



Oregon

GENERAL ORDER #1
2024-2025 Series

13 August 2024

TO BE READ AT A REGULAR MEETING AND FILED:

1. Having been elected Department Commander and having been installed in the office in accordance with the By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Department of Oregon, I hereby assume command.
2. All previous appointments have expired and are declared invalid.
3. The following officers having been duly elected and installed are entitled to all the courtesies of their office:

a. Senior Vice Commander	Albert "Bert" Little	Post 10580
b. Junior Vice Commander	Floyd Leach	Post 12141
c. Quartermaster		
d. Chaplain	Anthony Barber	Post 12140
e. Judge Advocate	Greg Arnold	Post 1324
f. Surgeon	James Horton	Post 4039

DISTRICT COMMANDERS:

District Two	Ashley Taylor	Post 4362
District Three	Dale Guldenzopf	Post 4248
District Four	Brandy Olmstead	Post 965
District Five	John Forga	Post 4070
District Six	John Duggan	Post 7847
District Seven	Ralph Groover	Post 1833
District Eight	Clifford Smith	Post 922
District Ten	Robert Cusick	Post 1643
District Thirteen	Bruce Andrade	Post 3232
District Fourteen	Kurt Begley	Post 3437
District Fifteen	Gina Thomas	Post 12140
District Sixteen	Daniel Helfrich	Post 4015

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4. I hereby make the following appointments to begin function immediately:

a. Adjutant	Brandy Olmstead	Post 965
b. Chief of Staff	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108
c. Inspector	Charles Delore	Post 2302
d. Service Officer	David Lowe	Post 180

FINANCE ADVISORY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Steve Morris	Post 3973
	Greg Arnold	Post 1324
	Albert Little	Post 10580
	Floyd Leach	Post 12141
	Brandy Olmstead	Post 965

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108
	Albert Little	Post 10580
	John Duggan	Post 7847
	Floyd Leach	Post 12141
	Greg Arnold	Post 1324

MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT TRUST COMMITTEE (Garrick Trust Fund)

Chairman	Bert W. Key	Post 4273
	Quartermaster	
	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108
	Allen Anderson	Post 4273
	Ken Kraft	Post 12140
	Albert Little	Post 12149
	Floyd Leach	Post 12141
	Greg Arnold	Post 1324

The Department Service Officer and/or their Assistant shall be a non-voting advisor to this Committee.

Americanism Chair	Albert Little	Post 10580
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Color Team	Florence Post 3232
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Communications Chair	Albert Little	Post 10580
	Ashley Taylor	Post 4362
	Brandy Olmstead	Post 965

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Community Service Chair	Albert Little	Post 10580
Convention Committee Chair	Daniel Helfrich	Post 4015
	Quartermaster	
	Greg Arnold	Post 1324
	Anthony Barber	Post 12140
	Albert Little	Post 10580
	John Cook	Post 922
Distinguished Guest (Ambassador)		
Current State Junior Vice Commander	Floyd Leach	Post 12141
Life and Legacy Membership Chair	Bert W. Key	Post 4273
	Reid Ransom	Post 3232
	Ken Smith	Post 3232
Membership Chair	Kristine Sweezy	Post 3473
National Home Chair	Michael Malish	Post 3182
National Legislative Committee Chair	Anthony Barber	Post 12140
ODVA Liaison	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108
Officer Training School Chair	Bert W. Key	Post 4273
Patriot's Pen Chair	Albert Little	Post 10580
Reorganization Committee Chair	Daniel Helfrich	Post 4015
	Bruce Andrade	Post 3232
	John A. Duggan	Post 7847
	Floyd Leach	Post 12141
	Clifford Smith	Post 922
Resolutions/By-Law Committee Chair	Bert W. Key	Post 4273
	Ronald Ballard	Post 1383
	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108

