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OREGON MID-WINTER CONFERENCE, VALLEY RIVER INN, EUGENE

FEBRUARY 3, TO FEBRUARY 5, 2023

VFW and Auxiliary members met to honor Voice of Democracy District winners and the Patriot's Pen State winner.

Below: Woman Power!

State Commander Allen Anderson looks on as female veterans gather for a picture. Left to right: State QM/Adjutant Cheryl Campos, VFW 293 member Kathy Lundeen, State Sr. Vice Commander Andrea Summerlin, Aux 180 President Vallorie Herndon, District 2 Adjutant Ashley Taylor, District 4 Commander Brandy Olmstead, Dept Conductress Terri Steller, Dept Patriotic Instructor Darlene Wisdom, and Dept President Debby Fawver.





Above: Dept Sr. Vice Pres & Scholarship Chair Debbie Little rounding up the students for practice. **Below:** District Cmdrs & Presidents lining up to escort.



Left: Congratulations to the

Teacher of the Year!

Bob Beck from VFW Post 293 poses with Teacher of the Year Kendra Anderson from



Creswell Middle School.



HOW TO SPEND A FRIDAY EVENING-BINGO!



STATE COMMANDER



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Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members;-

So far this has been a really trying year for me and the department. We started July with 16 Posts in suspension. Out of the 16 we closed down 5 Posts! This is not something I wanted to do but like you, we must follow our Bylaws! Everyone should know when we do elections that election reports have to be sent to National before July 1. With elections coming in April, let's be sure to turn in your election reports!

I hope you all enjoyed our mid-Winter Convention. I sure did and am looking forward to our State Convention in June! We have come a long way this year but we still have a long way to go. We need 2,398 members to be 100 percent in our membership. We started the year ranked #50 out of 50 departments. This is totally embarrassing as this is 5 years in a row!

Most of you already know that Department's budget comes from membership. We developed the budget based on 18,000 members and as of right now we are only at 11,418. This will cause a large short fall in our budget and eventually in our programs! This is why I have been pushing membership!! We are Oregon and we are better than this, so I am asking all Post Commanders to get to work on membership and let's show some OREGON Pride!!

I am looking forward to going to Washington DC in March for the Voice of Democracy finals and to talk to our Legislators on what our veterans need!

Again, I want to thank each and every one of you out there for what you do for our veterans! Thank you for allowing me to have the honor to be your Commander and I know that together we can get Oregon back on track.

Allen Anderson, State Commander

STATE SR. VICE COMMANDER



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Fellow Comrades,

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STATE SR. VICE COMMANDER cont.

to this simple philosophy.

Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways.

It asks the following four questions: "Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?

• Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Now take a few minutes to remind yourself of the VFW's mission and vision:

<u>Our Mission:</u> To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Our Vision: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Remember why you are a member of this organization and the many reasons we serve. Obtain the facts from a credible source. Do not let the small disagreements fester and turn into members taking sides and a Post being completely divided. It saddens me to see members turn against one another which causes additional issues. Continue to work together as a team, just as we did in the military, to improve our Posts and the communities we live in. Never forget why you became a VFW member.

I understand that there are rare instances where members are out of line, but they can be corrected in a gentle and respectful manner. There are also times when members do not follow our by-laws and need to be disciplined. We are the VFW family, and like most families, sometimes we don't always agree or get along well. However, we must always remain steadfast in our mission.

In closing, I wish everyone a fun-filled and meaningful 2023. Be intentional with time spent with your family and friends. Make lasting memories filled with laughter and love. Show others you appreciate and care about them. There has been so much loss within the Department of Oregon and our communities this past year. Each one of you is an important part of your Post, District, and Department. Let us look forward to 2023 with a renewed sense of hope, energy, and commitment to meet our goals.

DEPT. PRESIDENT cont.

ing or listening to speeches and going through the elimination process. The dinner was delicious, and I enjoyed the individuals I sat with at our table.

Remember to contact your members and let them know what your auxiliary is doing. Communication is important. Elections are quickly coming and each auxiliary needs to complete the process correctly. Remember to look through your By-laws and Ritual book to refresh your memory. I do not want to lose any more members due to craziness at the Post or at the Auxiliary level. We are to work together to help Veterans and their families and we are to treat each other with respect and courtesy. No one is more important than the next person.

For the Auxiliaries who are "getting old" and "can't do anything," please regroup and learn something new. Perhaps the members that are voted in each year are stuck in the past, getting tired of coming up with all the answers, etc. Whatever the challenge is, try real hard to improve the attitude and get others involved in helping. PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T ATTEND. FIND OUT WHY AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. We are not an organization of ONE!

The Department of Oregon is always looking for members who are interested in "going through the chairs" which will result in becoming the President of this fine organization. We are also looking for members who would like to fill one of the Department Chairman positions. Contact Junior Vice President Debra Duggan. Get involved at the auxiliary level and at the district level. Keep your members informed. Check out our website vfwauxor.org and the National website in MALTA.

Packets have been distributed to all the District Presidents or Auxiliary Presidents or a representative of your auxiliary, so make sure you ask about them. They have some necessary forms and information that need to be passed on and not held for historic purposes. Year-end report forms for the auxiliary programs are in there as well. Make sure you pay attention to the deadline.

Remember to print off the National Magazine for members who don't have a computer or who cannot get the information. Or take your tablet and read some of the information at your meetings. Remember to report this under Veterans & Family Support.

A question was asked at the Mid-Winter conference meeting which I will share here. Some Auxiliaries have been reporting that they salute the flag at their meeting and reporting it under Americanism. I believe this is part of your ritual and is not reported under Americanism. If someone gives a flag folding lesson or talks about history during reporting time, you can count the number of members who are attending the meeting, etc on your Americanism report for the month. There is so much information out there for all members. Take advantage of the research that has been done for members so they can become more knowledgeable and excited about what the Auxiliary can do in the community and for each other.

It is hard to believe that our program year is already half over! It started with the National Convention, Schools of Instruction, District meetings, and an Oregon State Fair recruiting booth. We recognized our youth and teachers at the Mid-Winter Banquet in early February. As we all know, the VFW world never sleeps!

