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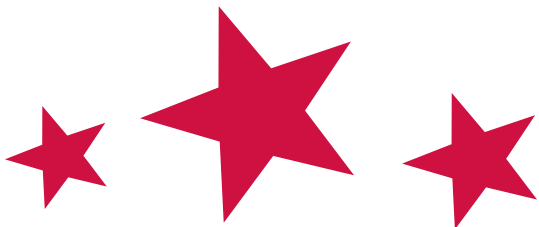
Thanks to All

Greetings to all Comrades and our Auxiliary members across Oregon. Oregon's posts and auxiliaries are completing all our yearly programs and currently are in the top 12 throughout the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We're gaining membership and working hard across the state to retain current membership. Thanks to all our teams and to all getting out and serving.

I especially wanted to take the time to recognize and thank both Comrades and our Auxiliary members for their teamwork in our endeavors to serve Veterans, their families and our communities. Our auxiliary has worked hard to serve and assist posts on programs and membership. Our results show success in all our efforts. It's time to focus on retention and reaching out to keep all our existing members and to mentor and grow our teams into the future. The member you retain may be our future leader. Each family we welcome into our posts and auxiliary are the enduring legacy of our collective efforts. I salute each of you and want to encourage you to continue working hard to meet and exceed all our missions.

So, in closing: Thanks! You are doing great work and succeeding in missions across Oregon!

Ken Kraft



Email Announcement
Department email has changed!
Please use:
orvfwHQ@gmail.com

Thank you!

Oregon Wins Second Place at National

Philip Dunagan of Mosier wins second place in VFW scholarship competition at National

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is proud to announce Philip Dunagan, a senior home school student in Mosier, Ore., has been named second-place national winner and recipient of the \$16,000 Charles Kuralt Memorial Scholarship award in its 2017-18 Voice of Democracy Scholarship program.

The live announcement was made during the Parade of Winners at the 2018 VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. VFW Post 2471 and its Auxiliary in The Dalles, Ore., sponsored Philip.

"For 71 years, the Voice of Democracy program has been a sacred part of our organization because the VFW believes America's future lies in the hands of our youth," said VFW National Commander Keith Harman. "After hearing this year's submissions I'm confident America's future is safe in the hands of today's exceptionally bright and patriotic youth."

The Voice of Democracy audio-essay program requires entrants to write and record a three- to five-minute script on a democratic and patriotic theme. This year's theme challenged students to reflect on "American History: Our Hope for the Future." Each year, nearly 40,000 students participate in the Voice of Democracy program worldwide, with national finalists competing for their share of \$154,000 in scholarships and awards.



Philip Dunagan accepting scholarship check at Washington D.C. VOD Awards ceremony from the National Commander-in-Chief and National Auxiliary President.



Philip Dunagan escorted by Valorie and John Wrinkle at Washington D.C. VOD Awards ceremony.



Second place VOD Scholarship winner Philip Dunagan with Oregon VFW and Auxiliary members.

Updates

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER



RICK HIGGINS

“Pink and Purple Monster”

It is the time of year for all Posts and Districts that wish to be All-State and or All-American, to review the “Pink and Purple Monster.” The “Monster” lists all of your completed programs to date. If you are missing something (except VOD, PP and Teacher) you have time before the end of the year to “get ‘er

done.” Your District Commander is given a monthly updated Monster, he is to share it with each Post Commander. It can also be requested from Department by e-mail.

By the time you read this newsletter, National will have announced the Voice of Democracy winners for the 2017-2018 year. Department of Oregon has an outstanding young home schooled student representing the State with a great speech! We will soon know how he places.

Thank you for all the hard work that is being done on membership. The Department of Oregon is at 95% and in 8th place nationally. We need just under 800 more members to be 100%. Keep up the good work.

March meetings, for the Post, will begin first nominations for officers and April will be second nominations and elections. When accepting the nomination, know that each office has a responsibility and you should familiarize yourself with those responsibility when elected to that office. The duties are listed in the Podium Book.

