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## Congratulations State Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen Winners



**Dylan Leebrick** receives Awards at the State VOD Banquet as State VOD winner. He also received \$2,000 at the National Level.

*L to R: Dennis Pratt, VOD Chairman, Rick Higgins, State Commander and Dylan Leebrick*



**Robert VanEtta** Receiving his award as State Patriot Pen Winner with Carl Anderson, Patriot Pen Chairman. Robert also received \$500 from National.

*More photos of winners on pg 12*

### STATE COMMANDER



**RICK HIGGINS**

### Congrats on 100% Membership

Greetings,

I hope this finds you in well and in good health and you've survived the terrible weather and flu of the past few weeks.

Hard to believe that this year has flown by so quickly. The next few months will determine how successful a year each Post and District will have. It is time to review your membership and program stats to see what needs to be completed in order to finish this year strong and hopefully as All-State or All-American! Currently there are 7 Districts and 49 Posts at 100% with a number of you just a few members away! Let's make Oregon shine by continuing this growth.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Department of Oregon for obtaining 100% membership on February 20th! This has been a magical year for membership! I want to thank all of you who have worked so hard to "MAKE This Happen." The Department of Oregon has a great membership team led by CHAIRMAN John Wrinkle. Thank you to each and every one of you for your dedication and hard work. I must also thank each Post and District Commander, Quartermaster and recruiters — it takes a team to accomplish any mission and this team, "Team OREGON," has done it!!

I feel very proud to represent you as your State Commander as I prepare to travel to the Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. March 2-7 to report our accomplishments. I'm proud to be escorting, along with State Auxiliary President Cathy Lindsay, our State Voice of Democracy winner in the parade of winners to be considered for the National winner. We will also be storming the "Hill" advocating for Veterans and especially the "BLUE WATER NAVY BILL." It is always a very busy week.

March is also the month for first nominations for officers for the coming year. Consider well the person you nominate as the success of next year will depend on their leadership. Too many Commanders are elected because no one else will take the job, setting up your Post or District up for failure. Now is the time to find that person who will lead you to success.

For those of you who haven't heard, the National President, Sandy Kriebel, will be visiting Oregon April 27-29th in Pendleton and Baker City. John Wrinkle and I will be there to represent the Department of Oregon.

I look forward to seeing some of you at Spring District meetings as it is always great to be among fellow Combat Veterans.

Yours in Comradeship,  
*Rick Higgins*

### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



**CATHY LINDSAY**

### Believe We Can Do It

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for all those get-well cards. I really appreciated them.

It is time to buckle down and work our programs. Working our programs helps our Veterans and their families. That is one of the major reasons why we are here as an organization. I know how hard Oregon works for our Veterans and I know we will be 100% in reporting.

Remember our mission and why we are here doing what we do, if you can do that, we will be very successful in what we do, ALWAYS BELIEVE IN YOURSELF and believe in our mission.

VFW Auxiliary National President Sandi Kriebel will be coming to our state on April 27, 2019 and leaving April 29, 2019. We will be out visiting District 6 and 8 area since we haven't been on that side of the state in a long time. Put those dates on your calendar and come meet the VFW National President Sandi Kriebel and ask her your questions — that's what she is here for.

National President Sandi is challenging us to show our devotion to our Veterans and their families by reaching out in our communities, telling our story, and recruiting and retaining members.

It's time to share the VFW Auxiliary story and recruit and retain members!

Please send me your stories as soon as you can. Let's see how Oregon rocks.

We're still on our goal to be 100% in membership. Believe we can do this. We are at 98.49% as of right now. There are some auxiliaries that only need fewer than five members, so see if you can make your goals of 100%+. Thank you for working so hard on membership. We need around 79 members to be 100% for Department.

I will be heading to the National VFW Auxiliary Midwinter in Tucson at the Westin La Paloma Resort and Spa to represent The Department of Oregon this month. I hope to see some of you there.

I hope you have taken the information at our Mid-Winter back to your Auxiliaries to make us a stronger Department. I am looking forward to seeing every Auxiliary make All State.

Quote of the month "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

Loyally,  
*Catherine Lindsay*



# Updates

## John Wrinkle Receives National Legislative Service Award



Oregon Delegates: L to R Cathy Lindsay- State Aux President, Bob Beck-Post 4039 Cmdr., Kathy Lundeen -Dist. 13 Sr-Vice Cmdr., Rick Higgins- State Commander, John Wrinkle- State Legislative chairman & State Sr-Vice, George Carroll- State Jr-Vice, Carlos Fuentes- Director National Legislative Service & Bert Key- National Councilman for Oregon & State Chief of Staff



### 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.



## Share your news

**Submissions for  
May - June VFW News  
due by March 22, 2019**

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:  
ADMIN@orvfwhq.comcastbiz.net**



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# Updates

## STATE SURGEON

Greetings, Comrades and Auxiliaries,

I wish to thank all who attended the Mid-Winter Convention. We had a great time there and learned a lot of new things.

Congratulations to Rick and all the people who worked to make Department a 100%. What a great team we have.

There is still some flu going around so if you haven't gotten your flu shot I would recommend getting it.

I want to let you all know I have been diagnosed with kidney cancer. I would have never known if they hadn't had an ultrasound on my kidneys for blood pressure issues. We caught it early and will have surgery to remove the tumor. Most people don't find out about this until it's too late. If you have high blood pressure I would recommend a kidney scan.

I will be fine and am looking forward to many more years working with The Veterans of Foreign Wars. I strongly recommend everyone getting an annual check up.

Wishing everyone the best.

*Allen Anderson*

## VFW Foundation's Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grant Completion Guide 2019-2020

Please read through all information on this guide before beginning the application so you will become acquainted with the general rules and process. Do not worry that your Post is not a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. You can still apply as a 501(19), nonprofit, veterans group.

You may access the application using the link found at the bottom of this article.

Once you have begun the application try to complete it in one session without saving. We have received multiple reports that using the "Save and Finish Later" option has led to a loss of work and applicants had to re-enter parts of the application.

It is strongly recommend that you copy your answers to a separate document after completing the essay style questions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is a new requirement in applying for the Home Depot Community Impact grant this year. Applicants must provide a project budget via a Microsoft Excel file. Details and an example on how to do this can be found on pages 13-19 of this document. You will submit the Project Budget on the same page of the application that you upload your IRS determination letter/990.

If you have any questions about this application or guide, please contact Grants Coordinator Jason Couch at [jcouch@vfw.org](mailto:jcouch@vfw.org) or at 816-968-1174.

**TO APPLY FOR A HOME DEPOT COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT, BEGIN BY GOING TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:**  
<https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>.

For complete instructions visit Department of Oregon website ([www.vfwor.org](http://www.vfwor.org) under news & events, News)

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER



**GEORGE CARROLL**

at National. If you have not logged on to the national website before, you will need your card number and your email address. Hit log in and follow the instructions. They will email you a temporary password. Then you can log in and change it to whatever you like. We all need to go check to make sure that what is on file is as it should be. You do not want the wrong information in the computer as that is what will be used to make up the State Roster. Every year there are a lot of members who get the roster and find that there is an error. Please help by making sure that your information is correct before the rosters are printed.

We will be back from our Nation's Capital by the time you get this. Every year we go to speak with our Senators and Congressmen to encourage them to back legislation that is favorable to veterans. Getting a schedule lined up of who and when we are all to meet with has been arranged by John Wrinkle, who has been doing an outstanding job for the past few years. We all owe him a big Thank You for all of the hard work he has put into this important job. I would like to take this opportunity to personally say how grateful I am for all the hard work he has done to make this all come together and work. **THANK YOU, John!** This is also when we find out where our State V.O.D. winner has placed.