I want to share the Rotary Four-Way Test as I believe we could all benefit from learning about it. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited

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In Veteran Service, Andrea D. Summerlin

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

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Happy Valentine's Day members. I just returned from the Mid-Winter Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Banquet in Eugene. This function is a good time to connect with other members throughout Oregon and to be able to listen to some fine young Americans. It does my heart good to listen to positive and thoughtful speeches from these future leaders. Thanks to each auxiliary and District who spent their time and energy advertising, read-

Remember to donate to the National President's challenge of raising more money than the National Commander in Chief for their joint 3D Scholarship program. Jane does not want pie in her face but is looking forward to putting a pie in our Commander in Chief's face. Let's help her. Thanks, and keep working on learning and reporting.

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STATE JR. VICE COMMANDER



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It is already February and we are halfway through the year. I want to let you know we have been working on getting the Department website up to date. Please take a look to see what is going on with our department. Type in www.vfwor.org and this is where you will find forms some Post members have asked to add to the website for easier access, gallery of pictures from events, youth activities and results resources information from the Department Service Officer.

This is just the beginning of joining the 21 21st century and the more you use the website the easier it will become. I am asking for your support and help in keeping the Department website current. If you see anything that is no longer current or wrong information, please let me know so I can update it or correct the errors.

Our goal is for any Post that has done an event and wants to add it to the website for all to see have that opportunity. Please send in information with your Post name, article or pictures and we can make a section on the website to add these events. This is a work in progress and we want to help keep the information flowing to all Posts on events throughout the state. We will keep them on the website for a few months and then rotate new articles throughout the year.

We are currently working on the members only section. This is where you will soon find information that is to be opened by membership only and not for the whole world to read. Some examples would be Department general orders and information that only the membership needs to be reading. This area is being tested now before we open it up for all Department members.

Thank you for your continued support and I am looking forward to seeing the Posts and districts sending in results of the activities they have accomplished throughout the year. The Department of Oregon members are committed to serving members and their family members – we want to highlight all the great things happening!

Albert Little (Little Bert), Department Jr. Vice Commander

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER FOR OREGON



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Comrades, as I write this we are getting ready to go to D.C. where I will have the honor to represent Oregon at the National C of A. I was so hoping that John Wrinkle would be able to finish his term of office as Council Member for Oregon. Sadly, that was not to be. I am overwhelmed with the support that I received to finish his term. I would like to thank everyone, and I will do my best to fill this high honor.

I encourage everyone to watch for the alerts from the VFW Action Corps. Your responses will help the Veterans of Foreign Wars make a difference. I am sure that you have heard the old saying "numbers count." This is especially true when we are trying to get our elected officials to take care of our active duty service members and our veterans. History has taught us that veterans make up a small number of the population, so we are where they are likely to make budget cuts. We must stand together or we will all lose. This is also why it is so important that you keep your dues paid up; or better yet, become a life member if you have not done so.

It is also coming up on time for Post and District elections. I know that it is sometimes hard to get members to step up to take an office. However, every Post and District has to have a complete Election Report, which **must** be turned in on time. National has and will suspend any Post that does not have an election report on file on time. Sadly we have lost Posts this year because we could not get a complete Election Report.

It is just as important that those who do take office do their job. While we have some who have stepped up and taken command for years; they have earned a rest. I hope that some new blood will step up and take command. Why should the same person have to take responsibility year after year? Those of us that are Korea and Vietnam veterans need to start turning over the reins to our younger veterans. Their ideas may be new to some; but they are the veterans we have been keeping this organization relevant for, just as the WWII veterans did for us. If many of those WWII veterans were able to see the changes that we have put in place over the years, they might have been resistant, believing they would not work. We must accept new ideas and move forward.

In Comradeship, George E. Carroll

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOHN WRINKLE by Valorie Wrinkle

I want to take this opportunity to say a huge "thank you" to all who attended John Wrinkle's Celebration of Life at VFW Post 4108 on February 9, 2023. John was kind of a "larger than life" guy, so watching his health deteriorate and seeing him weak and ill was very hard on all those who loved him. He is at peace now and whole again, but we all miss his presence. The love and laughter, even the tears during the service at the Post helped my son, myself and all his family and friends heal.

The Pastors from our church led the Christian portion of the service, but we started with Cathy Lindsay and Tobbi Countryman singing the "Lord's Prayer." Jacob and Jordan Bailey (friends from church) sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace," two of John's favorite Christian songs.

The VFW service was led by Past State Commander George Carroll, with the help of PDC Rich Halverson, PDC Bert Key, PDC Dennis Guthrie and State Chaplain Anthony Barber. Post 4108 Honor Guard, led by Don DeLand did the military honors and Ken Smith from Post 3232 in Florence performed the Boatswain's Call, "Commander Departing" following TAPS. It was all beautiful and moving and I could not have asked for anything more.

Thank you to the Post and Auxiliary members who took care of the food service and clean up. A special thank you to Michelle Foltz for managing the

kitchen and the potluck dishes. John would be so proud of you my young friend! Thank you also to Abigail Brock, daughter of Jason and Sarah Brock from 4108 for the delicious eclairs she baked—knowing that they were one of John's favorite desserts. You have a future in baking young lady!

Friends and family come from all over (Arizona, California, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington) to honor John and remember him. Members of the VFW and Auxiliary, Military Order of the Cootie and Auxiliary, and Mountain View Fellowship were all represented.

John would have been proud to know the impact he had on so many lives and I am sure he was up there saying "All this for me??" Yes, my love, it was all for you. You earned people's respect for being a handworker, a dedicated volunteer and a strong advocate for veterans. You were loved for your sense of humor and you were known for the fierce love and loyalty you showed to friends and family. Thank you for 48 years of marriage; thank you for showing me how to have a heart for service and for allowing me to be your partner in everything you did. Thank you for being a great Dad to our son Jason and a favorite Uncle to your many nieces and nephews. No, you were not perfect, but you were pretty darn amazing!

With love and gratitude, Valorie



VFW AUXILIARY UPDATES

DEPARTMENT SR. VICE PRESIDENT



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Greetings Brothers & Sisters, I cannot believe that I am into my Senior Vice President year by 8 months, with only 4 months until Convention. I have been busy and will be busy right up to Convention. I am:

➤ Establishing an Auxiliary for the Greater Yamhill County Post #4015. We have held an introductory meeting and are busy collecting applications for potential Auxiliary members.

➤ Writing and preparing 2 new Resolutions to the Oregon By-Laws to be presented during Convention in June.

➤ Attended the National Mid-Year Cruise hosted by National VFW Auxiliary and National President Jane Reape.