I look forward to visiting some of you at the Spring District meetings that I will be attending.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rick Higgins
Sr. Vice Commander

JUDGE ADVOCATE



GEORGE E. CARROLL

Elections Coming

Greetings, Comrades. I hope that you and yours are all well. It is time to finish up the year. Make sure that the Post has all of the boxes checked off. If you have not done so yet, I would remind you to check on all your Post members; not just the unpaids. Some of the members who you do not see are not able to come to the meetings any

more. Do not leave members behind just because they are on hard times. You surely would not leave a comrade behind on the battle field; why would you leave them behind now?

Elections are coming up. If you have not stepped up to take a leadership role, it is time to do so. If your Post has had the same leaders for a number of years it may be time for a fresh leader. As time goes by we can get burned out and do the same old things. New leaders can bring new ideas and new ways to get things done. This does not mean you need to stop doing the things your Post has done in the past; but look at what other things you can do. It is important to do your best to fulfill the duties of whatever office or chairmanship you take on. Remember, the Post can only do what they have members who are willing to do. So do more than just complain about what is or is not done; get involved.

In Comradeship,
George E. Carroll
State Judge Advocate

ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER



CHERYL CAMPOS

Women Veterans Report

The ODVA Women Veterans Conference will be held Thursday, April 26 — Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Sun River.

Normally, I would be asking for donations so the VFW could be a platinum sponsor but, not this year.

As you know we have been a very huge supporter of the ODVA Women’s Veterans Conference, together with the help of the Posts, Districts, Auxiliary and even National we had raised over \$5,000 each time. We were the top dog. Not only did we donate money, but we also had donated the goody bags and at the last conference Molalla Post & Aux was able to have plants borrowed for the stage and flowers donated for the center pieces which they put together. It was amazing.

This year they are asking for \$15,000 to be a platinum sponsor and what we would usually donate would hardly be an honorable mention. Personally, I almost fell out of my chair when I read the email on this. I feel it is too much money. What I am asking is that you get the word out to all your Post and Auxiliary Women Veterans. Let them know this is available. I would like the posts and Auxiliaries to possibly sponsor a women Vet who would like to go but maybe not be able to afford the trip. The conference is free, but we know that the hotel and the gas to get there won’t be.

Department would be interested in helping, too, if any Women Veterans (post or Aux members) who have gone to the conference and are needing some assistance to offset the cost, then have her give the post copies of the hotel receipt (proof that she attended) and a note on how the post or Aux helped. Department will see about helping some as well.

Thank you.

Cheryl Campos
State Women Committee Chair

ANNOUNCING THE 2018 OFFICER’S TRAINING SCHOOL

The Department of Oregon will once again sponsor an Officer’s Training School. The school is designed to ensure new Post and District officers are successful in their upcoming year in office; however any member is welcome to attend. It will be conducted at Kahneeta, on 13 June 2018 from 0900-1600. The cost is \$30 per attendee and is payable to Department by 30 April 2018. The course will introduce you to a variety of reference materials through lecture, video, and group work as well as hands-on experiences. Simply fill out the attached form completely and mail it off to Department in care of Linda Wilks with your tuition. Feel free to contact me or Linda with questions.

Bert Key (H) 503-668-8418, or ©503-329-1896.



OFFICER’S TRAINING SCHOOL APPLICATION

To: Post Commanders

What: Officer’s Training School (Any Post Member is welcome to attend!)

When: June 13, 2018

Where: Kahneeta

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Cost: \$30.00 per person by April 30, 2018 – includes lunch, registration and supplies.

Extra lunch tickets can be purchased for \$16.00 each in advance
Registration form for Officer’s Training School 2018
Post# _____ District _____

Person completing this form: _____ **Phone #** _____

To receive confirmation of your registration please provide:

Email Address: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ reservations at \$30.00 each for the Officer’s Training School and _____ extra lunch tickets.

Make checks payable to “Department of Oregon, V.F.W.”


Mail Forms to: Department of Oregon, VFW, 12440 NE Halsey Street, Portland, OR 97230

Post members names and their position: 1. _____
2. _____ 3. _____

**REGISTRATION FORM AND REMITTANCE MUST BE RETURNED
NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2018**

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Updates

Share your news

Submissions for May - June VFW News due by April 20, 2018

VFW prefers to receive photos and articles by e-mail. Text should be unformatted and attached in a Word document; digital photos or scans of conventional photos (resolution of 300 dpi if possible) should be sent separately as jpeg attachments. Original photos yield better output than photocopies of photos. Please avoid pdfs for text.