This year the State leadership has decided to mirror this effort at the State level. Past Surgeon General and Past State Commander Dennis G. Guthrie took on the hard job of lining up the who and when we could meet with. As you may well imagine, this is not an easy task as everyone is trying to get time with the Senators and Representatives. With his hard work we were able to speak with those who are on Committees that deal with veterans. Sr. Vice Commander John Wrinkle has (with some help of his talented wife, Valorie) compiled, printed and made up a book on the Veterans of Foreign Wars telling what and who we are. We have given one of these outstanding books to each of the legislators we have spoken with. I believe that this is very important work as some of them have no idea what we stand for. We are hoping that we will see more of the pass-through money come to the VFW for the Service Office. This would not have gotten done or at least not been as successful without all the hard work done by Dennis and John. I cannot express how grateful that I am for all that they have done to make this happen. Not only have they made the appointments and the books but have driven across the mountain from Redmond to Salem in the winter weather to be at these meetings. Well done and **THANK YOU**, to both.

I would be amiss if I did not thank and congratulate all of the Post and Districts who have made the 100% mark. As I am sure everyone is aware, the State has made 100%. Doing it earlier than I have ever seen before. Congratulations, Commander Higgins. This will be a hard act to follow, but with the help of the Post and Districts we can do it year after year. They have proven that they can do it.

In closing I would like to say stay safe and I hope to see you at State Convention.

In comradship,  
*George E. Carroll*

## It's Election Time Again

Good Day, one and all. As you read this we will be nearing election time once again. I would like to encourage everyone to think about what office or committee you would like to serve on. It is also important that everyone who is elected or appointed to check and see that your address, phone number, and email is correct

## STATE SURGEON



**DENNIS PRATT**

time with the 12 Voice of Democracy students (two were unable to attend) and the Patriot's Pen Department winner. From our initial meeting with the families, to the trip to the University of Oregon, to the banquet itself and the pizza party afterwards, the students impressed us with their intelligence, good humor, good manners and thoughtfulness. The families must be very proud of these young people. They give us all hope for the future of our great country.

Deb and I would like to thank everyone who worked to make the day a success, including the banquet staff at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, from the table set-ups to microphones, everything we asked for was provided with patience and a smile. Comrade Carl George Anderson did a great job once again with the Patriot's Pen program. Thank you to Comrade Dennis Marsh from VFW Post 3232, who followed us and the students all day with his camera as we toured the campus, taking pictures of everything. Thank you to Mike Beyerlin from Fern Ridge Jack Kelley Post 9448, who arranged the public transportation for the trip to the U of O campus. Thank you to State Adjutant/Quartermaster Cheryl Campos and her assistant Linda Wilks for their patience and hard work on some of the finer details. Thank you also to VFW Auxiliary Treasurer Sonya Sallee for tracking and recording all the donations from the Auxiliaries in the state.

I also want to thank Post 293 and District 13 for donating \$1,000 each to the VOD Program. The scholarships would not be as large without these two donations. There were many others who helped make this a success, but to list everyone would take far too long! Let me just say that the teamwork displayed at this event is why it was successful.

It was an honor to have as our National Representatives National Past Commander in Chief "Gunner" Allen Kent and our own VFW Auxiliary National Council Member #17 Jessie Stober. Also present were our National Council Member from Oregon, Bert Key, and Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubank.

Our State Patriot's Pen winner was Robert VanEtta from District 14. Robert was sponsored by VFW Post 4065 in Jefferson. Robert plans to enter the Voice of Democracy competition next year. His essay was well received by those in attendance and one of the best I have heard.

The judging for the competition was done by members of Toastmasters International and they selected Dylan Lebrick as our first place Voice of Democracy winner. Dylan was the winner from District 15 and was sponsored by Three Rivers Post 1324 in Oregon City.

All 15 students received certificates and monetary awards from the VFW and VFW Auxiliary, as well as a note of congratulations from US House Representative Peter Defazio. As our State winner, Dylan Lebrick also received an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Voice of Democracy banquet and compete for part of the \$153,000 in national awards, with the top prize being a \$30,000 Scholarship. Dylan will also have an opportunity to attend the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge's "Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program" being held in June of this year.

*Dennis Pratt*  
Department VOD Chairman

## Success! The 72nd Annual VOD Program

The Department of Oregon Voice of Democracy banquet for 2018-2019 held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, in Eugene was a great success. Debbie Fawver, the VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman for Department, and I were honored to spend

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Department email  
has changed!

Please use:  
[orvfwHQ@gmail.com](mailto:orvfwHQ@gmail.com)

Thank you!



# Updates

## Post 3973 honors Local Teacher



Toni Colvin being presented the "Apple Award" by Post 3973 Sr-Vice Commander Rod Wymore at the Molalla Elementary School for being the Post Teacher K-5 of the Year

### OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL 2019

To: Post Commanders and line officers past, present, and future.  
 What: Officer's Training School (OTS) 2019  
 When: #1. May 18, 2019 at Redmond Post 4108 OR  
 When: #2. June 8, 2019 at Cottage Grove Post 3473  
 (Circle the number of the session you will be attending)  
 Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
 Cost: \$30.00 per person by April 30, 2019 (includes registration, supplies and lunch)  
 Registration form for Officer's Training School 2019  
 Post \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

For confirmation of your registration please provide:

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$30.00 each for the Officer's Training School

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

MAIL FORM TO: Department of Oregon, V.F.W., 12440 NE Halsey Street, Portland, OR 97230

Names of members attending and their position: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FORM AND REMITTANCE MUST BE RETURNED  
 NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2019

### Dale Pack

Running for Department Surgeon 2019-2020

My commitment is to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I respectfully ask for your vote!

- USMC Vietnam 1967-1968
- Commander Post 2666 2016-2019
- All State Commander Post 2666 2016-2018
- District 16 Commander 2017-2018
- All State District 16 Commander 2017-2018
- All American Team Dist. 16 Commander 2017-2018
- National Aid De-Camp 2016-2019
- Gold Legacy Life Member



### Rod Ballard

CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT SURGEON

"Hey y'all," I'm Ron Ballard and I am running for the position of Department Surgeon for the VFW Department of Oregon. I earned my eligibility into the VFW while serving in Vietnam and again 20 years later while serving in Korea. I served our great nation in the U.S. Army for a total of 24 years.

I started my military career with a draft notice in one hand and a regular enlistment in the other. At that time I was a high school drop-out going nowhere. I chose the regular enlistment. During my tenure in the service I did earn a high school diploma, two separate associate degrees, and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland.

I have held the following positions within the VFW: Post Adjutant, Post Junior-vice Commander, Post Senior-vice Commander, Post Commander (X2), District Commander (X2), National Aide-de-camp (X3), Color and Honor Guard Captain (14 years). I was selected as "Mr. VFW" 2017 – 2018. I helped establish the first Veteran's Court in the State of Oregon and establish our County Veterans Advisory Council, of which I have been a member since day one.

I truly believe in "Leading by Example" and look forward to an opportunity to do so within the Department of Oregon.