> Will be attending the 2023 Legislative Conference in Washington D.C., March 5th through March 9^{th} .

 \succ Attending the Parade of Winners for Voice of Democracy during the Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.

➤ Attending Sr. Vice Training in Kansas City, Missouri, March 12th through March 15th.

 \succ Getting my chairmen and appointed positions together for next year.

Wow, no wonder the year is flying by. Remember, if you are interested in a Chairmanship or an appointed position in the line, please reach out to me and we will have a conversation.

Loyally,

Cookie (Debbie) Little

DEPARTMENT CONDUCTRESS/VET & FAMILY



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Happy Ground Hog's Day! Happy Valentine's Day! Happy Mardi Gras! Wow, for such a short month February has a lot of celebrations going on. Here is an idea to keep the good times rolling; why not celebrate our veterans' caregivers? The tireless people who help care for a veteran whether they are their husband, father, grandmother, sister, or just a friend deserve to be recognized and appreciated for all they do day in and day out.

This month would be a great time to plan a free lunch or dinner to celebrate these caregivers. If that is not feasible, why not a coffee get together or an ice cream social. You could even just mail them a card to let them know that you are thinking of them. There are a bunch of ideas you could come up with. I know how smart and creative you all are. I would love to hear your ideas and share them here and on our website. If you or our Auxiliary has already held an event, send me pictures and we will put them up on our website. If you are planning an event in the future, please take pictures and send them via email to me. I especially love to see all the neat things that are happening around our state. Caring for veterans and their families is why we exist. Let's not forget to show the caregivers our appreciation and celebrate them as well.

DEPARTMENT TREASURER



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Well, the year is slowly getting closer and closer to the end. I cannot believe how quickly they progress anymore. It just seems like the other day we were at Department Convention. It has been a good year and we still have a lot to get accomplished.

We really didn't donate a lot of money to the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs, but remember the Auxiliary's programs, one of which is the Young American Creative Art Program that has been broken down to 2D Art and 3D Art. We also have our Scholarship program where we give one member or their family member \$1,000.00 for going to school the next year. We need more money for that and more applicants, so don't forget these programs! If you have some extra money in your relief fund, don't forget to contribute.

We need more membership!!! We have barely reached 90%+. If you have older members that haven't paid their dues, please pay them. Many have been members for a long time, you would hate for them to drop. Also consider paying their life membership and then you are done. Please discuss your unpaid members at your next meeting and be sure to check dues cards. If they are not up to date, ask them to pay.

Treasurers, please check the applications thoroughly before sending them to the Department Treasurer. I must have the recruiter's name, the auxiliary number, birth dates and correct addresses. If is your responsibility to get that information, and if you don't it just delays getting a new member in your auxiliary. Also if the member is recruited by the Post, write the recruiter's name on the bottom of the application and list a member of the Auxiliary as recruiter at the top. National does not accept Post members as a recruiter, and there has to be a recruiter's name on the application.

NAT'L HOME/BUDDY POPPY CHAIRMAN



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The "Buddy Poppy" a can be used as napkin holders, center pieces and many different decorations for tables and décor throughout whatever room or area you are using. You can add them to goody bags as a tie closure, that way all the yummy items inside won't fall out when you hand them out to children, veterans and the community. Take these goody bags to retirement facilities, senior adult centers, libraries, schools, and many other places I am sure you can think of. This is a great way to get the "Buddy Poppy" out in front of your communities and other organizations. Conversations can come about from that little red flower that has such a meaningful history.

I received an email from the facilities and grounds director Todd Marriott from the VFW National Home on January 26th. In the email he informed us that new Oregon flags have been purchased for the home, the basement has been prepped and painted and the carpets have been cleaned. Because of your continued financial support of the Oregon Home these things can be done to keep our home livable and inviting. Way to go Oregon.

I have a question for you all; do you know the name of the local Veterans Service Officer (VSO) in your area? Do you have their phone number handy? I want to encourage you all to have that information at your fingertips. You never know when it might be needed.

Here in Central Oregon, we live in a tri-county area. I have all three County Veteran Service Officers' names and phone numbers in my phone. My challenge to myself this month is to add the State Veteran Service Officer's information to that list in my phone. My challenge to you all is to get the nearest Veteran Service Officer's name and contact information and put it in your smartphone contacts or address book if you don't have a smart phone. (However or wherever you keep your important names and phone numbers.)

Let's make this fun. Email me the name and phone number of the VSO closest to you by Feb. 28. March 1 I will send everyone who emails

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I want to encourage you to continue this work. The VFW National Home needs funds. They are getting hit with the changes in the economy like all of us are. But any little bit you can provide added to other auxiliaries little bit can make a big difference in the life of the families at the National Home. Purchase life time memberships to the Home for you are someone else. Bricks can be purchased to be displayed at the Home. These forms can be found on the VFW National Home website.

Purchase your poppies and distribute them. Display them at all of your activities whether it is an outside event or at your Post. The poppy can be with you everywhere you go, just like a faithful friend. No watering or feeding needed.

DEPARTMENT CONDUCTRESS/VET & FAMILY Cont.

me a surprise for playing along. Be sure to include your current mailing address in the email. I will use your information to compile a master list of VSO's in our state to Post on our Department website under Resources. This way everyone will have access to this important information. Let's have fun this month by caring for our veterans' caregivers and playing the "get to know your VSO" game with me. I hope that you all have a fantastic February! Oh, and don't forget...

REPORT, REPORT, report!!! Year-end reports are due on April 5th.

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IN THE NEWS

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DEPT JUDGE ADVOCATE/SAFETY CHAIRMAN

Hello, let me introduce myself. I am Floyd Leach. I was elected as your Department Judge Advocate in January, 2023. I enlisted in the Navy in 1972 and I served 22.5 years. I look forward to helping all the officers in the line with

our membership and helping us move forward to help our veterans in need.

I am also serving as the Safety Chairman for Commander Allen this year. Please get your safety reports in so your Post can be in the running for awards. Remember, anything you do to help someone, such as with a flat tire, or getting them out of an unsafe environment counts. You will be hearing more from me in the future. For now, thank you and God bless!

Hunter Communications Offers Scholarships to Veterans & Active Military

The Justin Jenkins Military Scholarship is funded by the company in memory of exemplary employee.

