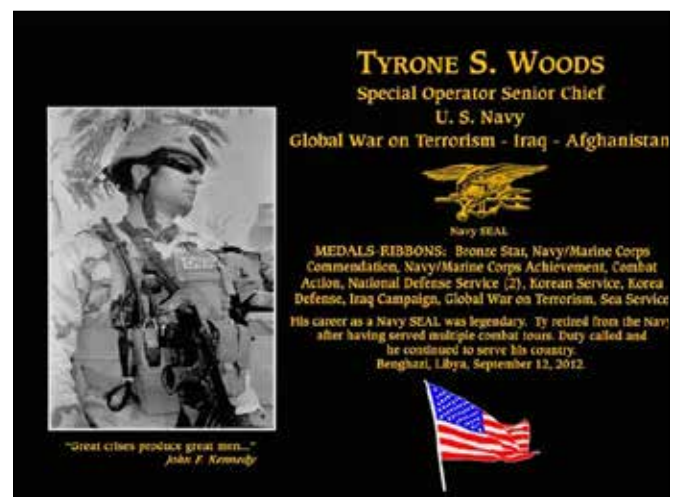
Oregon City Post 1324 Community involvement pays off to honor local Hero

Starting in the spring, Oregon City began the process of naming its newest park. A post member submitted Tyrone S. Woods as a possible name and it became one of the four final choices submitted to public voting.

At the Post August business meeting, Post 1324 passed a motion to support the name and went right to work networking with VFW and community contacts, helping bring in over 8,500 votes; 93 percent for Tyrone.

The Parks Department recommended it and the City Commission officially adopted the name on December 5, 2018, presenting a certificate to his mother and members of the Tyrone Snowden Woods Wrestling Foundation.

The new 9.1-acre park will be the Tyrone S. Woods Memorial Park and is located directly behind Oregon City High School, where Woods graduated in 1989 as a champion wrestler. Woods enlisted in the U.S. Navy,



becoming a SEAL and retired as a Senior Chief, Special Operator. In 2012 he sacrificed his life defending other Americans as a protection contractor for the CIA, in Benghazi, Libya. For 13 hours starting on September 11th 2012, he and his team held off massive attacks by hostiles.

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Tyrone Woods *cont from page 1*

Now that the park has been named for him, Post 1324 is helping raise funds for a stone monument and flagpole to be incorporated in the plans. Donations can be made to the Tyrone S. Woods Memorial account at any Wells Fargo

Bank, sent to VFW Post 1324, PO Box 11, Oregon City, Or. 97045, or a PayPal DONATE button can be used at the Post website; vfw1324.org.



Kirk Klebaum, Cheryl Croft-Bennett, DJ Ruger, Mayor Dan Holladay, Coach Roger Rolan, Coach Doug Samarron, and Chief of Police Jim Band.

Share your news

**Submissions for
Mar - Apr VFW News
due by February 22, 2019**

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CIRCULATION: 15,000 in Oregon

Oldest Past Department Commander of Oregon Laid to Rest

Donald L. Shank, Dept Commander 1962-1963, was laid to rest December 26, 2018 at Willamette National Cemetery. He was 92.



The VFW Memorial Ritual was performed by (left to right) State Jr-Vice George Carroll, Past Dept Commander Jason Carroll, State Sr-Vice John Wrinkle, State Surgeon Allen Anderson and State Chaplain Rex Smith.

Sr. Vice Commander Raffles

Get your tickets now to win an AR15 .223 Rifle with Sight Mark "Ultra Shot Plus Series" Reflex Sight, PMASG 20-round magazine & a hard case. (Cost of background check & transferring ownership is not included.) Sight not pictured.



Guns not your thing, or already have what you need? Enter to win the Sr. Vice Commander 50/50 Raffle!

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

Tickets for either raffle (or enter both to increase your chance to be a winner), are available from John or Valorie Wrinkle, or call 541-678-3895 to place your order.

Need not be present to win.

Drawings will be held at State Convention in June 2019.

Net proceeds will be dedicated to serving our veterans.



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Updates

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER



JOHN WRINKLE

Friendship Visits

I am hoping that all of you had a joyous Christmas and are looking forward to the new year. I extend a grateful "Thank You" to all who have helped us reach State Commander Rick Higgin's membership goal of 92 percent-plus by the end of December 2018. It only happened because of you and your dedication to our great

organization. We must still achieve that 100 percent-plus and I know you are as determined as your State leadership team to get this done as soon as possible.

January is always an exciting month, with our District meeting visits and the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference and Voice of Democracy Banquet in Eugene at the Valley River Inn. I believe that our District meetings give us an opportunity to improve what we are doing by sharing information between our Posts, and it also gives you the opportunity to ask your Department Representative what our goals are and why. The Voice of Democracy Banquet is a wonderful opportunity to meet and hear from our District Voice of Democracy winners and the State Patriot's Pen winner, reaffirming our belief in our country's youth and our country's future.

We have recently visited some Posts in the Department. The purpose was to let the Post membership get to know who we are and to give them the opportunity to ask questions about the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its programs. It has been a win-win situation for us. Please let us know if you would like a "friendship" visit from us. I am positive that State Commander Rick Higgins will continue to support this mission.

If you have any questions or need support, please do not hesitate to call me at 541-678-3895 or email me at wrinkle4108@gmail.com.

Fair winds and following seas,

John R. Wrinkle

National Legislative Report

Many of you may have seen the following in the VFW Action Corps: "Utah Senator Stops Blue Water Navy Bill." An objection by Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) to passing H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018, by unanimous consent on the Senate floor Wednesday has effectively doomed any chance of the bill being passed in the 115th Congress. Lee now joins Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), who objected last week due to the bill's overall cost. Lee's objection was because he wants to wait and see more evidence. "We don't need more sick veterans to prove sufficient evidence," said VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence. "Agent Orange made Vietnam veterans sick, and science agrees that there isn't any reason to treat so-called Blue Water Navy veterans any different than their peers who served ashore or on the inland waterways of Vietnam. Their obstruction to this bill's passage forsakes our nation's promise to take care of those who were injured or made ill due to their military service. Their objections put cost above faithful and honorable service."

The VFW showed up in force to a Blue Water Navy Bill press conference in the Cannon House Office Building. House VA Committee Chairman Dr. Phil Roe (R-Tenn.) and incoming Chairman Mark Takano (D-Calif.) hosted the bipartisan event to urge the Senate to pass H.R. 299, The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act 2018, which the House passed unanimously 382-0 back in June but has been held up twice in the Senate over the past two weeks by Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.) and Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah), who either objected to the bill's cost or wanted to wait for more sufficient evidence. VFW Legislative Director Carlos Fuentes said, "If America can't afford to take care of her veterans, then America should quit creating us."