## District Membership Horse Race

Membership Race as of 1 March 2019

2	Finished the Race	Currently 2nd Place	109.09%
3			99.87%
4			98.67%
5	Finished the Race		102.21%
6			96.00%
7	Finished the Race		103.39%
8			94.85%
9	Finished the Race	Currently 3rd Place	105.79%
10			95.85%
12	Finished the Race		100.32%
13	Finished the Race	Currently 1st Place	114.93%
14			96.89%
15	Finished the Race		105.68%
16			98.79%
99			90.79%



# Updates

## Department of Oregon Membership 2018 - 2019 as of 3/1/2019



Department Total    2018    2019  
14,848    15060

Department Percentage    2018    2019  
104.88%    101.42%

	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019					
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>			<b>DISTRICT #6</b>			<b>DISTRICT #9</b>			<b>DISTRICT #14</b>							
1440	St. Helens	58	70*	2990	La Grande	69	56	732	Siletz	27	28*	584	Albany	372	375*	
1909	Rainier	63	58	3048	Baker City	167	150	2624	Newport	123	128*	661	Salem	399	356	
2848	Bay City	109	110*	3749	Huntington	21	21*	3156	Waldport	50	51*	2105	Harrisburg	34	36*	
2994	Clatskanie	34	36*	4060	Union	109	106	3232	Florence	350	355*	3203	Dallas	131	121	
4362	Scappoose	75	62	4307	Enterprise	162	161	4227	Toledo	37	59*	3437	Sweet Home	205	212*	
10580	Warrenton	88	156*	5452	Ontario	123	126*			587	621*	3957	Monroe	32	32	
12123	Seaside	68	48	7847	Halfway	74	76*	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>			4065	Jefferson	35	82*		
		495	540*			725	696	1412	Prineville	129	116	5638	Stayton	82	80	
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>			<b>DISTRICT #7</b>													
1325	Peninsula/Pep	117	117*	1833	Medford	365	387*	1643	Bend	289	313*	<b>DISTRICT #15</b>				
1442	Jasper C Lent	227	224	2302	Grants Pass	142	149*	4108	Redmond	706	640	180	Gresham	260	275*	
4248	Sellwood Brk.	432	434*	4116	Rogue River	278	266	4217	Warm Springs	30	38*	1324	Oregon City	266	241	
		776	775	6881	Shady Cove	46	54*	7242	La Pine	67	57	3973	Molalla	429	430*	
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>			<b>DISTRICT #8</b>									4273	Sandy	475	574*	
965	Coquille	23	24*	922	Pendleton	274	262	8138	Sisters	48	58*	6057	Canby	93	95*	
966	Brookings	84	80	2471	The Dalles	73	66	12141	Madras	74	74*	12140	Lake Oswego	341	355*	
2928	Myrtle Point	53	49	3597	John Day	30	31*			1352	1296	<b>DISTRICT #16</b>				
3182	North Bend	72	75*	567	Milton Freewater	36	24	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>			2666	Hillsboro	279	278		
3440	Bandon	210	220*	4750	Hermiston	170	170*	2468	Roseburg	306	297	3452	Tualatin	159	155	
4439	Gold Beach	49	43			583	621*	3970	Sutherlin	268	277*	4015	Newberg	174	173	
6102	Powers	36	29	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>									4211	Willamina	79	83*
		527	520	293	Eugene	276	330*	7752	Myrtle Creek	151	167*	4617	Beaverton	99	84	
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>												0626	Dayton	202	207*	
1383	Klamath Falls	716	742*	<b>DISTRICT #14</b>											992	980
4070	Lakeview	81	72	2990	La Grande	69	56	<b>DISTRICT #11</b>								
6147	Malin	16	17*	3048	Baker City	167	150	2468	Roseburg	306	297	<b>MEMBERS AT LARGE</b>				
		813	831*	3749	Huntington	21	21*	3970	Sutherlin	268	277*	<b>*100% POSTS</b>				
									7752	Myrtle Creek	151	167*	1706	1549		
									9745	Winston	199	1806				
											924	927*				
									<b>DISTRICT #13</b>							
									293	Eugene	276	330*				
									3473	Cottage Grove	183	210*				
									3965	Springfield	548	628*				
									4039	Creswell	107	131*				
									4166	Marcola	33	39*				
									7384	Coburg	50	63*				
									9448	Veneta	140	214*				
									10639	Junction City	22	31*				
											1359	1668*				





# And From the Auxiliary

## SR. VICE PRESIDENT



JANIE WILLS

### Elections

Sisters and Brothers, Election are just around the corner. Be thinking of taking an office in your auxiliary and district.

Download the "Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation. Guidebooks for Officers, Chairman, and members." It has great information on what each office entails.

"It's only after you've stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow, and transform."  
-- Roy T. Bennett

Janie Wills

## JR. VICE PRESIDENT



DEB WRIGHT

### Reports and Recruiting

Greetings All, Hope you all survived the snow storm with little to no damage. Many of us had some major damage. So might be a good idea to check on our Sisters, Brothers and Comrades and make sure that they are doing okay. Some may still not have power. Things are moving very quickly now. Please try to get

all your reports into your Department chairmen. Make sure that your Auxiliary has paid all obligations.

RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!

No matter where you are, talk about the VFW Auxiliary and the VFW, let people know about our work for Veterans, active duty military and their families, as well as our communities.

Soon we will be having elections, if you are interested in running for an office. Please familiarize yourself with the By-Laws, read about what your duties will be. Understand there is way more to the offices than just sitting in a chair. Stay vigilant and keep up the good work. We are almost to the end of an awesome year.

Loyally,  
Deb Wright

## Buddy Poppy & National Home

Are you ready for Memorial Day?

1. Work with your post or order you own "Buddy Poppies from your VFW Department office.
2. Identify volunteers.
3. Choose Distribution dates.
4. Choose distribution venues.
5. Get permission from business owners.
6. Publicize your distribution.
7. Decorate your booth/table to draw attention.
8. Have a supply of membership applications and other program materials.
9. Smile, be enthusiastic and wear your name badge or other clothing that identifies you as member of the VFW Auxiliary.
10. Be ready to answer questions quickly and concisely such as "what is this about?"
11. Thank your donors, volunteers and the businesses.  
cc: Renee Falk "Buddy Poppy"/National Home for Children Ambassador

Buddy Poppy displays for State Convention:  
Go online at VFW Auxiliary. Org and get your Buddy Poppy guide for contests. If you do not have a computer, call or text me and I will get one to you.

Time to get your reports turned in for 2018-2019

National Home for Children:  
If you have not sent your 10 cents/ member to Sonja Please do so, or if you have done this online, please send me a copy.

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

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

VFWA Department of Oregon members, we are sooo close to hitting our goal of 100%+. I know that you have been working so hard to make it to our goal and we are getting closer and closer. I don't think that we are going to make it to the goal that we have had for the last couple of months but now we have a new goal and I think that we can make it. The Post side made it to their 100% and I know that we can do it, also.

At this time Oregon is at 98.49% and we are sooo close!!! We have approximately 77 members to get in order to be 100%+. Just look at how members we have already gotten this year, that is an easy jump. There are several auxiliaries that are just a few shy of being 100% and if they pay the percaps for those members they will get the money back from National. They will send you \$50 if you achieve 100%. Also look at the members that have been dropped in the last couple of years. Call them and talk to them — they might not even know that they have been dropped. I have called many members and put them in at large who didn't even know that they weren't members anymore. Please see if you can mentor a member back into the auxiliary.

The National president has a program for this quarter of the program and it's a great way to get more members for our department and our organization. From February 15, 2019 until March 31, 2019 the department that has the greatest growth of membership in each membership group will receive \$200 from National for their Membership program. So, if Oregon has the greatest growth in the six departments in their group, we will win \$200. I have watched our number grow day after day and I think we can make it. I know that at the beginning of February we had more than 100 members to get and we are well below that now. Please keep an application with you at all times to sign up a new member and get the information to your members to vote on those members as soon as possible. We are so close, let's make it happen for Cathy.

If you want to have a membership booth or need any information, please contact me and I would be happy to help. We have so few left to get, and we want to make Oregon shine. So, BELIEVE and we will make it.

Sonya Sallee  
OR Department Membership/Recruiting Chairman

## Veterans and Family Support

This is a message I received from my Ambassador. I wanted to make sure all have seen this. It is so important to keep our hospitalized troops and veterans as well as active duty troops in touch with their families. As a retired military wife and the mother of a soldier, being able to hear their voice and they yours is so important for morale.