Please send your submissions to:
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ADDRESS CHANGE

Name _____

Old Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send address changes to

Circulation Department, VFW Magazine,
Broadway at 34th St.,
Kansas City, MO 64111.

2018 Convention Meal Program

The Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa Oregon, 13-17 June 2018

Lunches: Are on your own unless you want the Bar-B-Q these are preorder only

LUNCH BBQ \$16 for each day – Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Cheese burger or Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/Condiments, Chips, Coleslaw & cookie includes water & Iced Tea

Pick 1 or all 3 days specific tickets for specific days, i.e.: Friday's ticket can't be used on Thursday

Friday Night Banquet:

1. Sliced Sirloin Beef \$30

2. Sliced Sirloin Beef in Mushrooms Sauce, Fresh Garden Greens & Bread Roll w/ Butter, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Whipped Potatoes, Individual Fruit Tarts with Whipped Cream, Coffee or Tea

3. Chicken \$30

4. Pan Seared Breast of Chicken, Sundried tomato artichoke caper sauce, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Wild Rice, Individual Fruit Tarts with Whipped Cream, Coffee or Tea

(Add to above) Wild Salmon Display \$10

Oven Poached Whole Salmon

Cream Cheese / Capers/ Red Onions / Savory Crostini

Saturday Salmon Bake w/Tribal Ceremony \$32

Our Baked Salmon Is Served Buffet Style with the Following Dishes: Tri-Colored Bean Salad, Potato Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, Kah-Nee-Ta Stew, Wild Grain Chinook Rice, Warm Springs Fry Bread / Whipped Butter & Huckleberry Preserves Huckleberry Crisp / Freshly Whipped Cream, Iced Tea,

Performance by Traditional Indian Dancers

PDC/PDP Breakfast: \$16

40&Over Lunch: \$16 (Auxiliary members who have been members for 40 years or more)

The above prices include the 21% gratuity charged by The Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING BY MAIL IS MAY 14th, 2018 (No tickets will be sold via mail after this date.)

If you are on a special diet, please let Jason Griswold know so we can notify banquet services.

(If you plan to sit as a group at the Banquet, all monies and names must be sent in together)

----- SEND THIS PORTION WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER -----

CONVENTION MEALS

indicate how many:

Banquet \$ 30 each: Sliced Sirloin Beef _____ or Chicken _____ X \$ 30.00 = Banquet Cost \$ _____

EXTRA SIDE ENTRÉE SALMON _____ (cannot have only Salmon) X \$10.00 = Extra Side Banq. \$ _____

Saturday Salmon Bake w/Tribal Ceremony _____ X \$32.00 = Salmon Bake Cost \$ _____

*40 & Over Lunch _____ X \$ 16.00 = Cost of 40 & over lunch \$ _____

PDC/PDP Breakfast _____ X \$ 16.00 = Cost of PDC/PDP Breakfast \$ _____

BBQ LUNCH- Thursday- Cheese Burger _____ or Chicken Sandwich _____ X \$16.00 = Cost Thurs \$ _____

Friday- Cheese Burger _____ or Chicken Sandwich _____ X \$16.00 = Cost Friday \$ _____

Saturday- Cheese Burger _____ or Chicken Sandwich _____ X \$16.00 = Cost Sat \$ _____

TOTAL COST \$ _____

Enclosed: \$ _____

NAME: _____ PHONE# _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES _____

DISTRICT# _____ POST/AUX# _____

Send to: VFW Department of Oregon *12440 N.E. Halsey St* Portland, OR 97230

If any questions: call Jason Griswold at 503-600-0007 or cell: 971-600-8051**E-Mail: grizz@hotmail.com

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa Oregon, 13-17 June 2018

Reservation: 541-553-1112 or 800-554-4786

108.28 total per night at the hotel

46.76 at the RV park

Use VFW Group number: 250760

(25"O"as in Oscar-76"O as in Oscar)

(number, number, letter number, number letter)