I am looking for Department and Auxiliary members who plan on attending the March 3-7, 2019 National Legislative Conference. This is your chance to go with me and advocate for veterans with our two Senators and five Representatives in office visits on "The Hill." Our visits are more meaningful when we have members attending from all Oregon legislative districts. In addition, the National Voice of Democracy winners will be named. This is an event that we all should consider attending. We have new Priority Goals and I urge you to go on line at vfw.org and print a copy.

If you have any questions or need support, please do not hesitate to call me at 541-678-3895 or email me at wrinkle4108@gmail.com.

John R. Wrinkle

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER



GEORGE CARROLL

Community Involvement

I hope all had a good holiday and are ready to get back to all of the hard work that is ahead of us. The State is well on the way to 100 percent but we still have a ways to go. We all need to keep working with our unpaid members to insure that they can pay their dues. If they need help PLEASE do not leave them behind.

Everyone says that membership drives this organization and that is true. However I think that there are things that drive the membership. One is COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT. If you look at the Posts who are maintaining their membership and or growing I think that you will find them out in their community doing the VFW programs and being a part of the community. I also think that if you look at the Post who just work on keeping one part of the Post going (the bar or some other single minded thing) you find that they are struggling to keep the Post afloat. We have to be more than just one thing. It is all of the programs that will make us successful.

I hear that we cannot get members to come to the meetings all of the time. And that is a problem that most Post have regardless of size. A lot of that is going to fall on the leadership and members of the Posts. The meetings need to follow the ritual and by-laws of the VFW. Are the Post members a part of the meeting or just there to be a vote? Voting members are important however they need to have input on what is being voted on, too. All members need to feel that they are welcomed to the Post and they are a part of the Post. Get them involved in something; even if that is one project. This will give them a reason to come and be a part of the Post. You may start by seeing what they would or can do when you do your wellness checks. Remind them that even if they cannot make the meeting they can still turn in their community service hours and miles. Without community service reports filled you can lose your non-profit status. Just one more reason to be out in the community doing the programs. If you do not have membership it is hard to do the programs; but without the program it is hard to keep the membership. If the Post is not going to do anything they can stay home and do that. I encourage all to get involved at some level. I know that not all can put in the same time and effort in. However I think that most can do something; it is just finding what that is and matching up the task with the correct member. No member can do it all without any help so step up and give the Post a helping hand.

If you have not ever logged onto the National website, I encourage you to do so if you have a computer. You will need your membership number and your email the first time. National will email you a temporary password that you change to whatever you want. This will let you keep all of your personal information up-to-date. Make sure that they have the correct mailing address, phone number and email on file. You can also pay dues or update to legacy, shop in the store or just read about all of the great VFW programs. There are all sorts of training aids there for your use. Are you going to give a speech at a community function? There are sample speeches in there that you can use or change to fit you. All of that is there for you to use, so use it.

If you are a Commander, Adjutant or Quartermaster you will find that you can get more Post information than those who are not Officers. Use good judgement regarding any personal information. There are some rules to follow to make sure that personal information is not mishandled.

Respectfully,
George Carroll

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JUDGE ADVOCATE



DENNIS PRATT

VOD Banquet and Awards

Do Not Miss Out: The 2019 Voice of Democracy Banquet and Awards

By-the-time you read this, Department judging of the 14 District winners will have been completed and placements decided. I wish to congratulate all Districts and their winners for their efforts. All the speeches were outstanding and worthy

of being judged 1st place. However, the tough choices were made, and placements decided.

The only thing left to do is to come to Eugene and listen to these great speeches while eating a sliced sirloin, roast pork loin or vegetarian dinner. You can do this while attending the Voice of Democracy Banquet, Saturday, January 26, 2019, at the Valley River Inn, Eugene, Oregon. If your post's entry is also the district winner, I hope your post is able to show your winner support and have a multitude of post members in attendance to cheer them on. Get your meal choices to Department as soon as possible; the deadline is January 18th for the banquet. This is your best chance to honor our youth with their ideas on "Why My Vote Matters."

It is not too late for you and/or your Post to contribute to the Department's Voice of Democracy program. Your generous donations determine the amount of prize money given to each District winner. If your post has not donated yet, please get your check to Department quickly. Also, Past Department Commander Rich Halvorson is donating a wooden American Flag/Coin Holder to be raffled off. Rich does great work and this will be a great showpiece for your home, and if you win it you can get your challenge coins out of your sock drawer. Be sure to get your raffle tickets on the 26th.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Department of Oregon VOD Chairman
Dennis Pratt

RECRUITERS

as of 1/4/19

Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members
15	4273	Allen P. Anderson	94
2	12123	Claude Miller	55
13	4039	Rick L. Higgins	53
10	4108	John R. Wrinkle	51
15	3973	George E. Carroll	39
12	3970	Robert J. O'Brien	30
10	12141	Floyd W. Leach	29
13	7384	Norman M. Henshen	27
13	3473	Monroe W. Parrish	25
13	4039	Steven P. Shallenberger	25
13	9448	Donald L. Fertgus	25
15	3973	Ronald W. Jagodnik	23
14	3203	Dennis R. Pratt	20
15	3973	Jason Carroll	15
15	4273	Bert W. Key	15
12	3970	James E. Horton	13
10	4108	Dan S. Tureck	12
15	3973	Rodney W. Wymore	11
15	12140	Kenneth L. Kraft	11
9	4227	Michael R. Petersen	10
13	9448	Chad E. Laing	10
15	4273	Marcus Walters	9
2	10580	Albert A. Little	8
9	3232	James W. Swant	8
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	8
13	3473	Mary K. Sweezy	8
16	10626	Cheryl E. Campos	8
9	4227	Charles R. Ritz	7
13	293	Arnold B. Christensen	7
13	3965	Joe Ramp	7
14	584	Larry Sayles	7
16	10626	Juan M. Palacios	7
5	1383	Duane G. Whitehead	6
13	3965	James E. Manson	6
13	3473	Dennis C. Twite	5
13	4039	Robert A. Beck	5
5	1383	Karen H. Johnson	4
5	1383	Ronald E. Ballard	4
7	6881	Gerald A. Ziemann	4
9	3232	Thomas S. Benedict	4
10	1643	Robert W. Cusick	4
10	12141	Leonard L. Parsons	4

Updates

Vietnam War Memorial Committee

On 14 December 2018 Department Commander Rick Higgins and several of his staff traveled to the Oregon State Capitol building and presented a check for \$5,320 to Steve Bates, Chairman of the Vietnam War Memorial Committee.

The committee is composed of a group of Oregon residents committed to establishing a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol grounds that will provide educational opportunities for future generations.