As an organization comprised entirely of combat veterans, the VFW understands the importance of keeping military families in touch. That's why in 1996 they created a calling program for deployed service members that provides free phone time to active-duty military personnel and hospitalized veterans.

The program initially began with calling cards for deployed and hospitalized troops, and included several days throughout the year when deployed service members could call home call for free. To date, the VFW has provided more than 10 million free connections for service members and their families.

The VFW Veterans & Military Support program provides virtual PINs in place of actual calling cards. The number of PINs you request will be emailed to you along with dialing directions for you to provide to hospitalized veterans. Each PIN comes with 100 minutes of free talk time. It is recommended that you distribute the PINs by putting them on business cards along with the dialing directions. You should provide the PINs to your hospital contact or key volunteer so they can distribute the PINs to the patients for use. This will allow more than one patient to use each PIN.

To request the virtual PINs, complete the Virtual PIN Request form at <https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/virtualpinrequest>.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a new form that is being used to request virtual PINs. Discard any old forms you may have used prior to this notice.

The list of PINs that will be emailed to you will look like the example shown. They are preset to print on plain paper to cut apart or on Avery Labels sized 1" x 2 3/4" to peel off and stick on the back of a business card.

If necessary, this form can be printed and mailed to the VFW National Headquarters to request Virtual Pins. Please get your reports sent in. Report, Report, Report.

Loyally,  
Debbie Wright

## DEPT. CHAPLAIN



VALERIE WRINKLE

### Taking Care

This article is being written as Central Oregon is receiving a lot of snow! My property looks like a winter wonderland, and the snow has not stopped falling yet. While I am enjoying the beauty, I can't help but think of those who are elderly or infirm and housebound due to the weather. I pray that everyone stays safe and warm and has

enough supplies stocked up in case of emergency!

Whatever the weather conditions are like where you live, I hope you are taking care of yourselves and if you are able, taking care of others as well.

Thank you all for everything you do for our veterans and for each other.

Valorie Wrinkle  
541-678-3894  
vjwrinkle@gmail.com

## DEPT. TREASURER



SONYA SALLEE

### Treasurer's Notes

It is getting very close to the end of the year — the reports end on April 30, 2019 and membership ends June 30, 2019 — before we go to National. You need to get your reports in to the Chairman so they can get their reports into the president so she can get her report for the National president. We want Cathy to have an outstanding year and

the way we can do that is report, report, report.

If you are trying for you All-State or All-District awards you need to make sure that you get all your paperwork in. Have you paid all the money for all the programs to the Department Treasurer so that she gets a report to the chairman that everyone has sent in their money? Has your auxiliary sent in their \$1.25/member for the hospital money, have you sent you amount of money that you need sent to the National home? Please contact me or the different chairmen to find out if you have paid all your money to the programs and I will gladly check. Remember the money HAS to come through the Department treasury to count. I have no list from the National Home of the money that you send in to them to know who has paid through Nationa, so send those checks to me.

I will be contacting Headquarters to find out which auxiliaries bought Buddy Poppies so that I know that you have bought them and that you have increased the amount of poppies you have purchased. That was also part of the agreement for being all-state. Find creative ways of using your extra poppies, make floral arrangements or table decorations and other ideas for their use. I know many auxiliaries are having district meetings soon, why not make a flower arrangement for the tables and for your guests to show them that you appreciate them for coming.

I have a few Auxiliaries that I haven't gotten their 12/31/18 audit from and haven't heard that they didn't have a January meeting, so I will be sending out a postcard to those auxiliaries. I also have one District that had a winter meeting that I haven't gotten an audit from. All remember, if I don't have your March 30, 2019 audit by May 15, 2019, you will not be able to vote at the Department convention. I will be contacting Jan Halverson and she will know who isn't eligible to vote. Hope everyone gets through the next few months without too much stress. Hope to see many of you in Pendleton for the National president's visit or at Canyonville for Department Convention.

See you all soon.  
Sonya Sallee



# Auxiliary

## SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR



DEBBY FAWVER

## Scholarship Report March 2019

Time is closing in on the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Award program. The student deadline is March 31, 2019.

Remember, this year is the first year that this program has added another dimension to the items that can be presented. This program is for high school aged students either in regular high school

or the home schooled students and must be a maximum of 18 years of age at the time of local entry and must be a U.S citizen or U.S. National. The students must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary. Sorry, foreign exchange students are not eligible.

Along with the two-dimensional art which must be on canvas or paper, watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media taught may be used. Remember they are not to frame two-dimensional pieces. The canvas entries are to be submitted on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries must be matted in white, and remember they must be reinforced on the back with heavy paper.

Three dimensional art can be paper, papier-mache, pottery, clay, metal work, etc. Pieces should be no smaller than 8" in any direction and no longer than 24" in any direction. Art cannot be more than 5# in weight. Digital art, photography and jewelry are not accepted.

Auxiliary members, remember to complete the necessary forms. The items are to be packaged so they can be transported to the Department Convention in June at Seven Feathers.

You can get more information if you go on the website. The items must be into me by APRIL 15, 2019.

I look forward to our Convention so all can see how creative our young people are. Remember that all auxiliaries are to make out the report forms letting me know what you are doing within this committee and are to be 100% in PARTICIPATION. It is still not too late to send in your donations for the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Oregon Scholarship and the Young American Patriotic Art programs.

We work as a TEAM so let's not let anyone down. We are here for the Veterans and their families.

Take care and be safe.  
Debby Fawver

## DEPT. SECRETARY



IONA KLINE

## Auxiliary Official Notice

**Must be read at your next Meeting!**

We have received a request from Jan Owens, Interim National Secretary-Treasurer asking for our help in getting a message out to all of our members.

On page 14 of the Booklet of Instructions under 'Using Proper Channels' it reminds you that the VFW Auxiliary does have a chain of

command that is to be followed.

- Those concerns, problems, etc. of an Auxiliary MAY be addressed to the District President who will take the concerns directly to the Department President for his/her consideration.
- The Department President then decides who should be assigned to handle the concerns of that particular Auxiliary.
- If the concerns warrants it the Department President may address it to the National President for his/her consideration.

On the top of page 14 Item H lets you know how National Headquarters will handle any and all correspondence received from an individual, Auxiliary, County council, or District will be referred to the Department President so that he/she has the first opportunity to assist or fulfill a request.

President Cathy would like to remind you that this was brought up at our Mid-Winter.

PLEASE get this out to your members so that they know this is to be followed by all members.

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## Hospital Program

If you were at one of the Department of Oregon VFW Auxiliary Training Academies this past Fall, you heard me talk about the "Help Heal Veterans" program, which provides craft kits for veterans. Doing crafts can help injured and recuperating veterans improve fine motor skills, cognitive functioning, or manage stress and substance abuse. It also builds self-esteem and is good for their overall physical and mental health. We all know how good it feels to finish a project. Imagine how good it would feel to someone who is struggling day to day with PTSD or a traumatic brain injury! As one veteran put it, "I look forward to the gifts from our supporters. It keeps my mind concentrating on the present and not the past. A working mind is a busy mind." I encourage you to go to the Hospital Ambassador's blog on the National VFW Auxiliary website for the full quote and a picture of the Stagecoach model this vet built. I am not sure I could do as well with the use of both my hands!

There are kits for woodworking, leather, painting, and scale modeling. Kits are free to the veteran, including all shipping costs. The only way this program can continue to do their good work is with donations from people and from organizations like ours. If your Auxiliary is looking for another way to support the Hospital program, consider donating to this organization. Their contact information is: Help Heal Veterans; 36585 Penfield Lane, Winchester, CA 92596. Phone 1-888-5867 VETS or (951) 926-4500. Website is www.HealVets.org.