News

Legacy Life Members in Oregon

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

Posts with 5 or more Legacy Members

1324	14
2666	9
3232	25
3965	5
3973	9
4015	13
4039	13
4108	6
12140	5

Bronze	77
Silver	17
Gold	61
Total	155

* Deceased Member

*** In Memorium Member

News

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



Spring District Meeting Schedule

DIST.	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	OFFICERS	REMARKS
2	28-Apr	1PM	Moose Lodge 57317 Old Portland Rd. Warren, OR 97053	Dennis Pratt	Potluck at Noon
3	22-Apr	1PM	Sellwood-Breakthrough Post 4248 7118 SE Fern Ave Portland, OR 97206	George Carroll	Potluck at Noon
4	22-Apr	2PM	Bandon Post 3440 Hosted by Powers Post 6102 55352 Bates Rd., Bandon OR 97411	Rick Higgins	Potluck at 1pm
5	21-Apr	1PM	Post 1383 Klamath Falls Hosted by Klamath Falls Post 1383 515 Klamath Ave, Klamath Falls OR 97601	John Wrinkle	Potluck TBD
6	29-Apr	1PM	Post 3048 Baker City 2005 Valley Ave Baker City, OR 97814	John Wrinkle	Lunch at Noon
7	21-Apr	1PM	Post 1833 Medford Mooselodge 241-B E. Barnett Rd Medford, OR 97501	Rick Higgins	Potluck at Noon
8	28-Apr	1PM	Post 922 VFW Hall 1221 SE Court PL Pendleton, OR 97801	John Wrinkle	Potluck at Noon
9	7-Apr	1PM	DAV Hall 1735 21st Street Florence, OR 97439	Dennis Pratt	Dessert Provided
10	14-Apr	1PM	Post 4108 Redmond VFW Hall 1836 SW Veterans Way Redmond, OR 97756	John Wrinkle	Potluck at Noon
12	22-Apr	2PM	Post 3970 Sutherlin Comm. Center 150 Willamette St., Sutherlin OR 97479	John Wrinkle	Potluck at 1pm
13	14-Apr	10AM	Post 4039 Creswell VFW Hall 1115 10th Street Creswell, Oregon 97426	Rick Higgins	Potluck at 11:30
14	15-Apr	2PM	Post 584 1469 Timber St. SE Albany OR 97322	Dennis Pratt	Potluck at 1pm
15	5-May	1PM	Post 12140 West Linn Senior Center Rosemont Ave and Salamo, West Linn, OR	George Carroll	Potluck at Noon
16	28-Apr	1pm	Post 4211 Willamina 771 NE Main St. Willamina OR 97396	George Carroll	Potluck at Noon

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:

- Complete the Form on the reverse side of this card in its entirety.
- Check the level: Bronze, Silver or Gold. You may upgrade your Legacy level at any time by paying the difference to your desired level.
- Payment options: Check or Credit Card - payment in full.
- 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.
- Choose the endowment:
 - 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.
 - Annual Endowment: the Legacy level payment will continue annually after your death.
- Sign your full name.
- Enclose check, money order or credit card information for payment.
- 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