At our past summer convention in Kah-Nee-Ta, the VFW Membership voted to support the building of a Vietnam Memorial in Salem. This check represents money donated by the various posts from around the Department of Oregon.
















There is much left to be done to realize the completion of this memorial. Fundraising continues, so keep sending your Post donations to the State Quartermaster to be added to this current total.



Presenting the check, from left to right are Department Junior Vice George Carroll, Steve Bates, Department Commander Rick Higgins, Department Judge Advocate Dennis Pratt, Surgeon Allen Anderson, and National Council Representative Bert Key.

District Membership Horse Race

Membership Race as of 3 January 2019

2		94.14%
3		94.97%
4	Currently 3rd Place 	96.96%
5	Finished the Race 	Currently 2nd Place 100.49%
6		94.48%
7		96.25%
8		92.96%
9		96.42%
10		92.75%
12		87.55%
13	Finished the Race 	Currently 1st Place 114.93%
14		91.08%
15		93.77%
16		96.06%
99		86.92%

Updates

Department of Oregon Membership 2018 - 2019

as of 1/5/2019



Department Total 2018 2019
14,885 12,312

Department Percentage 2018 2019
104.88% 95.62%

	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019
DISTRICT #2			DISTRICT #6			DISTRICT #9			DISTRICT #14		
1440 St. Helens	58	64*	2990 La Grande	69	56	732 Siletz	27	18	584 Albany	374	340
1909 Rainier	64	55	3048 Baker City	167	145	2624 Newport	124	120	661 Salem	398	347
2848 Bay City	109	106	3749 Huntington	21	21*	3156 Waldport	51	51*	2105 Harrisburg	35	33
2994 Clatskanie	36	36*	4060 Union	110	105	3232 Florence	354	324	3203 Dallas	135	112
4362 Scappoose	76	60	4307 Enterprise	172	158	4227 Toledo	37	55	3437 Sweet Home	206	202
10580 Warrenton	88	103*	5452 Ontario	124	125*		628	568	3957 Monroe	32	34
12123 Seaside	68	44	7847 Halfway	76	75*	DISTRICT #10			4065 Jefferson	36	32
499	468		739	655		1412 Prineville	130	115	5638 Stayton	83	80
						1643 Bend	303	310*		1299	1180
DISTRICT #3			DISTRICT #7			4108 Redmond	711	612	DISTRICT #15		
1325 Peninsula/Pep	119	105	1833 Medford	375	369*	4217 Warm Springs	30	38*	180 Gresham	257	201
1442 Jasper C Lent	230	219	2302 Grants Pass	142	133	7242 La Pine	68	57	1324 Oregon City	266	228
4248 Sellwood Brk.	437	418	4116 Rogue River	278	253	8138 Sisters	48	56*	3973 Molalla	431	370
	786	775	6881 Shady Cove	46	43	12141 Madras	73	68	4273 Sandy	476	555*
			9670 Jacksonville	24	26*		1363	1256	6057 Canby	94	89
			865	824					12140 Lake Oswego	341	340
DISTRICT #4			DISTRICT #8			DISTRICT #12				1885	1783
965 Coquille	23	23*	922 Pendleton	278	259	2468 Roseburg	309	263	DISTRICT #16		
966 Brookings	84	80	2471 The Dalles	74	65	3970 Sutherlin	256	230	2666 Hillsboro	281	268
2928 Myrtle Point	55	48	3597 John Day	30	30*	7752 Myrtle Creek	137	138*	3452 Tualatin	159	153
3182 North Bend	74	75*	567 Milton Freewater	36	24	9745 Winston	205	180	4015 Newberg	176	167
3440 Bandon	211	218*	4750 Hermiston	170	168		907	811	4211 Willamina	74	82*
4439 Gold Beach	49	40		647	546	DISTRICT #13			4617 Beaverton	101	77
6102 Powers	36	27				293 Eugene	289	291*	10626 Dayton	203	207*
	532	511				3473 Cottage Grove	184	206*		999	954
						3965 Springfield	552	575*	MEMBERS AT LARGE	1706	1491
DISTRICT #5						4039 Creswell	108	151*	*100% POSTS		
1383 Klamath Falls	721	729*				4166 Marcola	33	38*			
4070 Lakeview	81	71				7384 Coburg	51	63*			
6147 Malin	16	17*				9448 Veneta	140	208*			
	813	817*				10639 Junction City	22	31*			
							1379	1563*			



And From the Auxiliary

SR. VICE PRESIDENT



JANIE WILLS

Words to the Wise

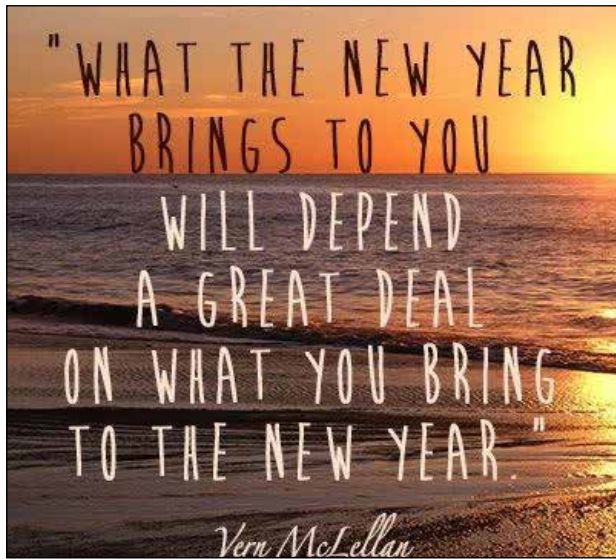
We are at the beginning of a new year. Let's remember we are here for our veterans and their families.

Take time in the upcoming year to smile a little more, reach out a little more, and consider what another person is going through before you speak.

Wishing all of you the best the year has to offer.

Here are a few words to think about.

Janie Wills



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



DEBBIE LITTLE

Make Vets Top Priority

Happy New Year!! I hope you enjoyed all this season has to offer us. I know there were children involved. You cannot have a Santa Claus and not have kids. Please, please, please make sure that you send in your Youth Activities reports on everything you did. Did you make and deliver Christmas

boxes to local families in need? Count the kids in those families. Did you have a Post/Auxiliary Christmas party? I bet you had kids come to those. Did you go caroling, stuff stockings for veterans, go to a Christmas program at the school? As I have been saying all year, kids are everywhere, let's count them.

As we begin a new year, I am not one to make resolutions because I never stay on the diet more than a week (if I make it a week), my exercise machine quickly becomes a clothes hanger, and I forget to take that special time out just for me. But I have a resolution this year that I know I can keep and all of you can, too: make our veterans our top priority in all that we do in 2019. There are so many programs and resources available to us that we can't fail. Contact your local school, Cub Scout or Boy Scout Pack and volunteer to tell them about the VFW Post and Auxiliary. Our Post members are walking, talking history books, let's share them with our youth.