MEDFORD, ORE. (February 15, 2023) - Hunter Communications, a provider of fiber optic broadband internet, fixed wireless services, voice services, and managed IT to business and residential customers throughout Oregon and northern California, has announced it is funding three \$2,500 Military Appreciation Scholarships for Veterans and active military personnel in counties it serves. Applicants must be currently enrolled or enroll • within the next year in a two- or four-year college or university, trade school, flight school, apprenticeship, or similar program. Hunter is accepting applications beginning February 15 through March 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. PST.

The Justin Jenkins Military Scholarship is funded by Hunter in memory of employee Justin Jenkins, who passed away December 29, 2022. Affectionately known as JJ to those who knew and loved him, he was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and worked as an apprentice in Hunter's Electrical Division. As stated in the program dedication, "JJ lived Hunter's values each and every day and his loss was deeply felt by all who knew him. This scholarship stands as a tribute to his unwavering spirit of generosity, service, and love."

To apply for the scholarship, Veterans or active military personnel are asked to complete an online form and submit an essay of up to 500 words OR submit a video up to five minutes in length detailing how they have exhibited one, some, or all of Hunter's company values. Interested applicants can visit https://hunterfiber.com/military-scholarship/ for details.

In thanks to their service to our country, Hunter also extends a Military Appreciation Offer that saves households of Veterans and active military personnel up to \$30 per month for 1 Gbps upload and 1 Gbps download internet service. For more information visit <u>https://hunterfiber.com/military/</u>.

About Hunter Communications

Hunter is headquartered in Medford, Oregon, where the company has established a legacy of service excellence and commitment to local communities. With multi-Gig speeds, no data caps, and competitive pricing, Hunter's 3,000-plus mile fiber network is nationally recognized for performance and reliability.

In 2022, PC Magazine recognized Hunter as the top internet service provider for gamers in the Northwest. In 2020, BroadbandNow recognized Hunter with four Internet Service Provider Awards, including for fastest business internet speeds in Oregon and among the top 10 nationwide.

Additional information is available at <u>Hunterfiber.com</u>.

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IN THE NEWS

Below: Fremont Middle School's leadership class donated \$1,400 Thursday to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter 2468.



Students in Evan Hendry's leadership class at Fremont Middle School in Roseburg watch as Evan Hendry gives a \$1,400 donation to David West on Thursday, the commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter 2468.

Will Geschke/The News-Review—11/10/2022



MOC members with gifts to donate to VA veterans for the holidays.

Cooties purchase gifts for VA veterans

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ins for the facility. facilities around the area, Local members of the with every last Monday on the local group, visit military order, known as of the month seeing them www.mocorgrand.pupt

They also make infre-MOC is a subsidiary of the VWF (Veterans o

They also visit various Foreign Wars). For more information Cooties, assist veterans at Spruce Point Senior entl.org/pup-tent-9.

Above: Cooties in the News!

From the Dec. 28, 2022 Siuslaw News

From Department of Oregon Facebook page:

On December 13, 2022, the Sandy VFW Post 4273 and it's AUXILIARY delivered over \$600 worth of supplies to the Clackamas County Veterans Village. Merry Christmas! Thank you Post and Auxiliary members for your generous donations.



Outspoken veteran from Oregon City heading back to Texas

(Copied from Oregon City News Online)



Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day and the anniversary of Oregon's statehood, but it's also the day that well-known veteran and longtime Oregon City resident DJ Ruger is moving back to Texas.

Ruger, 70, is credited as being instrumental in getting Medal of Honor recipient Larry Dahl's memorial moved from the back of a parking lot to Clackamas County's new Circle of Honor, where Ruger organized annual Sept. 11 remembrance events. Ruger was also a critical force behind getting an Oregon City highway and park named for Tyrone S. Woods, an OCHS graduate who lost his life defending U.S. civilians during the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi.

"I didn't do any of this by myself," Ruger said, thanking the many other veterans, politicians and average citizens who stepped up to help with the initiatives.

Ruger's reluctance to take credit for accomplishments was not surprising to fellow Oregon City veterans advocate Shawn Dachtler, who called Ruger "a pivotal force" in many recent initiatives. A veteran of the Vietnam War active in Oregon City since the mid 1990s, Ruger was tireless in recruiting volunteers and grocery stores to allow veterans to accept donations from shoppers during the Veteran of Foreign War Post's annual poppy drive, which over the past decade has raised about \$250,000 for the Post's

community veterans causes.

"In general, the overall position of the VFW Post currently is mostly to his credit. For the Post to be focused outwardly and giving back so much to the community, that's 100% his vision. Others may have helped in the success, but he was the force no doubt," Dachtler said.

Ruger is known to be outspoken, to say the least, in his advocacy for veterans. He spoke publicly about "bureaucratic delays" in park construction, for example, saying he didn't have "tolerance for political B.S., because I just have too many miles on my odometer to put up with it."

VFW Post Commander Greg Arnold called Ruger a "great mentor" who "was never shy about expressing his opinion." He was thankful that Ruger remains just a phone call away whenever he or other Oregon City veterans have questions or need advice. "Without him, I wouldn't have had the success that I have had," Arnold said.

IN THE NEWS

In Memoriam:

At the Mid-Winter Conference held at the Valley River Inn, Eugene February 3 to 5, 2023, Past State Commander Carl George Anderson announced his retirement from being Patriot's Pen Chairman, a Post he had held for approximately 20 years.

As this Newsletter was going to press, I was given the sad news that Carl passed away in his home on February 16, 2023.

Rest in peace Carl. You will be missed.



The Long Road Team Completes Journey Post 4227 Donates Team Long Road **By Andrea Summerlin** Post 4227 Commander

U.S. Route 20 is considered America's longest highway and for good reason. It covers 3,365 miles from Boston, Massachusetts to Newport, Oregon. This highway passes through twelve states and spotlights a variety of natural beauty.

Some individuals might have driven this route across our country. They would have spent about 60 hours (or about one week) traveling from one coast to the other. Have you even thought about walking this entire road? How would you even go about planning for a trip like this?

On 6 June 2022 (D-Day), Justin "JD" LeHew and Coleman "Rocky" Kinzer, both retired US Marine Corps Sergeant Majors, began a cross country adventure from Boston to Newport. Their mission was to bring awareness to America's Missing and Killed in Action from all wars and conflicts, Gold Star families. On 18 August 2022, they were joined in Elgin, Illinois by Marine veteran, Staff Sergeant Raymond Shinohara.