Statistics

Department of Oregon Membership 2017 - 2018

as of 3/5/2018



Department Total	2017	2018			Department Percentage	2017	2018	
	14,255	13,549			99.20%	95.04%		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
DISTRICT #2			DISTRICT #6		DISTRICT #9		DISTRICT #14	
1440 St. Helens	56*	57*	2990 La Grande	69* 67	732 Siletz	27* 18	584 Albany	360 357
1909 Rainier	69	61	3048 Baker City	150 164*	2624 Newport	116* 121*	661 Salem	342 372*
2848 Bay City	113	106	3749 Huntington	20 21	3156 Waldport	40* 33	2105 Harrisburg	36* 34
2994 Clatskanie	35*	35*	4060 Union	115 107	3232 Florence	315* 276	3203 Dallas	124* 115
4362 Scappoose	67	69*	4307 Enterprise	170* 167	3594 Reedsport	40 35	3437 Sweet Home	222 196
10580 Warrenton	43	64*	5452 Ontario	124 119	4227 Toledo	32* 27	3957 Monroe	37 31
12123 Seaside	39	66*	7847 Halfway	82* 75			4065 Jefferson	36 35
	422	458*		730 720	DISTRICT #10		5638 Stayton	75 75
DISTRICT #3			DISTRICT #7		1412 Prineville	127* 118		1232 1212
1325 Peninsula/Pep	124*	98	1833 Medford	355 367*	1643 Bend	294 285	DISTRICT #15	
1442 Jasper C Lent	244*	219	2302 Grants Pass	142* 124	4108 Redmond	647* 603	180 Gresham	233* 197
4248 Sellwood Brk.	474	491	4116 Rogue River	300* 265	4217 Warm Springs	37* 30	1324 Oregon City	274* 240
	842	736	6881 Shady Cove	39* 41*	7242 La Pine	66* 51	3973 Molalla	427* 389
DISTRICT #4			9670 Jacksonville	25 21	8138 Sisters	50* 45	4273 Sandy	416* 430*
965 Coquille	22	23*		861 818	12141 Madras	57* 69*	6057 Canby	100* 86
966 Brookings	89	81	DISTRICT #8			1278 1212	12140 Lake Oswego	336* 292
2928 Myrtle Point	53	53*	922 Pendleton	315* 259	2468 Roseburg	270 281*		1786* 1634
3182 North Bend	74	69	2471 The Dalles	78* 72	3970 Sutherlin	164 178*	DISTRICT #16	
3440 Bandon	200*	205*	3597 John Day	30* 30*	7752 Myrtle Creek	112 118*	2666 Hillsboro	275* 230
4439 Gold Beach	51*	39	567 Milton Freewater	40* 26	9745 Winston	188 189*	3452 Tualatin	154 147
6102 Powers	36*	33	4750 Hermiston	185* 168		734 766*	4015 Newberg	177 165
	525	503		648* 555	DISTRICT #12		4211 Willamina	74 78*
DISTRICT #5			DISTRICT #13		293 Eugene	284 250	4617 Beaverton	89 83
1383 Klamath Falls	711	662	293 Eugene	284 250	3473 Cottage Grove	180* 146	10626 Dayton	178* 180*
4070 Lakeview	74*	76*	3473 Cottage Grove	180* 146	3965 Springfield	539* 517		947 883
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	805	754	4166 Marcola	33* 33*	7384 Coburg	51* 44	*100% POSTS	
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New Membership Guidelines

Our last Membership Focus email talked about the proper procedures for decessing 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, 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

Statistics

VFW TAPS

DIST/POST/CITY			NAME
14	584	Albany	G E Christy
14	584	Albany	Emily J Skare
4	661	Salem	Jerry T Butler
14	661	Salem	Ted R White
14	661	Salem	Edward O Dorn
14	661	Salem	Charles A Schneider
8	922	Pendleton	Lee D Bowers
8	922	Pendleton	Joseph E Cole
15	1324	Oregon City	Phillip S Nash
5	1383	Klamath Falls	Allan G Miller
5	1383	Klamath Falls	Roger Walker
10	1643	Bend	Lloyd F Brooks
7	1833	Medford	Walter G Phillips
7	2302	Grants Pass	Ted E Vinsant
9	3156	Waldport	Don R Taggart
9	3232	Florence	Merle E Hanna
9	3232	Florence	Don F Kintz
6	3749	Huntington	George R Pettitt
13	3965	Springfield	Gary Nyland
10	4108	Redmond	Daniel D Nolan
10	4108	Redmond	Donald A Keith
10	4108	Redmond	J R Allen
16	4211	Willamina	Clyde D Reed
16	4211	Willamina	Ted R Aaron
8	4750	Hermiston	John O England
12	9745	Winston	Charles L Bennett
16	10626	McMinnville	Bradley V Shelburne
15038		Member-at-Large	Stanley F Wilcox
15038		Member-at-Large	Carl Smith