I hope to see each of you at the Mid-Winter Conference at the Valley River Inn, in Eugene, January 25th through the 27th. We have a new format and I know you are going to love it. See you soon..

Respectfully,
Debbie Little

DEPT. CHAPLAIN



VALERIE WRINKLE

Helping Veterans

Christmas is over, and the New Year is here! I hope you all have a blessed, healthy, and happy New Year! I found this quote by the former Prime Minister of Sweden, Göran Persson that I wanted to share with you:

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: that we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word."

Let's expand that resolution and add that we will also re-dedicate ourselves to the mission of the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary by helping our veterans and their families; our active military and their dependents; our youth; and our community.

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DEPT. TREASURER



SONYA SALLEE

Treasurer's Notes

Well, half of the year is over and we are doing great. I hope that great things are happening in your auxiliary. I am really proud of many of our auxiliaries and I need you to keep up the good work. We are on the downhill run and we need to keep things going for the rest of the year.

Remember at your next meeting you need to get your audit done for the time period ending 12/31. Please, if you

don't have a meeting the month of January due to weather or can't do the audit due to lack of a quorum or not enough people at the meeting to do the audit PLEASE let me know. I don't mind your being late, but I would like to know that you are going to be late. I mean those audits are important and I need to have a copy of each audit for my records so please get them in as soon as you can. Call or email me and I will make note that it will be late. Remember the one that is very important to get in on time is the March audit. If I don't have that audit by May 15, 2019 you won't be able to vote at the election at convention, so make sure you get it in on time.

Treasurers, you are the last person to look at the applications for new or rejoins for your auxiliary. Please check the application for problems before you send them in to me. It delays getting them in to National if the application isn't filled out properly. I got two the other day and the application didn't have the birthdates of the members on them. I can't submit the application without a birthdate and it causes a delay in getting the applications to National. I had to call the applicant to get their birthdate. I could have sent it back to the treasurer, but I didn't.

The other thing that I am finding, and this is something that we have discussed before: If you have a member recruited by a post member, we can't put the Post member's number in the Auxiliary website to be the recruiter. You can put their name at the bottom of the application and I will put them on the list and they will get Cathy's pen. But on the top of the application it must be an auxiliary member and their auxiliary number, not their phone number or Social Security number. Then we can give an auxiliary member the credit for getting a member.

Hope you have a great holiday season and a great District meeting. Hope to see a lot of you at the Mid-Winter conference you will be totally amazed at the way that it is going to be done this year and you are going to learn something new about the auxiliary.

See you all soon.
Sonya Sallee

Veterans and Family Support

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Happy New Year!

Now that the Holidays are over it's time to roll up our selves and get busy with our programs. Our Veterans, Active-Duty Military and their families are counting on us.

- Did your Auxiliary have a Christmas Party, Dinner or Breakfast for your Adopted Unit?
- Did your Auxiliary have a Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher Awards Dinner?
- Has your Auxiliary handed out Rack Cards, donated to Unmet Needs or the Veterans Services Officer?

If so, please report everything your Auxiliary is doing to help Veterans.

Hope to see you all at Mid-Winter, January 26, 2019, at the Valley River Inn, Eugene, Oregon. Auxiliary meeting starts at 8:00 am.

Debbie Wright, Chairman
Veterans & Family Support

JR. VICE PRESIDENT



DEBBIE WRIGHT

Upcoming Events

Happy New Year!

Wow, it's already time for Winter District Meetings and Mid-Winter; this year is flying by. Thank you for working so hard for our Auxiliary. You've made Oregon shine. Lets keep this motorcycle rolling for our Oregon VFW Auxiliary and our President Catherine Lindsay.

Can't wait to see everybody at Mid-Winter and hear the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen winners read their winning essays as well as find out who the Teachers of the Year are.

The Auxiliary Mid-Winter meeting will start on Saturday, January 26th at 8:00 am. We are going to have a Mid-Winter like we have never had before with some surprises. We hope that you will find it exciting, informative and fun. I encourage you to attend and be a part of Auxiliary history.

Congratulations to Cheryl Campos, Hidden Motorcycle Winner for January 2019.

Loyally,
Deb Wright

Auxiliary

Membership Happenings

Happy New Year members! We have so much to celebrate this year for the membership of the Department of Oregon VFWA. We continue to be in the conference that is in first place in the conference standings, so that means after December 31st, each department in the Western conference will get \$50.00 from National. It's been a long time that the Western Conference has stayed that high in the standings for the first 6 months of the year. We can congratulate all the Western conference departments.

Oregon is currently at 97.02 percent in membership. We continue to be 2nd in the nation in membership and close behind the 1st place department, Alaska. At this time, we only need 10 new or rejoins for us to make our 2nd quarter goal from National and I have heard that we are getting that many in before the end of January. At this time, we only need 159 members to be 100 percent-plus for the year. I am so proud and so amazed how well we are doing this year. I have talked to many of the treasurers of the auxiliaries that are close to being 100 percent and when they could they would help me by going to their next meeting and paying the dues of the members that they could. Please all the rest of the auxiliaries that have quite a few more members left to pay, please look at your list and if some of those members are older or unable to pay their dues get them paid for them. It's what we should do for our older members. If your auxiliary doesn't want to pay, then get some of your members to be dues angels or contact me and I have some people that I can call on to get some of members paid for.

At this time, we have 6 districts that are 100 percent-plus in membership, that is almost half of our districts. And many of them aren't just barely above that level but the highest percentage district is District 12 and they are at 103.44 percent and close behind them is District 8 at 103.11 percent and I know some auxiliaries in those districts are working at getting more, new or rejoin members.

We also have 8 auxiliaries that are at 100 percent and then we have another 17 that are 100 percent-plus. Everyone is doing a great job. Congrats to all the auxiliaries that have hit their goal and got more new members. Aux. 4273 has gotten in 20+ new or rejoins this year, I am so proud of all of you so keep up the good work, let us get to be 100 percent-plus by the time that Cathy goes to National Mid-Winter in Arizona.

Just a little blast from the past, three years ago at this time we were at 90 percent and last year we were at 94 percent at this time so with just a little work we can be a 100 percent Department and we can do it earlier than we have ever done it before. Start checking your family members, your friends and people you bump into when you are out. Check to see if they are eligible and give them an application. Keep an application on you at all times.

Please come to the Mid-Winter and learn more. Read the treasurer's notes this month, as there is some information for all members there. I hope to see as many of you as possible at Eugene the end of January.

Hospital Program

The New Year has arrived. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that you were able to find ways to share the joy of Christmas with some of our hospitalized veterans. Whether you did this by donating items or money to a VA or non-VA facility, or by visiting veterans in a hospital or other facility is not important. What is important is that you shared a little of yourself with those who have done so much for us and for their country.