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Scholarship Committee Chair	Bert W. Key	Post 4273
	Ron Ballard	Post 1383
	Ken Kraft	Post 12440
	David Lowe	Post 180
Scouting Chair	Joshua Davis	Post 2848
State Legislative Committee Chair	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108
	Greg Arnold	Post 1324
	Anthony Barber	Post 12140
	Floyd Leach	Post 12141
Teacher's Award Chair	Albert Little	Post 10580
Veteran & Military Support Chair	Ashley Taylor	Post 4362
Veterans Health & Wellness Chair	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108
	Ashley Taylor	Post 4362
Voice of Democracy (VOD)	Robert (Bob) Beck	Post 4039
Women Veterans	Marie McCandless	Post 3203
	Donice Smith	Post 9745

Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service Representatives

Portland Representative	Chairman	Harvey Pitcher	Post 3452
	Deputy	Dale Goldenzopf	Post 4248
Roseburg Representative	Chairman	Dave West	Post 2468
	Deputy	Denny Hollison	Post 9745
White City Representative	Chairman	Gary Lowe	Post 1833
	Deputy	Ralph Groover	Post 1833
	Deputy	Ken Wilson	Post 1833
Walla Walla Representative	Chairman	Clifford Smith	Post 922
	Deputy	John Cook	Post 922

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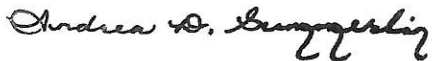
5. **ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED STATE OFFICERS** must submit proof of eligibility to the State Adjutant immediately if you were not a State Officer in 2023-2024. This includes District Commanders, District Senior and Junior Vice Commanders.
6. All Posts are hereby directed that they will adhere to the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedures, Ritual and State By-Laws.
7. **Post Commanders:** You are directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, which outlines the duties of various Post Officers. Please ensure that you provide a copy of the duties to these Officers so that they may have a successful year.
8. **Post Commanders:** Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure requires that the Post Commander ensures the Post Trustees Report of Audit is properly prepared and submitted each quarter (by deadline) to the State Adjutant.
9. **District/Post Commanders:** Attention is called to the provisions of Section 703 of the National By-Laws: Each Officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of the By-Laws shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in the sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, as far as can be anticipated, may be accountable. The Foreign Wars of the United States, Department, District, or Post to which each officer is accountable. The bonds of such accountable officers, in amount and as to surety, shall be approved by their respective units and be held by their respective Commanders. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in the unit.
10. **Council of Administration and Committee Chairs:** District Commanders are reminded that in the case you are unable to attend the C of A meeting that the Senior or Junior Vice Commander must be present in your place. All C of A and Committee Chairs are advised that you must notify both the Department Commander and Adjutant if you are unable to attend a C of A meeting or Business Session meeting for the 2024-25 year. A copy of your report must be forwarded to the State Adjutant prior to the meeting for minutes inclusion.

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11. **Several Officer Training Schools** will be held in the fall of 2024. One will be on Saturday, August 24, 2024 in Florence (Post 3232). Another one will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024 in Union (Post 4060). Post Commanders, Quartermasters, Adjutants, and Trustees are highly encouraged to attend but all are welcome. Registration is \$30.00 per person, which includes lunch.
12. Every Post chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be expected to participate in the following programs during the 24-25 year: Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Smart/Maher VFW National Citizen's Education Teacher Award, Buddy Proppy, and National Veteran Service.
13. **Commander's Special Project:** The 2024-25 Class of Commanders and Presidents (Team Tribe) will be raising funds for a VFW National Home Tribute Park and endowment fund. On a local level, my goal is to increase training and awareness regarding suicide prevention. The Department will be partnering with several non-profits to provide training and resources. Losing even one comrade to suicide is one too many
14. **State Commander Special Visit Request:** Any Post wishing to have the State Commander attend Post of Community functions are to contact the State Adjutant at least four weeks in advance to allow time for the invitation to be scheduled. The Commander will attend as many events as possible.
15. All members are reminded that the names, phone numbers, and addresses, including email addresses, shall be considered confidential and shall not be made available for commercial or political use.

BY ORDER OF:

OFFICIAL:



Andrea D. Summerlin
Commander

Brandy Olmstead
Adjutant Pro Tem