RECRUITERS

as of 3/5/18

Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members	Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members
15	12140	Kenneth L. Kraft	279	10	1643	Rodney B. Upham	5
15	3973	George E. Carroll	63	15	4273	Marcus Walters	5
13	4039	Rick L. Higgins	49	6	4307	Ann M. Gosnell	4
10	4108	John R. Wrinkle	48	7	6881	Gerald A. Ziemann	4
15	3973	Ronald W. Jagodnik	46	7	4116	Robert D. Wood	4
14	3203	Dennis R. Pratt	44	10	1643	Robert W. Cusick	4
15	3973	Jason Carroll	40	13	7384	Norman M. Henshen	4
2	12123	Claude Miller	39	2	10580	Albert A. Little	3
9	3232	James W. Swant	30	2	1440	Denver L. Peoples	3
6	4060	Timothy W. Carper	24	2	2848	James O. Henry	3
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	15	4	6102	Daniel F. Adams	3
13	9448	Kathy A. Lundeen	13	5	1383	Duane G. Whitehead	3
16	2666	Roger D. Pack	13	5	1383	Karen H. Johnson	3
15	3973	Rodney W. Wymore	12	10	4108	Dan S. Tureck	3
12	3970	James E. Horton	11	10	4108	Jason E. Brock	3
15	4273	Allen P. Anderson	11	10	12141	Leonard L. Parsons	3
10	12141	Floyd W. Leach	10	10	12141	Richard Lohman	3
16	10626	Juan M. Palacios	9	13	293	Arnold B. Christensen	3
3	4248	Dale N. Guldenzopf	8	13	3965	James E. Matthews	3
4	3440	Joseph Q. Addair	8	13	3473	Kenneth E. Hunt	3
15	4273	Bert W. Key	8	14	661	Greg Terhune	3
13	3965	James E. Manson	7	14	3203	Johnathon A. Mullins	3
13	4039	Donald L. Fertgus	6	14	3437	Lorenzo S. Pike	3
14	584	Henry L. Hamel	6	15	6057	Martin T. Lackner	3
14	661	Kerry A. Wymetalek	6	15	1324	Paul H. Harris	3
6	4060	Kenneth J. Hart	5	15	1324	Robert W. Black	3



Maynard Clyde Smith was a Past State Quartermaster/Adjutant for 9 years. He was an active member of Post 180 and a Bronze Legacy Life member. He passed away on March 11, 2018.



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Post 9745

QM: Jason Neiss, 125 SE Lebleu Ln, Winston 97496

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It is time to purchase your ad for the 2017-2018 Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Oregon Convention Book. Your Ads will be seen by approximately 300 VFW and Auxiliary members who provide the leadership for the approximately 22,000 members of the Department of Oregon's membership. Your Ad is an excellent vehicle to advertise your business, yourself, your District/Post or your Auxiliary. The income generated by your Ad helps us offset the cost of the Convention, which is being held at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort & Spa in Warm Springs, Oregon June 14 through June 16, 2018.

If you are interested in placing an ad in the 2017-2018 Convention Book for the Department of Oregon, please note the following information:

- **Due Date** for Ads Monday, **April 30, 2018**.
- **Preferred format is .jpg. We can also accept pdf files, but they must be "camera ready" because we are unable to edit them in .pdf format. Also acceptable is Microsoft Publisher and Word. Payment must be sent directly to the VFW Dept. of OR, 12440 NE Halsey St., Portland OR 97230-1927.**
- You may call **Department Quartermaster Cheryl Campos at 503-255-5808** to make other arrangements for payment.
- Your ad copy must be sent to directly to Valorie Wrinkle at vjwrinkle@gmail.com. Please note that your ad will not be processed until we have verified that our Quartermaster has received payment in full. If you have any questions, please call or email Valorie at 541-678-3894 or vjwrinkle@gmail.com. When sending your ad, please make sure that we have your phone number and e-mail should we need to contact you for more information.

Ad sizes and related costs are as follows:

Back Outside Cover – Color*	4 ½" wide x 7 ½" tall	-	\$1,000
Full Inside Page – Black & White:	4 ½" wide x 7 ½" tall	-	\$ 100
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Third of an Inside Page – Black & White:	4 ½" wide x 2 ½" tall	-	\$ 35
Inside Back Cover – Color*	4 ½" wide x 7 ½" tall	-	\$ 250

There is an opportunity for businesses to address the membership for up to five minutes at the Joint Meeting of the VFW and Auxiliary members, on Thursday, June 14 for \$500. The cost includes a full page black and white Ad and a display table for your use. Please call **Department Quartermaster Cheryl Campos at 503-255-5808** to make arrangements.

If you have any questions, please call or email me at 541-678-3895 or wrinkle4108@gmail.com

Thank you and we look forward to serving you!



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