This first month of the new year, I would like to focus on the Veterans Voices Writing Project, which is one part of the Auxiliary Hospital program. We talked about this at our Training Academies last year and our National Hospital Ambassador Vickie Rosse talked about this program in one of her recent blogs on the VFWAuxiliary.org website. Following is an excerpt from that blog.

"The mission of the Veterans' Voices Writing Project is to enable military veterans to experience solace and satisfaction through our writing program. The organization's vision is a world where people appreciate that writing can both heal and entertain. Any veteran can write prose or poems and submit it for publication in the Veterans' Voices magazine. The 64-page magazine is published three times a year."

How can you and I help? There are many ways, but I have picked out just a few that I feel are so simple that anyone can do it.

Volunteer. Help veterans write their story. You can ask VVWP to help you start a writing group with veterans in your area. Be a good listener, be compassionate and always be ready to take notes.

Share the mission and information with veterans, their families and community.

Subscribe to Veterans' Voices. An annual subscription (three issues per year) is \$35.00. (I recently started my subscription. Auxiliaries can also subscribe, or you can buy a subscription for a VA or non-VA medical facility. What a wonderful way to share these meaningful stories!)

Donate. The Veterans' Voices Writing Project is supported solely by contributions from corporations, individuals, and veterans' organizations. Donations help with printing and mailing costs, prizes for writers, maintaining the website, etc. You can make a one-time monetary donation or set up a monthly donation.

If you are interested in starting a writing group in your area, VVWP would be more than happy to help you get started. This can be a very personal and worthwhile kind of volunteer experience!

Want to know more? Contact the organization at Veterans Voices Writing Project, 406 W. 34th Street, Suite 103, Kansas City, MO 64111. Phone: 816-701-6844, Email: info@veteransvoices.org.

Read a sample article in the next column

Why Ships Are Called "She"

By J. Allen Whitt
VA Medical Center – Albuquerque, NM

After two and a half years of Vietnam service aboard the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea (CVA-43), I understand why ships are called "She." Even though Coral Sea was not a living thing, I felt she had become so. She had a distinct personality, quirks, and moods. She seemed capable of sadness, exultation and indifference, as well as dashing boldness, pride and unpredictability. She housed us, fed us, carried us across oceans and kept us safe. She took us through a massive typhoon with 130 miles per hour winds that sent gray 40-foot waves spilling over the flight deck.

She was easily recognizable from a distance and could entrance us as she gracefully slipped through still seas, cutting symmetric bow-waves that spread across the surface. In time, the ship became mine, and I fell in love with her. Long after I deserted her, I listened for news of her, and felt that I still knew her intimately. A sailor's attachment to his ship is frequently strong and abiding.

The attachment is also to fellow crew members, a movable community of those who live, eat, sleep, face dangers and work to keep the ship and her mission going. All sailors, from those who first dared to venture out onto the waters, to those who sail in today's technological marvels, are members of a family with shared knowledge, experience and skills. They understand the power, mystery and appeal of the sea.

In combat, or when a ship and her crew have suffered a great tragedy, this attachment to ship and crew may be greater still. The battleship USS Arizona (BB-39) has been at the bottom of Pearl Harbor since 1941. When she was sunk, she took 1,177 men with her, most entombed inside the ship, beyond rescue. Arizona was righted, her superstructure removed, and her guns salvaged for use on other Navy ships. No longer commissioned, the ship still flies the American flag. She is considered a war grave.

(For the full story, see the Fall 2018 edition of Veterans Voices Magazine.)

I wish you all a happy and productive New Year. I hope to see you at our Mid-Winter Conference in Eugene January 25 to 27, 2019!

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Buddy Poppy & National Home

Buddy Poppies: Has your auxiliary done something special with Buddy Poppies? Have you distributed any poppies since April 1st 2018? Would like to see pictures of the items or displays anyone has done.

National Home: Thanks to all of you who have donated minimum 10 cents/member for National Home. There are a lot of auxiliaries who have not paid (this is an obligation for every auxiliary) or they have paid online. Please, if you have paid on please get copy of receipt to me or Sonja (State treasurer).

National Home life membership increased to \$50.00/year as of January 2019. NOW is the time to become a life member. Application available on their web site.

Reports have been slow in coming in. Remember your year started April 1st. If you have done anything for Buddy Poppy program or National Home, please get your reports turned in.

Janie Wills
Buddy Poppy/National Home Chairman
handymn@comcast.net

REMEMBER:

Show your support
any time of the year by

distributing Buddy Poppies.

The flower of remembrance
They Gave, Will You?