The Newport area and surrounding communities were anticipating the arrival of these three Marines and planned several events. The first was on their day of arrival, 17 December 2022 at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Newport. As the three Marines walked over the final ridge and saw the Pacific Ocean, Highway 20 was lined with supporters cheering and clapping. Perhaps they were attempting to complete their journey on 7 December, Pearl Harbor Day?

A ceremony was held at Don and Ann David Park at 1300 hours which included remarks by Newport Mayor, Dean Sawyer followed by the National Anthem sung by Sharon Biddinger. Presentations were made by State Representative David Gomberg, Lincoln County Commissioner Clair Hall and Toledo Mayor Rod Cross. Each Marine gave remarks and thanked everyone for their support. The ceremony was closed by singing the Marine Corps



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On Sunday, 18 December 2022, the Newport National Guard coordinated a spaghetti dinner for the Long Road Team and community members. All funds raised were donated to the History Flight, a non-profit organization dedicated to researching and locating the remains of over 81,900 American service members still missing in action from past American conflicts.

Mike Petersen, Post 4227 Quartermaster was able to meet the three Marines in Toledo and presented a \$500 check to support their mission. In addition, several other members donated \$200. During his brief encounter with Rocky, JD, and Raymond, Petersen said "It was such an honor to meet them personally. Their journey has been very inspiring to follow."

Although they have completed the journey on America's Longest Road, LeHew, Kinzer and Shinohara, who all served together at one time or another, plan to continue raising funds and aware-

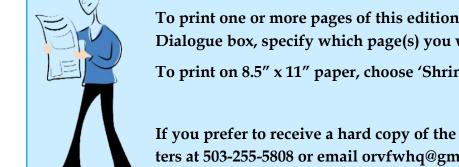
ness to bring their fallen comrades home and provide closure to their families. More information can be found at: https:// teamlongroad.com/ and https:// historyflight.com/.

Sqt Maj Justin LeHew and SSqt Raymond Shinohara (in between is Michael Petersen, Post 4227 Quartermaster/Adjutant)



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14	584	George Blocker	8/1/2022	15	4273	Edward O Aringdale	7/28/2022	MAL	15038	Billy E Gentry	1/6/2023
14	584	Ronald C Clement	9/12/2022	15	4273	George D Blaske	10/10/2022	MAL	15038	Gary W Georgeson	7/28/2022
14	584	Kenneth Culver	8/1/2022	15	4273	Darryl L Brooks	11/7/2022	MAL	15038	Norman L Haines	11/21/2022
14	584	Jack M Davis	8/1/2022	15		Gerald Caldwell	9/6/2022		15038	Bert D Harley	10/24/2022
14	584	John Gjaltema	7/21/2022		4273	John Feyler	8/1/2022		15038	Kenneth L Harrell	11/3/2022
14	584	Thomas J Hash	1/23/2023		4273	Alfred L Foust	1/6/2023			Dan Lewis Holdridge	7/28/2022
14	584	Joseph L Howard	8/1/2022	15	4273	William F Freiley	12/12/2022		15038	Gary A Homme	1/6/2023
14	584	George Nelson	8/1/2022		4273	Dale A Jeffers	7/29/2022		15038	Robert C Hughley	9/12/2022
14	584	Gerald W Powell	10/19/2022	15		Leo E Johnson	10/18/2022		15038	Terrill Hunter	10/3/2022
14 14	584 584	Edward Rose Eugene H Russell	12/21/2022 10/31/2022		4273 4273	Ronald N Oakley Dennis L Sandercock	7/21/2022		15038 15038	Ray E Johnson Bobbie J Kirkley	10/27/2022 9/21/2022
14	584	Loren E Schrock	1/23/2023		4273	Clyde R Wentworth	· ·		15038	Corwin H Kozminski	1/10/2023
14	584	Roscoe J Transue	8/1/2022		4273	Timothy C Wilson	7/12/2022		15038	Diane A Lemaster	10/27/2022
14	661	Peter J Fitzpatrick	10/10/2022		6057	Robert L Degnan	1/23/2023		15038	William V Lewis	11/21/2022
14	661	James L Franklin	11/14/2022	15		Manuel R Gonzalez Jr.			15038	Harley W Lewis	12/14/2022
14	661	Herman A Mac Donald	12/20/2022		6057	Jim E Pyne	1/23/2023		15038	, Stephen R Lindstrom	10/24/2022
14	661	Anthony Mancilla	11/21/2022	15	12140	John Schlect	8/1/2022	MAL	15038	Robert D Lunyou	12/5/2022
14	661	Jack M Mc Elwain	8/1/2022	15	12140	Eldon L Synder	11/4/2022	MAL	15038	Doug Mc Clelland	8/1/2022
14	661	Roy L Simmons	7/28/2022	16	2666	Don E Bahnsen	12/12/2022	MAL	15038	William Miller	1/23/2023
14	732	Duaine E Esbenshade	8/17/2022	16	2666	Ellsworth H Bell	8/14/2022	MAL	15038	Gerald Nagle	10/27/2022
14	732	Alfred Lane Jr.	7/21/2022	16	2666	Roger G Harbaugh	12/7/2022	MAL	15038	Clifford S Nakamura	7/22/2022
14	732	William G Miller	12/12/2022	16		Kenneth b McIntyre	10/24/2022		15038	Thomas A Nelson	9/26/2022
14	3156	Jay B Cunningham	7/12/2022	16	2666	Michael C Rooney	12/12/2022		15038	George R Ough	10/10/2022
		Douglas G Birge	11/7/2022	16	2666	Jim Schmitt	8/1/2022		15038	Beveren K Overstreet	1/6/2023
14	3203	Gregory L Pierce	9/27/2022	16		Robert Stringfield	1/23/2023		15038	Donald O Pahlke	1/2/2023
14	3203	Michael A Starks	9/12/2022	16 16	2666	Lewis O Walker	8/1/2022		15038	Norris S Pendergrass	
14 14	3203 3437	Roy E Vaughn Dennis Bechtel	12/5/2022 10/10/2022	16 16	3452 3452	Jim M Beilstein Gordon E Burck	9/12/2022 8/1/2022		15038 15038	Jimmy L Pierce	9/12/2022 9/26/2022
14 14		Ted W Evans	8/22/2022	16		Victor C Fallon	8/1/2022 8/8/2022		15038	Earl D Plagmann Albert Randow	9/26/2022
	3437	Gerald E Grimm	11/21/2022		3452	Arthur M Lyons	1/26/2023		15038	Steve A Rouska	7/26/2022
14	3437	Richard D Holcomb	8/22/2022	16	3452	Paul J Reiter	7/21/2022		15038	Robert S Schafer	9/27/2022
	3437	Richard K James	1/15/2023	16	3452	Jose C Untalan	7/21/2022		15038	Eugene A Schmick	1/30/2023
14		T Pollock	1/7/2023	16	3452	Thurman C Willingham	1/23/2023		15038	Norman H Schroth	7/21/2022
14	3437	Hugh E Robinson	1/7/2023	16	4015	Gerald E Best	1/23/2023		15038	John D Shoemaker	7/28/2022
	3437	Philip D Roice	8/22/2022	16		Norman M Hand	10/10/2022		15038	Phillip B Smith Sr.	8/26/2022
14		Lester L Whittle	9/26/2022	16		Arnold H Jensen	12/12/2022		15038	David E Steele	7/21/2022
14	3965	Carl L Abeyta	8/1/2022	16	4015	Gerald G Thomas	10/24/2022	MAL	15038	Robert F Stegner	11/7/2022
14	3965	Robert D Baxter	8/31/2022	16	4211	Lewis D Thompson	11/14/2022	MAL	15038	Frank B Thieme Jr.	1/23/2023
14	3965	Gale L Carpenter	1/9/2023	MAL	15038	Richard W Adams	8/15/2022	MAL	15038	Francisco Villavicencio	8/8/2022
14	3965	Marvin W Hanna	8/29/2022	MAL	15038	William N Allen	10/31/2022	MAL	15038	John R Williams	1/12/2023
	3965	Terrell W Kramer	12/12/2022	MAL		Philip R Anderson	7/12/2022		15038	Howard L Wortham	7/21/2022
14	3965	Bob F Smith	2/16/2023		15038	Louis F Armbruster	9/26/2022	MAL	15038	Dan Yates	7/21/2022
				MAL	15038	Richard K Bass	1/2/2023				