I also want to remind you that Community Volunteer week is coming up April 7 through April 13, 2019. If anyone is interested in doing a volunteer recruiting event, contact me and I will help you in any way I can. I will be contacting facilities in my area to request copies of their volunteer applications, rules and regulations for volunteers and contact information for their volunteer program. I am asking each Auxiliary (or District) to do the same. It doesn't have to be a VA facility. It can be any hospital, clinic, or nursing home facility. Not only is this a great opportunity to show your volunteer spirit, it is also a great way to do outreach to your community!

Do you have an "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer" that you would like to see considered for an award? If so, contact me right away. There is some information I will need to have for the nomination form. I must know by March 15, though, so time is short. I will review the information and submit one nomination to National. The volunteer work does not have to all be done at a VA facility. You can combine VA and non-VA hours. I know you have outstanding volunteers, but I don't necessarily know who they all are without your information! And as always, Report! Report! Report! I want you to make my job hard when it comes to deciding awards and preparing certificates!

Valorie Wrinkle, Hospital Chairman  
541-678-3894, vjwrinkle@gmail.com

## Americanism Message March 2019

According to Webster's Dictionary:

Americanism is a noun; an American trait or usage; a word or idiom originating in America; loyalty to policies and traditions of the U.S. So being patriotic is a person who loves his country and zealously support and defends it and its interest.

I encourage each of remember all of our patriotic holidays that are coming up - especially Memorial Day - encourage everyone to attend a program invite young children to attend and understand why we do this for our service men and women. Holidays coming up soon Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, so put out your flags and remember them too. Don't forget Armed Forces Day, May 18th, Flag Day, June 14th.

A reminder report all of your Americanism programs and include hours, miles, any youth that attend. Hope to see you in Tucson.

A wonderful quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: "It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself."

Loyally,  
Rose Marie Allyn, Chairmen

## LEGISLATIVE CHAIR



DEBI DUGGAN

## Share Town Hall Meetings

Happy Almost Spring You All (did that get your attention?)

Here it is the end of February and I have received Legislative Reports from only a handful of Auxiliaries. With all this snow and you can't get around, take some time and catch up on all your program reports. Remember, they need to go to Paula

Espeland as soon as possible. Your auxiliary does not have to do a Year-End Report but as a Program Chairperson I do have to. Remember your auxiliary needs to be 100% participation. Once again please get these sent in. I will be contacting each Auxiliary in the near future and if need be will do their reports with them over the phone.

There are many new bills being presented and below are two that are very important for all:

Have you taken a moment to contact your Representative to express your support for HB2689 and HB2658? Ask them to vote YES on HB 2689 and HB 2658. These bills will help lower prescription drug prices in Oregon. Also, HB 4005, the Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act, was passed with a bipartisan supermajority in February 2018. This was an important first step in holding pharmaceutical companies accountable for price-gouging on life-saving medications, there is still more we can do. Across the country, states are starting to look at ways to truly lower drug prices at the source; what we are charged by the manufacturer.

Control/Click on the Take Action below from the Oregon Coalition for Affordable Prescriptions:

### The Facts

- Drug companies make double the profits of pharmacists, distributors, insurance companies, and pharmacy benefit managers, combined.
- High costs affect everyone: patients, providers, employers, taxpayers, hospitals and health plans.
- Most drug companies have seen profits of 17%, well above inflation.
- Prescription drugs cost Americans, on average, twice as much as in other industrialized countries.
- Insulin, a drug that has been on the market for decades, increased 300% over the past 10 years. Meanwhile, about 8% of Oregonians suffer from diabetes and too many people are having a hard time keeping up with the skyrocketing costs.

Take Action! (Control click to follow the link www.affordablerxnow.org) Contact your lawmaker, go to a town hall, get engaged on social media. Join us today!

These are two very important issues to help our Veterans and families keep their medications at an affordable price. Make your voice heard via the media.

Debi Duggan  
Legislative Chairperson

## CHIEF OF STAFF



JAN HALVERSON

## Health Checkup Questionnaire

Thank you to the Auxiliaries that have sent me their Health Checkup Member Questionnaire. I hope more of you send them in. The deadline is April 5, 2019.

On the National website under Resources there is a

form you can print off if you have a member that is mentoring you and you feel he or she has done a good job. These forms must be to me by March 31, 2019.

Also under the resources there are templates that you can print for members who you think are doing a good job. Sometimes a little recognition means a lot to our members.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their families.

Loyally,  
Jan Halverson

## VFWA National President Visit

Sandra A. Kriebel, April 27-28, 2019

### Lodging

Oxford Suites Hotel, 12400 SW Court Ave, Pendleton, OR, 1-541-276-6000

Ask for room rate for VFWA National Pres. Visit

• Room rate is \$101/night with taxes, good for VFW members that also want to go early or late as Thursday, April 25- 30th is the same price. So, come and spend the weekend exploring Pendleton.

• A place is provided for breakfast, as well as a happy hour and a small meal in the evening.

• Please visit their website for other extras.

• Call for reservations. There are only a few Queen rooms available, so probably Kings will mostly be available, so please share a room with a friend.



### Agenda Saturday, April 27, 2019

12:36PM Arrive at Pasco Airport

1:30PM Lunch at Hermiston Post #4750- 45 W Cherry St., everyone invited. Sandwiches, chips, salads and coffee provided.

3:30PM- Check into Hotel. Give Sandra time to relax and do what she needs to do before dinner.

6:00PM- Aisle of Honor at #922 Post home 1221 SE Court Place Pendleton

6:30PM- Dinner at Post home #922. Dinner and entertainment by the Post and guests. Price for the Dinner not determined yet. Back to Hotel

### Sunday, April 28, 2019

7:00AM- Breakfast in the courtyard for the hotel. Line officers and PDP's will have a breakfast in another room that they have designated for us.

8:30AM- Leave for Baker City as a caravan

11:00AM- Arrive at Baker Post #3048, 2005 Valley Ave. Baker City- Light soup and sandwich meal.

Everyone is invited to attend. May be a fee, will be determined.

1:00PM- Drive to Baker City interpretive Center for a tour. Fee of \$5.00/person to go through the Center. This is a level ground center not a hard walk. We will be there about 2 hours.

3:00PM- Drive from Baker City to Pendleton

5:30PM- Arrive back to Pendleton, give Sandy a short rest break

6:30PM-Dinner at Rooster's Restaurant 1515 Southgate. Dinner and beverages are on your own.

Evening on your own. Sandra has an early flight out of Pasco so she probably will be in to her room early after dinner.

Please come and have a great time and see some beautiful scenery and a wonderful National President.