Honor the Dead by Helping the Living



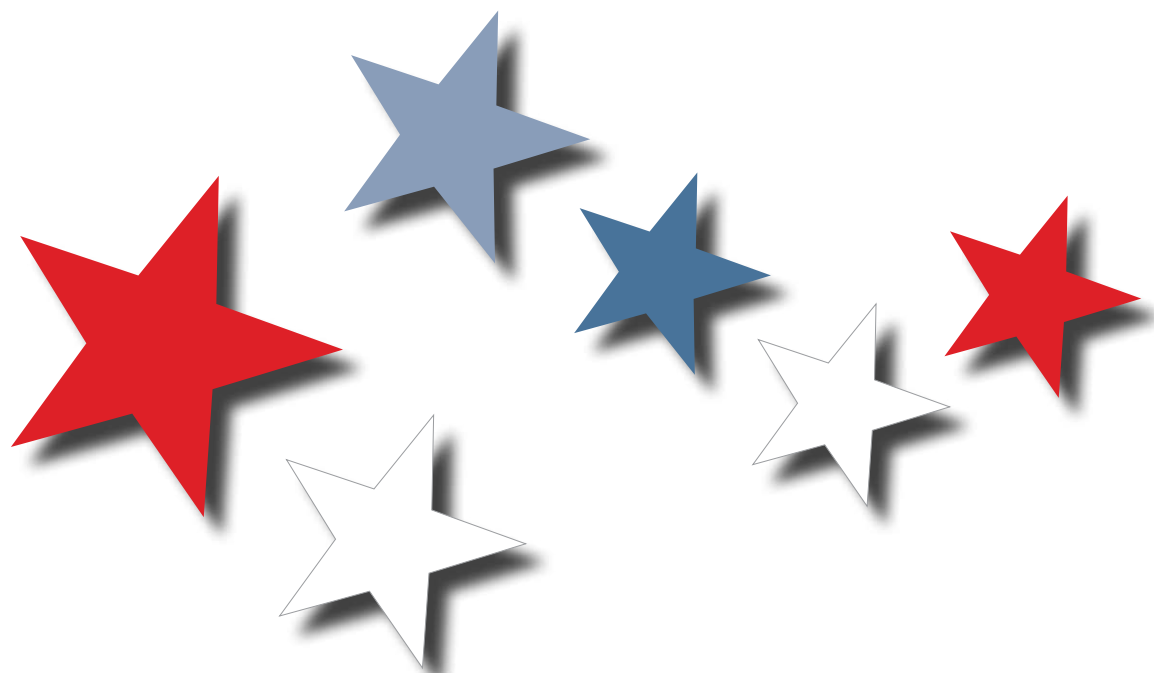
VFW TAPS

District/Post	City	Name	MI	Last
2	1909	Rainier	William E	Jones
3	1325	Portland	Alfred S	Herring
3	1325	Portland	William	Minard
3	1325	Portland	Paul V	Riordan
3	1325	Portland	Kindrick	Sims
3	1325	Portland	Bernard J	Smith
3	4248	Portland	Martin J	Hietpas Jr.
3	4248	Portland	Ralph W	Wheeler
4	3440	Bandon	Edward A	Dahl
4	3440	Bandon	Bernard R	Ertel
4	3440	Bandon	John J	Kirchgesler
4	3440	Bandon	Melvin E	Potterf
4	3440	Bandon	Elbert A	Williams
4	3440	Bandon	Curtis R	Wilson
4	3440	Bandon	James B	Wilson
4	6102	Powers	George G	Clark Jr.
6	3048	Baker City	Wilfred A	Venable
6	7847	Halfway	Billy D	Waldron
8	922	Pendleton	Vernon E	Lathrop
8	922	Pendleton	Timothy	Smith
9	3232	Florence	Jack J	Maywood
9	4227	Toldeo	Leslie A	Mc Kinley
10	1412	Prineville	Melvin D	Hall
10	1643	Bend	Robert H	Connell
10	4108	Redmond	Gerald A	George
10	4108	Redmond	James L	Newcomer
10	4108	Redmond	Weldon W	Hamilton
10	4108	Redmond	Galen	Wisdom
12	2468	Roseburg	George H	Bryan
12	3970	Sutherlin	Michael	McDermott
13	4039	Creswell	Delmar	Curry
13	4039	Creswell	Michael G	Coltharp
13	9448	Veneta	Thomas W	Postelle
14	661	Salem	Warren N	Saul
14	661	Salem	Albert J	Bochsler
14	661	Salem	Floyd R	Gartner
14	661	Salem	Clifford S	Cook
14	3203	Dallas	Alvin E	Mobley
14	3437	Sweet Home	Charles M	Kirby
15	4273	Sandy	Edward	Rognle
16	4211	Willamina	Vernon A	Edwards
16	10626	McMinnville	Allan C	Egnew
16	10626	McMinnville	Harry L	Gentry
16	10626	McMinnville	Donald M	Wood
15038	MAL	Keith A	Lyons	
15038	MAL	Kenneth H	Hagen	
15038	MAL	Jack A	Cassity Jr.	
15038	MAL	Kent W	Gore	
15038	MAL	Taylor	Tomita	

Roseburg Operation Home Front

On Saturday December 22 VFW Post 2468 in Roseburg, Oregon, once again opened its doors for the annual Operation Home Front toy giveaway program in conjunction with Dollar Tree, Inc. We are pleased to announce that we were able to help over 350 local Veterans' children. A special thank you to Operation Home Front local coordinator Carol Hunt and to the many volunteers that participated. This is a wonderful event that helps so many in our community.

Mike Eakin
Quartermaster VFW Post 2468



Molalla Running Club Donation



The Molalla Running Club puts on a 5K run every 4th of July. Runners come from all over the world to participate in the run. The Freedom 5K is a 3.1-mile race that mirrors the entire parade route just before the parade starts. Post 3973 presents the Colors at the start of the race. As a result the Running Club gave the Post a very generous donation.

Oregon Wounded Warrior Parking Placard

Starting Jan. 1, 2019, Oregon veterans who qualify for a disabled parking permit and have a service-connected disability that is VA-rated at 50 percent or greater may apply for the new Oregon Wounded Warrior parking placard from the Oregon Department of Transportation's Driver and Motor Vehicles division (DMV).

The Oregon Wounded Warrior parking placard exempts the driver from paying fees in public parking areas with metered parking. It also enables veterans to park in time-limited spaces for longer than the posted limit (except in zones that are designated 30 minutes or less).

There is no fee for the placard, and it will carry the same expiration as the veteran's driver license or ID card.

Qualified veterans who already have a disabled parking placard and would like to apply for the Oregon Wounded Warrior designation must fill out Form 735-265, the DMV's application for a disabled parking permit, which will be revised to include a check box for the Wounded Warrior placard.

The revised form will be available on the DMV website at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/disparking.aspx> and at DMV field offices starting Jan. 2. With the completed form, veterans must also submit a copy of their benefit summary letter (also known as the "tax abatement letter") from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, confirming their service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or greater.

This is a letter that is mailed annually to all disabled veterans. It comes in a bright green envelope. If a veteran needs a copy of this letter, they can log into vets.gov or eBenefits to download one immediately, or they may request a copy from their local county veteran service office or VA regional office.

Veterans who do not already have a disabled parking placard but who meet the qualifications may also apply for the Oregon Wounded Warrior placard. They must fill out Form 735-265 and have their physician sign and confirm that they are eligible for the handicap placard. They must also submit a copy of their benefit summary letter.

The application can be submitted by mail to DMV Headquarters at 1905 Lana Ave NE, Salem, OR 97314. It can also be turned in at any DMV field office.

Qualifying veterans will receive a disabled parking placard or decal with the "Oregon Wounded Warrior" sticker affixed to it.

DMV-related questions may be directed to (503) 945-5000 or (503) 299-9999 (Portland Metro Area).

For more information about Oregon disabled parking permits, visit the DMV website at <https://www.oregondmv.com>.

Iwo Jima Flagraising Ceremony

Saturday, February 23, 2019 10:00 AM

Canby Adult Center

1250 S. Ivy

THE CANBY-AURORA

VFW 6057 Post/Auxiliary

Cordially Invites You To the

24rd Anniversary of the

Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony

Please invite any WWII Veteran you know

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

Upper Rogue Schools VOD and Patriot's Pen Winners

Several Upper Rogue Schools competed in the recent Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests, receiving healthy checks at a pizza party thrown in their honor at Abby's Pizza in White City.

In total, more than 20 students entered the contest, 17 entering the Patriot's Pen contest for middle school-aged students and another several in the Voice of Democracy contest available for high school-aged students.