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our Comrades.

In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen



2021-2022 AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

DEPARTMENT TOTAL 2021-2022 = 13,816 DEPARTMENT PERCENTAGE 2021-2022 = 100.04%

DEPARTMENT TOTAL 2022-2023 = 11,410 DEPARTMENT PERCENTAGE 2022-2023 = 82.56%

,		2022	2023
POST	DISTRICT #2		
1440	ST. HELENS	58	46
1909	RAINIER	56	43
2848	BAY CITY	100	84
2994	CLATSKANIE	32	27
4362	SCAPPOOSE	67	55
10580	WARRENTON	144	143
12123	SEASIDE	76	79*
	TOTAL	533	477

POST	DISTRICT #3		
1325	PENINSULA/PEP	106	88
4248	SELLWOOD BRK.	331	286
	TOTAL	437	374

POST	DISTRICT #4		
965	COQUILLE	24	20
966	BROOKINGS	67	53
2928	MYRTLE POINT	47	42
3182	NORTH BEND	62	66*
3440	BANDON	191	172
4439	GOLD BEACH	44	34
6102	POWERS	32	25
	TOTAL	467	412

POST	DISTRICT #5	
1383	KLAMATH FALLS	744
4070	LAKEVIEW	69
6147	ΜΔΕΙΝ	19

		2022	2023
POST	DISTRICT #8		
922	PENDLETON	261	208
2471	THE DALLES	61	47
3597	JOHN DAY	30	30*
4567	MILTON FREEWATER	26	20
	TOTAL	378	305

POST	DISTRICT #10		
1412	PRINEVILLE	97	<mark>86</mark>
1643	BEND	293	245
4108	REDMOND	575	489
7242	LA PINE	58	<mark>53</mark>
8138	SISTERS	58	<mark>52</mark>
12141	MADRAS	86	71
	TOTAL	1167	<mark>996</mark>

POST	DISTRICT #12		
2468	ROSEBURG	293	217
3970	SUTHERLIN	140	141*
9744	MYRTLE CREEK	123	88
9745	WINSTON	151	134
	TOTAL	707	580



		2022	2023
POST	DISTRICT #13		
293	EUGENE	300	173
3232	FLORENCE	301	294
3473	COTTAGE GROVE	205	119
3965	SPRINGFIELD	556	534
4039	CRESWELL	114	95
4166	MARCOLA	42	42*
9448	VENETA	155	126
10639	JUNCTION CITY	19	15
	TOTAL	1692	1398

POST	DISTRICT #14		
584	ALBANY	392	336
661	SALEM	351	301
732	SILETZ	32	26
3156	WALDPORT	43	33
3203	DALLAS	143	109
3437	SWEET HOME	185	157
3957	MONROE	53	44
4065	JEFFERSON	29	26
4227	TOLEDO	224	137
5638	STAYTON	81	61
12214		0	25
	TOTAL	1533	1255

POST	DISTRICT #15		
180	GRESHAM	251	<mark>219</mark>
1324	OREGON CITY	279	<mark>236</mark>
3973	MOLALLA	431	<mark>368</mark>
4273	SANDY	461	<u>364</u>
6057	CANBY	75	<mark>69</mark>
12140	LAKE OSWEGO	172	99
12211	HOOD RIVER	29	<mark>29*</mark>
	TOTAL	1698	<mark>1384</mark>

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	TOTAL	832	626	

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POST	DISTRICT #6		
3048	BAKER CITY	129	106
3749	HUNTINGTON	14	12
4060	UNION	163	124
4307	ENTERPRISE	140	127
5452	ONTARIO	106	94
7847	HALFWAY	71	62
	TOTAL	623	525

POST DISTRICT #7

1833	MEDFORD	342	270
2302	GRANTS PASS	149	114
6881	SHADY COVE	76	81*
9670	JACKSONVILLE	34	26
	TOTAL	601	491

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

VFW STORE 1 Stop Shopping

Still accepting custom orders, but as mandates differ from state to state, please expect some delays.

- * VFW Items * U.S. Flags
 - Auxiliary

Military Medals

- * Patriotic Items
- * Custom Orders
- Apparel
- - And Much More!