Catherine E. Lindsay

## RECRUITERS

as of 3/1/2019

Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members
2	12123	Claude Miller	110
15	4273	Allen P. Anderson	103
13	4039	Rick L. Higgins	101
10	4108	John R. Wrinkle	65
15	3973	George E. Carroll	43
12	3970	Robert J. O'Brien	30
10	12141	Floyd W. Leach	29
15	3973	Ronald W. Jagodnik	29
13	9448	Donald L. Fertgus	28
13	7384	Norman M. Henshen	27
12	3970	James E. Horton	26
13	3473	Monroe W. Parrish	25
13	4039	Steven P. Shallenberger	25
15	12140	Kenneth L. Kraft	25
14	3203	Dennis R. Pratt	22
9	3232	James W. Swant	15
15	3973	Jason Carroll	15
15	4273	Bert W. Key	15
16	10626	Cheryl E. Campos	15
10	4108	Dan S. Tureck	13
15	3973	Rodney W. Wymore	13
13	293	Arnold B. Christensen	12
9	4227	Michael R. Petersen	10
13	9448	Chad E. Laing	10
14	584	Larry Sayles	10
15	180	David B. Lowe	10
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	9
13	3473	Mary K. Sweezy	9
15	4273	Marcus Walters	9
2	10580	Albert A. Little	8
5	1383	Duane G. Whitehead	8
7	6881	Gerald A. Ziemann	7
9	4227	Charles R. Ritz	7
13	3965	Joe Ramp	7
16	10626	Juan M. Palacios	7
5	1383	Karen H. Johnson	6
13	3965	James E. Manson	6
13	4039	Robert A. Beck	6
13	3473	Dennis C. Twite	5

## Spring District Meetings

DIST.	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	OFFICERS	REMARKS
2	6-Apr	Saturday 1pm	66 SW 4th St Warrenton, OR 97146	Deb W. Rick	Noon
3	28-Apr	Sunday 1pm	Post 1442 3405 SE 87th Ave Portland OR 97236	Bert W.	Noon
4	14-Apr	Sunday 2pm	Bandon Post 3440 2928 Myrtle Point 55352 Bates Rd Bandon, OR 97411	George C. Cathy L.	
5	13-Apr	Saturday 1pm	Post 1383 515 Klamath Ave Klamath Falls, OR 97691	Dennis P	Noon
6	14-Apr	Sunday 1pm	Post 7847 45875 Cornicopia Hwy Halfway, OR 97834	Allen A Cathy L	Noon
7	13-Apr	Saturday 1pm	Post 2302 1830 Redwood Ave Grants Pass, OR 97528	John W. Val W.	Noon
8	13-Apr	Saturday 1pm	Post 4750 Hermiston 45 W Cherry Ave. Hermiston, OR 97838	Allen A. Cathy L.	Noon
9	13-Apr	Saturday 1pm	Post 4227 Toledo VFW Hall 268 Pioneer Mt. Loop Toldo, OR 97391	Rick Debra	Noon
10	13-Apr	Saturday 1pm	Post 4108 VFW Hall 491 SW Veterans Way Redmond, OR 97756	George C. Janie W.	
12	28-Apr	Sunday 2PM	Post 9744 252 S Old Pacific Hwy Myrtle Creek, OR 97457	Dennis P. Iona K.	1pm
13	13-Apr	Saturday 10am	Post 4039 VFW Hall 111 S 10th Creswell, OR 97426	Norm H. Debbie L.	Noon
14	14-Apr	Sunday 2pm	Post 584 VFW Hall 1469 Timber St SE Albany, OR 97322	Rick Debra	1pm
15	4-May	Saturday 1pm	Post 1324 Oregon City 104 Tumwater Dr. Oregon City, OR 97045	John W Val W	Noon
16	6-Apr	Saturday 1pm	Post 4211 771 NE Main St. Willamina OR 97396	George C. Cathy L	Noon

## VFW TAPS

District/Post	City	Name	MI	Last
2	1440	Saint Helens	Carlos G	Kimmell
2	1440	Saint Helens	Andy D	May
2	1440	Saint Helens	Lawrence C	Prince
2	1440	Saint Helens	Richard L	Straus
2	2848	Bay City	Howard W	Baertlein
2	2848	Bay City	Donald E	Mc Evoy
2	4362	Scappoose	Jerry	Peal
3	1325	Portland	Raymond V	Andrews
3	1325	Portland	John R	Bruce
3	1325	Portland	Lavelle	Creal
3	1325	Portland	Charlie M	Douglass
3	1325	Portland	Joseph F	Laws
3	1325	Portland	Earl J	Ridings
3	4248	Portland	Steven N	Lindsey
4	2928	Myrtle Point	Gerald E	Oziah
4	4439	Gold Beach	Eugene E	Anderson
5	1383	Klamth Falls	Raymond H	Andrieu
5	1383	Klamth Falls	Willard L	Clifford
5	1383	Klamth Falls	Clarence L	Van Meter
5	1383	Klamth Falls	Douglas S	Woods
5	1383	Klamth Falls	A H	Zimmermann Jr
6	4060	Union	Garald C	Presley
6	4060	Union	Leonard J	Vanorden
6	5452	Ontario	Charles W	Chapin
6	5452	Ontario	Shannon M	Kelly
6	5452	Ontario	Earl	Swetland
6	7847	Halfway	Steven G	Valentine
7	1833	Medford	Robert M	Carr
7	1833	Medford	Ernie	Gallo
7	2302	Grants Pass	Joseph G	Lavallee
7	4116	Rogue River	John A	Merslich
8	4750	Hermistion	James T	Otis
9	4227	Toledo	Floyd D	Ferguson
10	1412	Prineville	Orel V	Hall
10	1412	Prineville	Leo	Poser
10	1412	Prineville	Jack W	Smith
10	1412	Prineville	Arthur L	Welch
10	1643	Bend	Samuel W	Godsey
10	4217	Warm Springs	Jon L	Woodside
10	12141	Madras	Daniel	H Rehermann
12	2468	Roseburg	Thomas	J Robinson
12	3970	Sutherlin	Clarence	V De Camp
14	584	Albany	Eugene	G Oeder
14	661	Salem	Robert	L Layman
14	661	Salem	Robert	F Osterlund
14	661	Salem	James	R Sneed
14	3203	Dallas	William	M Kankkonen
14	3203	Dallas	Alvin	E Mobley
14	3437	Sweet Home	Mack	Coyer
15	4273	Sandy	Bace	Brewer Jr
15	12140	Lake Oswego	Donald	L Shank
15	12140	Lake Oswego	Arthur	N Sorenson
16	2666	Hillsboro	Richard	G Koch
16	4015	Newberg	Herbert	D King
99	15038	Mmbr at large	Roy	J Ciappini
99	15038	Mmbr at large	Randall P	S Germaine
99	15038	Mmbr at large	Dale	E Penning
99	15038	Mmbr at large	Daniel	C Updegraff
3440	3440	Bandon	Loyd	W Goulter
3440	3440	Bandon	Thelma	L Lagace





GENERAL ORDER #2  
2018 - 2019 Series

21 February 2019

TO BE READ AT A REGULAR MEETING AND FILED:

These are very important changes made at the last State Convention that will have major bearing on this years State Convention

1. Attention to National By-laws and manual procedure (2019) section 222 Delegate strength will be based on members in good standing as of **March 31th.**  
*(Department will email Delegate list and Delegate fees to Posts on April 1<sup>st</sup>)*
2. Attention Post Commanders to Oregon By-Laws Article VII -Section 8 (Delegates)
  - A. Post delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less then 30 days prior to the convention of the Department Convention with one delegate and one alternate allowed for each 30 members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the Election. Names of elected delegates and alternates will be provided to the Department Quartermaster not later than 15 days before the convening of Department Convention on a form provided by the Department Quartermaster. Members not reported to Department as elected Post delegates can register as members but will not have a right to vote.  
*If a Post does not send in a list of Delegates or pay Delegate fees that Post will not have a vote at the State Convention.*
3. Attention all Council Members (including District Commanders) Oregon Procedure guide under Council of Administration:
  - a. Outgoing Council of Administration members who attend the Council Meeting the day prior to Convention (and those Council of administration members who are re-elected to serve on the incoming Council of Administration,) that attend all business sessions of the Convention and answer all roll calls will be eligible to be paid round trip travel and one nights lodging at the rates approved in the Department Procedure Guide  
*In order to submit a travel claim Outgoing council members must **answer rolleall** at the Wednesday night meeting, and all business sessions (Thursday afternoon, Friday morning/Afternoon and Saturday Morning) for Out-going only members checks will be mailed the day after convention.*