Callie McCoy of Crater Lake Charter Academy earned the top prize of \$100 for her entry, topping McKenna Shields of Prospect Charter School and Kaya Noelle Masloski of the Crater Lake Charter Academy. Bartlett prepared an original essay, limited to 5 minutes, along with the other entrants. Entries were judged by members of the Shady Cove Moose Lodge, declaring Bartlett the winner.

Shields and Masloski earned respectively \$75 and \$50 for their efforts.

Bartlett will continue on in the competition, first to the District level, and if successful, the state and national levels. The theme of this year's Voice of Democracy was "why my vote matters." all entries had to be submitted prior to October 31.

"Why I honor the American Flag" was the theme of the Patriot's Pen contest for students in Middle School. Catherine Harvey of Cascade Christian School was first place winner in this year's

competition, followed by Artair Brubaker of Crater Lake Charter Academy and Hope Lewis, also of Crater Lake Charter Academy. Winners in this middle school competition received the same cash prizes as the high school students.

Additionally, one teacher is honored each year, and this year, the honoree is Callie McCoy of Crater Lake Charter Academy. The teacher also receives \$100 for being recognized.

The VFW Chapter hopes to increase the number of entrants and participating schools in 2019. Commander Jerry Ziemann of post 6881 made the presentation of checks and awards at the December 12 event.

Ralph McKechnie
VFW Post 6881



Email Announcement

Department email has changed!

Please use:

orvfwHQ@gmail.com

Thank you!

Updates

Legacy Life Members in Oregon

Post	First Name/MI	Last Name	Legacy Level	Post	First Name/MI	Last Name	Legacy Level
10626	Juan M	Palacios	Bronze	12140	Kenneth L	Kraft	Gold
10626	Thomas G	Clayton	Bronze	6057	Janile L	Yost	Silver
10626	Cheryl E	Campos	Gold	6057	Robert G	Sigleer	Bronze
1383	Duane G	Whitehead	Gold	4273	William H	Miller	Gold
1383	Karen H	Johnson	Gold	4273	Marcus	Walters	Bronze
1383	Roger A	Pattee	Gold	4273	Robert L	Anderson	Bronze*
1383	Ronald E	Ballard	Gold	4273	Terry E	Boyer	Silver*
584	Melvin L	Chaput	Gold	4273	Allen P	Anderson	Gold
584	James M	Willis	Bronze	4273	Bert W	Key	Gold
1909	Linda K	Kelly	Silver	5452	Gary M	Good	Bronze
1909	Michal D	Tolleshaug	Gold	5452	Shannon M	Kelly	Bronze
1909	Roger A	Ege	Gold	5452	Donald M	Ristow	Bronze
293	Mark D	Chapman	Gold	5452	Harvey	Hatfield Jr.	Gold
293	Joseph M	Rosano	Bronze	3970	Clifford N	Mc Cauley	Bronze
293	James I	Bell	Bronze	2666	Larry R	Tomb	Bronze
10580	Melvin H	Jasmin	Bronze	2666	Daniel F	Fink	Bronze
10580	E L	Dunn	Silver	2666	Don R	Bowen	Bronze
10580	Albert A	Little	Bronze	2666	Roger D	Pack	Silver
4108	Gary D	Pitman	Silver*	2666	Michael R	Premi	Bronze
4108	Dennis G	Guthrie	Gold	2666	Dale S	Yee	Bronze
4108	Charles E	Chester Jr	Gold	2666	Carl G	Anderson	Bronze
4108	Dan S	Tureck	Gold	2666	Dennis C	Marsh	Gold
4108	Harold G	Davidson	Gold*	2666	Andrew L	Eason	Gold
4108	Robert M	Bragg	Bronze	2624	Robert R	May	Silver
4108	John R	Wrinkle	Gold	2624	David A	Teem Sr.	Gold
3203	Dennis R	Pratt	Bronze	7384	Norman M	Henshen	Silver
1643	Byron J	Smith	Gold	3957	Lawrence R	Alexander	Gold
1643	Matthew R	Walker	Gold	3440	Larry D	Langenberg	Gold
6881	Robert D	Walsh	Bronze	3232	Gerald F	Hernandez	Silver
3973	Stephen G	Morris	Bronze	3232	Harold D	Morgan Sr.	Silver
3973	Ronald W	Jagodnik	Gold	3232	Merritt C	Mosby	Bronze*
3973	Ernest H	Winterton	Bronze	3232	Paul L	Gargis	Gold
3973	Jason	Carroll	Gold	3232	David R	Snyder	Bronze
3973	Kenneth L	Carroll	Bronze	3232	Robert J	Jackson	Bronze*
3973	Roscoe V	Dorsett	Bronze***	3232	Fred M	Burns	Bronze
3973	Jason F	Griswold	Gold	3232	Harley O	Youngblood	Bronze*
3973	Rodney W	Wymore	Silver	3232	Nicole A	Buckley	Bronze
3973	Jeffrey D	Knight	Gold	3232	Bruce W	Smith	Bronze
3973	George E	Carroll	Gold	3232	Bruce D	Andrade	Bronze
180	Scott	Gill	Gold	3232	Robert B	Woerner	Silver
180	Tyler E	Marriott	Gold	3232	Dennis R	Marsh	Silver
180	Robert L	Dooms Jr	Bronze	3232	James W	Gerth	Bronze
180	Val G	Shaull	Bronze	3232	Anthony V	Cavarno	Bronze
180	Franklin R	West	Bronze	3232	John E	McBride	Bronze
180	Maynard C	Smith	Bronze*	3232	Gordon	Rhodes	Bronze
12123	Louis J	Neubecker	Bronze	3232	Phillip M	Ransom	Gold
4116	Charles A	Prudhon	Silver	3232	Allen R	Ransom	Bronze
4116	Corbin A	Motter Sr.	Bronze	3232	Rex L	Ruck	Gold
4116	James M	Poling	Silver	3232	Kennith E	Smith	Gold
4116	Thomas A	Lazette	Bronze	3232	Thomas F	Spayd	Gold
3965	Jess M	Wise Jr.	Gold*	3232	Thomas S	Benedict	Bronze
3965	James E	Matthews	Gold	3232	Robert F	Brown	Gold
3965	John P	Stanks	Gold	3232	Frederick T	Kolbeck	Gold
3965	Steven M	Boosinger	Gold	3232	James W	Swant	Bronze
3965	James E	Manson	Gold	1833	Robert K	Penney	Bronze
4211	Lee K	Saddler	Bronze	1833	Peter J	Pringle	Bronze
15038	Donald C	Sopher	Bronze*	1442	Daniel W	Wakefield	Gold*
15038	Courtland J	Rawson	Gold	1442	Albert A	Reijonen	Bronze
15038	Jon W	Parks	Bronze	1442	Gordon K	Hillesland	Gold
4015	Leonard	Schorzmann	Bronze	4039	Rick L	Higgins	Gold
4015	Seth J	Forquer	Bronze*	4039	Jack L	Gradle	Bronze
4015	Donald R	Cooke	Bronze	4039	Leonard M	Hecker	Bronze
4015	Leonard D.	Braithwait Jr	Bronze	4039	David W	Hendrick	Bronze
4015	Randall E	Savage	Bronze	4039	Bill E	Beer	Bronze
4015	Alvin A	Tesky	Bronze	4039	Richard A	Leppin	Bronze
4015	Leon L	Blanchard	Bronze	4039	Bryce L	Watson	Bronze
4015	Hubert M	Mardock	Bronze	4039	Michael G	Coltharp	Bronze*
4015	Stanley L	Beecroft	Bronze	4039	Richard L	Colson	Silver
4015	Richard G	Lightfoot	Bronze*	4039	John R	Clark	Bronze*
4015	Lester E	Beecroft	Bronze*	4039	Melvin L	Northcutt	Bronze*
4015	George P	EdmonstonB	ronze	4039	Vernon A	Beard	Silver
2928	Michael C	Tribble	Silver	4039	Camren J	Baker	Bronze
2468	Earl T	McAloney	Gold	3156	Andrea D	Summerlin	Gold
2468	Michael D	Eakin	Bronze	661	Kerry A	Wymetalek	Gold
4362	David P	Sleightam	Bronze	661	Greg	Terhune	Gold
4362	Jerry	Peal	Bronze	4248	Thomas R	Mc Neal	Bronze*
1324	Robert W	Black	Bronze*	4248	Dale N	Guldenzopf	Gold
1324	Charles E	Chamberlin	Bronze	4248	Gregory L	Drais	Gold
1324	D J.	Ruger	Gold	3452	Lawrence J	Howard	Bronze
1324	Gregory A	Arnold	Bronze	3452	Harvey A	Pitcher	Gold
1324	Paul H	Harris	Bronze	3452	Arthur V	Mauer	Bronze
1324	James G	McDonald	Gold	3452	Shaun D	Benson	Bronze
1324	Steven	Prowant	Bronze	3452	Ernie	Doyle	Gold
1324	Neil E	Birch	Bronze	9448	Richard L	Eubank	Gold
1324	Larry W	Moseley	Bronze	9448	Stanley G	Ritari	Gold
1324	William M	Trumble	Bronze	9448	Donald L	Fertgus	Gold
1324	Maurice A	Deets	Bronze	9448	John C	Johann	Gold
1324	David M	Kidd	Bronze	9448	James R	Clarke	Gold
1324	John A	Baranek	Gold	1d9448	Thomas G	Laing	Gold
1324	John S	Morell Jr.	Bronze	9448	Kathy A	Lundeen	Bronze
1324	Arthur E	Kimball	Gold	4217	Raymond C	Tsumpti Jr.	Gold
1324	Edward L	Gresham	Gold	922	Judith A	Burger	Gold
1324	Dale K	Miller	Bronze	922	Nicholas R	Van Kirk	Gold
1324	Shawn P	Dachtler	Bronze	922	Richard E	Halverson	Gold
1324	Shannon M	Ferreira	Bronze	922	James F	Hand	Gold*
1325	James H	Mc Gee Jr.	Gold	4116	Corbin A	Motter Sr.	Bronze
12140	Beau D	Mcneff	Silver	4015	George P	Edmonston	Bronze
12140	Donald L	Reed	Silver	3970	Cliff	Mc Cauley	Bronze
12140	Raymond L	Mack Jr.	Bronze				
12140	Anthony L	Barber	Bronze				
12140	Boyd C	Yaden	Bronze				