POST	DISTRICT #16		
2666	HILLSBORO	297	219
3452	TUALATIN	235	207
4015	NEWBERG	365	285
4211	WILLAMINA	72	64
	TOTAL	969	775

		2022	2023
MAL	MEMBERS AT LARGE	2179	1812

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERS IN OREGON

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	13	3232	38				
	15	1324	25				
SS	16	4015	17				
POSTS WITH 5 OR MORE LEGACY MEMBERS	13	4039	16				
MEN	15	3973	16				
C V L	14	661	11				
EGA	16	3452	10				
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2	13	9448	3				
	15	4273	7				
	3	4248	5				
	5	1383	5				
	7	1833	3				
	15	180	7				
	15	12140	6				
	8	922	4				
	13	293	1				
Dist	Pos	t Firstl	Name	Mi	Last Na		
2)9 Roger	tunic	A	Ege		
2)9 Micha	1	D	Tollesha		
2)9 Linda	•	K	Kelly		
2		18 James		W	Allenbra		
2		52 Willia	n	G	Crist		
2	2 436	52 James		А	Walling		
2	2 436	52 Thoma	as	Ρ	Ford		
2	2 436	52 Roger	J	Antonic			
2	2 436	4362 Spencer A					
2	2 436	52 Jerry		Peal*			
2	2 436	52 David		Ρ	Sleighta		
2	2 436	52 Frank		С	Weber		
2	2 1058	30 E		L	Dunn		
2	2 1058	30 Albert		А	Little		

Legacy Lif	e Counts
Gold	121
Silver	34
Bronze	158
Total	313

* Marks Deceased

Dist	Post	First Name	Mi	Last Name	Legacy Level
2	1909	Roger	А	Ege	Gold
2	1909	Michal	D	Tolleshaug	Gold
2	1909	Linda	К	Kelly	Silver
2	2848	James	W	Allenbrand*	Gold
2	4362	William	G	Crist	Gold
2	4362	James	А	Walling	Gold
2	4362	Thomas	Ρ	Ford	Silver
2	4362	Roger	J	Antonich	Bronze
2	4362	Spencer	А	Jones	Bronze
2	4362	Jerry		Peal*	Bronze
2	4362	David	Ρ	Sleightam	Bronze
2	4362	Frank	С	Weber	Bronze
2	10580	E	L	Dunn	Gold
2	10580	Albert	А	Little	Gold
2	10580	Tiffany	С	Adams	Bronze
2	10580	Thomas	L	Anderson	Bronze
2	10580	Eugene		Bonk	Bronze
2	10580	Richard		Gilliam	Bronze
2	10580	George	I	Gunn*	Bronze
2	10580	Melvin	Н	Jasmin	Bronze
2	10580	Charles	S	Parker*	Bronze
2	12123	Claude		Miller	Gold
2	12123	Louis	J	Neubecker	Gold
3	1325	James	Н	Mc Gee Jr	Gold
3	1325	Bruce	W	Hall	Bronze
3	4248	Gregory	L	Drais*	Gold
3	4248	Dale	Ν	Guldenzopf	Gold
3	4248	•	В	Agler	Bronze
3	4248	William	С	Hughes	Bronze
3	4248	Thomas	R	Mc Neal*	Bronze
3		Sharon	Μ	Ploor	Bronze
4		Michael	С	Malish	Gold
4		Larry	D	Langenberg	Bronze
5		Ronald	Е	Ballard	Gold
5		Karen	Н	Johnson	Gold
5		Roger	A	Pattee	Gold
5		Phillip	С	Van Buren	Gold
5		Duane	G	Whitehead	Gold
5		Douglas	D	Herrera	Bronze
6	4307		Μ	Gosnell	Bronze
6		Harvey		Hatfield Jr	Gold
6		Donald	Μ	Ristow	Gold
6	5452	Gary	Μ	Good*	Bronze