VFW Department of Oregon phone: 503-255-5808 Email: [orvfwhq@gmail.com](mailto:orvfwhq@gmail.com)  
12440 NE Halsey St Fax: 503-255-5817  
Portland, OR 97114

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- a. Incoming Council of Administration members who attend the C of A meeting the day after Convention and are present for all Convention Business session and answer to all roll calls and are present for installing of Department Officers will be eligible to be paid one-way travel and one-night lodging at rates approved in the department of Procedure Guide  
*In order to submit a travel claim Ingoing council members must **answer rolleall** at all of the business sessions (Thursday afternoon, Friday morning/Afternoon and Saturday Morning) and the Sunday morning Meeting. travel checks will be handed out at the Sunday Morning meeting.*
2. Attention to Department of Oregon By-Laws Article VII section 12: All resolutions and proposed By-Laws amendments, to include proposed amendments to national By-Laws, Manual of Procedure or Ritual, by any Post or Department Officer shall be submitted to the Department Adjutant no less than 45 days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. The Department Adjutant will forward copies of all properly submitted resolution and proposed By-Laws amendments to all Post and Council members at least 30 days prior to Department Convention. Any resolution or proposed By-Laws not so submitted shall not be presented on the floor of the Convention. However, resolution not dealing with By-Laws amendments may be presented upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates attending the Convention.  
*Cutoff date for all resolutions / proposed By-Laws amendments to be turned in to the Department Adjutant is **May 2, 2019.** Every Resolution or Proposed By-Law amendments must be signed by the Author to be accepted. (The Department Adjutant will have copies of all resolutions, proposed By-Laws amendments emailed to all Posts & Council members **NLT May 12, 2019.**)*

BY ORDERS OF:

RICK HIGGINS  
State Commander

ATTEST:

CHERYL CAMPOS  
Adjutant

**REMEMBER:**  
Show your *support*  
*anytime*  
of the year by  
*distributing*  
**Buddy Poppies.**

*The flower of remembrance*  
They Gave, Will You?

Honor the Dead by  
Helping the Living

## Roster Changes

Page 18  
District  
Remove 2016-17 Dennis Marsh (3232)  
Dist 9 (added in error)

Page 19  
All-American Posts additional names  
2016-17 Michael Beyerlin  
9448  
2017-18 Dennis Pratt  
3203  
2017-18 Kim Kaufman  
9448  
2017-18 Marc Warren  
10580  
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# Updates

## Legacy Life Members in Oregon

Post	First Name/ Last Name	Legacy Level
180	Gill Scott	Gold
180	Marriott Tyler	Gold
180	Dooms Jr Robert	Bronze
180	Shaul Val	Bronze
180	Smith * Maynard	Bronze
180	West Franklin	Bronze
293	Chapman Mark	Gold
293	Bell James	Bronze
293	Rosano Joseph	Bronze
584	Chaput Melvin	Gold
584	Willis James	Bronze
661	Terhune Greg	Gold
661	Wymetalek Kerry	Gold
661	Osterlund * Robert	Bronze
922	Burger Judith	Gold
922	Halverson Richard	Gold
922	Hand * James	Gold
922	Van Kirk Nicholas	Gold
1324	Baranek John	Gold
1324	Gresham Edward	Gold
1324	Kimball Arthur	Gold
1324	McDonald James	Gold
1324	Ruger D	Gold
1324	Arnold Gregory	Bronze
1324	Birch Neil	Bronze
1324	Black * Robert	Bronze
1324	Chamberlin Charles	Bronze
1324	Dachtler Shawn	Bronze
1324	Deets Maurice	Bronze
1324	Ferreira Shannon	Bronze
1324	Harris Paul	Bronze
1324	Kidd David	Bronze
1324	Miller Dale	Bronze
1324	Morell Jr John	Bronze
1324	Moseley Larry	Bronze
1324	Prowant Steven	Bronze
1324	Trumble William	Bronze
1325	Mc Gee Jr James	Gold
1383	Ballard Ronald	Gold
1383	Johnson Karen	Gold
1383	Pattee Roger	Gold
1383	Whitehead Duane	Gold
1442	Hillesland Gordon	Gold
1442	Wakefield * Daniel	Gold
1442	Reijonen Albert	Bronze
1643	Smith Byron	Gold
1643	Walker Matthew	Gold
1833	Penney Robert	Bronze
1833	Pringle Peter	Bronze
1909	Ege Roger	Gold
1909	Tolleshaug Michal	Gold
1909	Kelly Linda	Silver
2468	McAloney Earl	Gold
2468	Eakin Michael	Bronze
2624	Teem Sr David	Gold
2624	May Robert	Silver
2666	Eason Andrew	Gold
2666	Marsh Dennis	Gold
2666	Pack Roger	Gold
2666	Johnson Rick	Silver
2666	Anderson Carl	Bronze
2666	Bowen Don	Bronze
2666	Fink Daniel	Bronze
2666	Premi Michael	Bronze
2666	Tomb Larry	Bronze
2666	Yee Dale	Bronze
2928	Tribble Michael	Silver
3156	Summerlin Andrea	Gold
3203	Pratt Dennis	Bronze
3232	Brown Robert	Gold
3232	Gargis Paul	Gold
3232	Jarvis Phillip	Gold
3232	Kolbeck Frederick	Gold
3232	Ruck Rex	Gold
3232	Smith Kenneth	Gold
3232	Spayd Thomas	Gold
3232	Hernandez Gerald	Silver
3232	Marsh Dennis	Silver
3232	Morgan Sr Harold	Silver
3232	Woerner Robert	Silver
3232	Andrade Bruce	Bronze
3232	Benedict Thomas	Bronze
3232	Buckley Nicole	Bronze
3232	Burns Fred	Bronze
3232	Cavarno Anthony	Bronze
3232	Downs Russell	Bronze
3232	Gerth James	Bronze
3232	Jackson * Robert	Bronze
3232	Le Plane Vincent	Bronze
3232	McBride John	Bronze
3232	Mosby * Merritt	Bronze
3232	Ransom Allen	Bronze
3232	Rhodes Gordon	Bronze
3232	Robertson Terry	Bronze
3232	Smith Bruce	Bronze
3232	Snyder David	Bronze
3232	Swant James	Bronze
3232	Youngblood * Harley	Bronze
3440	Langenberg Larry	Gold
3452	Doyle Ernie	Gold
3452	Gilbo Ted	Gold
3452	Pitcher Harvey	Gold
3452	Benson Shaun	Bronze
3452	Howard Lawrence	Bronze