Posts with 5 or more Legacy Members

3232	Florence	26
1324	Oregon City	18
4039	Creswell	13
4015	Newburg	12
2666	Hillsboro	9
3973	Molalla	9
9448	Veneta	7
12140	Lake Oswego	7
180	Gresham	6
4108	Redmond	6
4273	Sandy	6
3965	Springfield	5
3452	Tualatin	5

Bronze	101
Silver	20
Gold	74
Total	196

* Deceased Member
 *** In Memorium Member

Updates

Legacy Life Race

Come Join us floating through the air

The Great Legacy Life float off

Which District will win??



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, contact Department Headquarters with questions 503-255-5808

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Waldport VFW Post Honors Patriot's Pen Winners

Waldport Post 3156 recognized winners of their annual essay contest and Teacher of the Year at a recent awards luncheon. Students were awarded a framed Certificate of Appreciation, a lapel pin, a medal, notepad/pen and a gift card. Recipients and their families were also treated to a pizza luncheon. Winners were from Waldport High and Waldport Middle School and included the following:

Patriot's Pen Seventh Grade Winners:
 First Place -- Hailey Moreschini
 Second Place – Justin Gainer and
 Third Place – Marlana Laub

Patriot's Pen Eighth Grade Winners:
 First Place – David Summerlin
 Second Place – Kyle Dalby
 Third Place – Kathryn Pankey

The post also recognized the Teacher of the Year William "Mick" Bittick. Mr. Bittick was honored for his leadership abilities and the way he weaves American history, traditions, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism into his classroom lessons. Mr. Bittick was selected as the first-place winner at the District level for his dedication to modeling citizenship to students.

Waldport Post 3156 Commander, Bill Grimm; Senior Vice Commander, Ron Urban; Chaplain, Jim Ross, and Youth Programs Committee Chair, Andrea Summerlin, presented awards in front of family, friends, and Mrs. Amy Skirvin, Waldport Middle and High School principal. Also, in attendance was Miss Cassie Nickerson, 2016 VFW Oregon Teacher of the Year.

The Patriot's Pen essay contest is open to students in grades 6-8 and this year's theme was "Why I Honor the American Flag." Essays were judged on theme knowledge, development and clarity. David Summerlin, who placed first at the District level, wrote about what the flag means, the history behind it and why it is so important to honor it.

The Post Commander and Chair wish to thank those who participated and supported this contest. These programs give students the opportunity to express their patriotism and gratitude for our veterans. It also helps them to develop critical thinking and writing skills with the National winner receiving \$5,000 in award money and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The Post is securing nominations for the Scout of the Year award which recognizes Scouts who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community prior to the deadline of March 1, 2019. Those interested in obtaining more information about any of the awards can contact Committee Chair Andrea Summerlin at asummerlin@yahoo.com or (541) 252-0515. The 2019-20 essay contest themes will be released approximately April 2019.



Back Row left to right: William "Mick" Bittick - Teacher of the Year, Andrea Summerlin – Youth Committee Chair, and Bill Grimm – Post 3156 Commander

Front Row left to right: Marlana Laub, Hailey Moreschini, Justin Gainer, Kyle Dalby, David Summerlin, Kathryn Pankey

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