Post	First Name/ Last Name	Legacy Level
3452	Mauer Arthur	Bronze
3957	Alexander Lawrence	Gold
3957	Houston David	Bronze
3965	Boosinger Steven	Gold
3965	Manson James	Gold
3965	Matthews James	Gold
3965	Stanks John	Gold
3965	Wise Jr * Jess	Gold
3970	Mc Cauley Clifford	Bronze
3973	Carroll George	Gold
3973	Carroll Jason	Gold
3973	Griswold Jason	Gold
3973	Jagodnik Ronald	Gold
3973	Knight Jeffrey	Gold
3973	Wymore Rodney	Silver
3973	Carroll Kenneth	Bronze
3973	Dorsett *** Roscoe	Bronze
3973	Morris Stephen	Bronze
3973	Winterton Ernest	Bronze
4015	Beecroft Stanley	Bronze
4015	Beecroft * Lester	Bronze
4015	Blanchard Leon	Bronze
4015	Braithwait Leonard	Bronze
4015	Cooke Donald	Bronze
4015	Edmonston George	Bronze
4015	Forquer * Seth	Bronze
4015	Lightfoot * Richard	Bronze
4015	Mardock Hubert	Bronze
4015	Savage Randall	Bronze
4015	Schorzmann Leonard	Bronze
4015	Tesky Alvin	Bronze
4039	Beard Vernon	Gold
4039	Higgins Rick	Gold
4039	Colson Richard	Silver
4039	Baker Camren	Bronze
4039	Beer Bill	Bronze
4039	Clark * John	Bronze
4039	Coltharp * Michael	Bronze
4039	Gradle Jack	Bronze
4039	Hecker Leonard	Bronze
4039	Hendrick David	Bronze
4039	Leppin Richard	Bronze
4039	Northcutt * Melvin	Bronze
4039	Watson Bryce	Bronze
4108	Chester Jr Charles	Gold
4108	Davidson * Harold	Gold
4108	Guthrie Dennis	Gold
4108	Tureck Dan	Gold
4108	Wrinkle John	Gold
4108	Pitman * Gary	Silver
4108	Bragg Robert	Bronze
4108	Pieters William	Bronze
4116	Poling James	Silver
4116	Prudhon Charles	Silver
4116	Lazette Thomas	Bronze
4116	Motter Sr Corbin	Bronze
4211	Saddler Lee	Bronze
4217	Tsumpti Jr Raymond	Gold
4248	Drais Gregory	Gold
4248	Guldenzopf Dale	Gold
4248	Mc Neal * Thomas	Bronze
4273	Anderson Allen	Gold
4273	Key Bert	Gold
4273	Miller William	Gold
4273	Boyer * Terry	Silver
4273	Anderson * Robert	Bronze
4273	Ramsey James	Bronze
4273	Walters Marcus	Bronze
4362	Peal * Jerry	Bronze
4362	Sleightam David	Bronze
4362	Weber Frank	Bronze
5452	Hatfield Jr Harvey	Gold
5452	Good Gary	Bronze
5452	Kelly * Shannon	Bronze
5452	Ristow Donald	Bronze
6057	Yost Janile	Silver
6057	Sigleer Robert	Bronze
6881	Walsh Robert	Bronze
7384	Henshen Norman	Silver
9448	Clarke James	Gold
9448	Eubank Richard	Gold
9448	Fertgus Donald	Gold
9448	Johann John	Gold
9448	Laing Thomas	Gold
9448	Ritari Stanley	Gold
9448	Lundeen Kathy	Bronze
10580	Dunn E	Silver
10580	Jasmin Melvin	Bronze
10580	Little Albert	Bronze
10626	Campos Cheryl	Gold
10626	Palacios Juan	Silver
10626	Clayton Thomas	Bronze
12123	Neubecker Louis	Bronze
12140	Kraft Kenneth	Gold
12140	Malish Michael	Silver
12140	Mcneff Beau	Silver
12140	Reed Donald	Silver
12140	Barber Anthony	Bronze
12140	Harmon Larry	Bronze
12140	Mack Jr Raymond	Bronze
12140	Yaden Boyd	Bronze
15038	Rawson Courtland	Gold
15038	Parks Jon	Bronze
15038	Sopher * Donald	Bronze

### Posts with 5 or more Legacy Members

3232	Florence	29
1324	Oregon City	19
4039	Creswell	13
4015	Newburg	12
2666	Hillsboro	10
3973	Molalla	10
9448	Veneta	8
12140	Lake Oswego	8
180	Gresham	6
4108	Redmond	7
4273	Sandy	7
3965	Springfield	5
3452	Tualatin	6

Bronze	110
Silver	21
Gold	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>

\* 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

### Oregon State Convention

June 13-15

Seven Feathers

Canyonville, Oregon

Make your hotel reservation now

Refer to VFW 2019

when making reservations

1-888-677-7771

Cost of Rooms

One king or 2 queen: Tue-Thru \$105 + tax

Fri & Sat \$125 + tax

Meal info to follow



## IN MEMORIAM

### Remembering Jason Carroll

It is our sad duty to report that Past Department Commander, Jason Carroll passed away on March 9, 2019. Jason was also a Gold Legacy Life Member of VFW Post 3973.

Jason, an Army Veteran, retired from service with the rank of Lt. Colonel. Since joining the VFW in the late sixties, Jason served in many capacities, including State Commander of the Department of Oregon for 2013-2014. Even after completing his year as State Commander, Jason continued working for the Department of Oregon. He chaired the Veteran's Service Committee and the State Legislative Committee. In both capacities Jason fought to ensure that the Department Service Office was staffed and taken care of so they can help as many Veterans and their families as possible.

Jason was also very active in his community, including serving on the Water Board. Jason is survived by his wife Hanh, sons Jacob and Jeffrey, his sister Jessie Stober and brothers Ken and George Carroll.

We will all miss him very much.

The funeral will be Monday, March 18, 10:00 am at Grand View Baptist Church, 14855 S. Leland Rd., Beavercreek, OR. 97004, followed by Willamette National. If you would like to donate to the VFW State Service Officer in Jason's name, send to: VFW Dept. of Oregon, 12440 NE Halsey St., Portland, OR 97230.





# 2019 District VOD Winners







**THE WALL THAT HEALS**  
 VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER  
 A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND  
 FOUNDERS OF THE WALL



*"The Wall That Heals"*  
 Coming to Florence, Oregon  
 Siuslaw High School  
 2975 Oak St. Florence, OR

**April 4 to 7, 2019**



General Information:  
**Kim Pruitt 541-997-6111**

Volunteer Information:  
**Kim Pruitt 541-997-6111**

Motorcycle Escort Information:  
**Bruce Andrade 209-915-5181**  
 See [www.vfwpost3232.org](http://www.vfwpost3232.org) for more escort details, times, and place.

**Motorcycle Escort - April 2 - Coos Bay to Florence**

***Thursday, April 4 to Sunday, April 7***  
***Open 24 hours to the Public***

**Saturday, April 6 – "Remembrance Ceremony" 1:00 PM**

**Sunday, April 7 – "Closing Ceremony" 2:00 PM**

*The Wall That Heals* is a 375-foot, three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington, D.C. bearing the names of the more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. *The Wall That Heals* honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War.

For more information visit:

- <https://florencechamber.com/event/the-wall-that-heals/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/776336162703774/>
- [www.vfw3232.org](http://www.vfw3232.org)
- [kim.pruitt@avalonseniorliving.com](mailto:kim.pruitt@avalonseniorliving.com)





## Photos from Washington, DC Conference and VOD Parade of Winners



Commander and Auxiliary President with Dylan Leebrock.



Delegate group.



On stage with Commander-in-Chief BJ Lawrence and National President Sandra Kriebel



Men in black.



Playing National Commander.



D.C. VFW office.



Commander Rick Higgins and Auxiliary President Cathy Lindsay escort VOD Department winner Dylan Leebrock.



## Oregon Delegates visit the Capitol and talk to Oregon's representatives about Veterans



(Back row, L to R: Bert Key, Val Wrinkle, John Wrinkle, George Carroll, Senator Merkley, Rick Higgins. Front row, L to R Jackie Key, Bob Beck, and Kathy Lundeen



Congressman Walden and Senior Vice Commander, John Wrinkle



L to R: Bob Beck, Val Wrinkle, John Wrinkle, Congressman DeFazio, Rick Higgins, Jackie Key, Kathy Lundeen, Bert Key & George Carroll



L to R: Kathy Lundeen, Bob Beck, George Carroll, Congressman Schrader, Rick Higgins, John Wrinkle, Val Wrinkle, Jackie Key, and Bert Key



George Carroll, Bob Beck, Jackie Key, Bert Key, Congressman Blumenauer, Rick Higgins, Kathy Beck, Val Wrinkle, and John Wrinkle