		_			Legacy		_	_	_			Legacy
Dist 6	Post	First Name Frank	Mi C	Last Name Griffith	Level Silver	-			First Name Richard	Mi	Last Name Childs	Level Bronze
6	5452 5452		C	Brown	Bronze				Timothy	к	Marler*	Bronze
6		Shannon	М	Kelly*	Bronze				James	W	Swant	Bronze
6	7847	John	А	, Duggan	Silver	13	323	32	Allen	R	Ransom	Gold
7	1833	Robert	К	Penney	Gold				David	R	Snyder	Bronze
7		Hugh	Е	Crawford	Bronze				Gerald	F	Hernandez	Silver
7		Ralph	Т	Groover	Bronze	-			Russell	E	Downs*	Bronze
7		Jonathan Peter	P J	Lucky Pringle	Bronze Bronze				Harold Gordon	D	Morgan Sr. Rhodes	Silver Bronze
7		Oscar	C	Willis	Bronze				Charles	к	Pennington Jr.	
7		Kenneth	D	Wilson	Bronze				Harry		Gualco	Bronze
7	2302	Glenn	D	German	Silver	13	323	32	Milton	G	Gravell*	Bronze
7	2302	Charles	Е	Delore	Bronze	13	323	32	Nicole	А	Buckley	Bronze
7	6881	•	E	Poling	Gold				Phillip	M	Jarvis*	Gold
7	6881 6881	Clarence	O A	Neville* Mickelsen	Silver Bronze	-			Bruce Ronald	W R	Smith Tate	Bronze Bronze
7		Stephen	B	Waldrum	Bronze				John	E	McBride	Bronze
, 7		Michael	C	Walker	Bronze				Bruce	D	Andrade	Silver
7	6881	Robert	D	Walsh*	Bronze	13	323	32	Fred	М	Burns	Bronze
7	6881	Gerald	А	Zieman	Bronze	13	323	32	Robert	F	Brown	Gold
8		Judith	Α	Burger	Gold				David	Μ	Christopher	Bronze
8		Richard	E	Halverson	Gold				Marcus Tami	H	Sharbowski	Gold
8 8		James Clifford	F R	Hand* Smith	Gold Gold				Terri Monroe	W W	Pennington Parrish	Bronze Bronze
8		Nicholas	R	Van Kirk	Gold				Kenneth	E	Hunt	Bronze
8	-	Lawrence	R	Alexander	Gold				Jerry	Т	Kerns	Bronze
8	3957	David	Т	Houston	Bronze	13	396	55	Jess	М	Wise Jr.*	Gold
10		Michael	Ρ	Boehme	Gold	-		-	Robert	А	Cox	Gold
10		Byron	l	Smith	Gold				John	Р	Stanks	Gold
10 10		Charles Harold	E G	Chester Jr. Davidson*	Gold Gold				Steven Carl	M M	Boosinger Pelzel	Gold Gold
10		Dennis	G	Guthrie	Gold				James	E	Manson	Gold
10		William	E	Pieters	Gold				Roger	w	Piper	Gold
10	4108	Dan	S	Tureck	Gold				James	Е	Matthews	Gold
10	4108		R	Wrinkle*	Gold	13	403	39	David	W	Hendrick	Bronze
10	4108		D	Pitman*	Silver				Norman	M	Henshen	Gold
10		James Leonard	A P	Russum Hellwig	Bronze Gold		403		Bill Melvin	E L	Beer Northcutt*	Bronze
		Kenneth	P R	Keeton	Bronze				Vernon	L A	Beard	Bronze Gold
	12141		W	Leach	Bronze				Rick	L	Higgins*	Gold
	12141	•	L	Mc Donald	Bronze	13	403	39	Gene	D	Lord	Bronze
12	2468		Т	McAloney	Gold	13	403	39	Jack	L	Gradle	Bronze
12		Michael	D	Eakin	Bronze				Bryce	L	Watson	Bronze
12 12	3970 3970	James Fric	E D	Horton	Gold Gold				Richard Michael	A G	Leppin Colthorn*	Bronze
12		Clifford	N	King Mc Cauley*	Gold				Leonard	M	Coltharp* Hecker	Bronze Bronze
13		Mark	D	Chapman	Gold				Kathy	A	Lundeen	Silver
13	293	William	А	Ivanoff	Gold	13	403	39	Anthony	А	Jaques	Bronze
13	293	James	I	Bell*	Bronze	13	944	18	Thomas	G	Laing*	Gold
13		Frank	l	Blair	Bronze				Steven	P	Shallenberger	Bronze
13		Arnold	B	Christensen	Bronze				Mathew	E P	Bohman Clark*	Gold
13 13		Joseph Charles	M A	Rosano Stolsig	Bronze Bronze				John Camren	R J	Baker	Bronze Gold
13		Adalbert	E	Toepel Jr.	Bronze				Robert	A	Beck	Bronze
13	293	Nicholas	J	Urhausen	Bronze	13	403	39	Richard	L	Colson	Silver
13	3232	Paul	L	Gargis	Gold	14			Robert	F	Osterlund*	Bronze
13		Frederick	Т	Kolbeck*	Gold				Kerry	G	Shafer	Bronze
13 13	3232 3232	Keith	R	Kraft Ruck	Gold Gold	14 14			Herman Louis	A	Mac Donald*	Bronze
13		Kennith	L E	Smith	Gold	14 14			Louis Kerry	А	Bondi Wymetalek	Bronze Gold
13		Thomas	F	Spayd	Gold	14			James	E	Robertson	Bronze
13	3232	David	L	Younce	Gold	14	66	51	Leonard	V	Goss	Gold
13		Dennis	R	Marsh*	Silver	14			Melvin	L	Chaput	Gold
13		Robert	В	Woerner*	Silver	14			James	M	Willis	Bronze
13		Thomas	S	Benedict	Bronze				Michael	L	Beyerlin	Bronze
13 13	3232	Anthony Gary	V W	Cavarno Covert	Bronze Bronze	14 13			Jay James	D R	Wylie Clarke	Bronze Gold
13		James	w	Gerth*	Bronze	13			Greg		Terhune	Gold
13		Robert	J	Jackson*	Bronze	14			Daniel	w	Mason	Gold
13	3232	Vincent	R	Le Piane	Bronze	13	944	18	Stanley	G	Ritari	Gold
13		Merritt –	C	Mosby*	Bronze	14			Wesley	J	Larson	Bronze
13		Terry) 1	Robertson	Bronze	14 12			Jesus Donald		Montes	Gold
13	3Z3Z	Harley	0	Youngblood*	Bronze	13	944	ŧŐ	Donald	L	Fertgus	Gold

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				Legacy						Legacy						Legacy
Dist		Mi		Level			First Name				Dist		First Name		Last Name	Level
14	661 James	J	Montes	Bronze	15	1324			Harris	Bronze	16		Michael	R	Premi	Bronze
14	661 Robert		Osborne	Bronze	15	-	David		Kidd	Bronze	16		Larry	R	Tomb	Bronze
14	661Terry	В	Traxler	Bronze	15	1324	Justus	Ρ.	Mills	Bronze	16		Dale	S	Yee	Bronze
14	661 Rodney	Μ	Ulberg	Bronze	15		Steven		Prowant	Bronze	16	3452	Ernie		Doyle	Gold
14	3203 Dennis	R	Pratt	Silver	15		Joseph	Μ	Stutzman	Bronze	16	3452	Ted	D	Gilbo	Gold
14	3203 Terry		Smith	Bronze	15	1324	William	Μ	Trumble*	Bronze	16	3452	Paul	Α	Maidel Jr.	Gold
14	3203 Steven	А	Storey	Bronze	15	1324	Edgar		Wales	Bronze	16	3452	Roger	D	Pack	Gold
14	3437 Vernon	L	Holdridge	Gold	15	3973	George	Е	Carroll	Gold	16	3452	Harvey	А	Pitcher	Gold
14	3437 Marion	Μ	Fritts	Bronze	15	3973	Jason		Carroll*	Gold	16	3452	Shaun	D	Benson	Bronze
14	3437 Daniel	С	Mcrorie	Bronze	15	3973	Jason	F	Griswold	Gold	16	3452	Joshua	Α.	Colebank	Bronze
14	3437 Ronald	W	Wilson	Bronze	15	3973	Ronald	W	Jagodnik*	Gold	16	3452	Pat		Forrester	Bronze
14	4227 James	Н	Buisman	Gold	15	3973	Jeffrey	D	Knight	Gold	16	3452	Lawrence	J	Howard	Bronze
14	4227 Robert	R	May	Gold	15	3973	Mitchell		Stephens	Gold	16	3452	Arthur	V	Mauer	Bronze
14	4227 Michael	R	Petersen	Gold	15	3973	Rodney	W	Wymore	Gold	16	4015	Cheryl	Е	Campos	Gold
14	4227 Charles	R	Ritz	Gold	15	3973	Kenneth	L	Carroll	Silver	16	4015	Christopher		Dauterman	Gold
14	4227 Andrea	D	Summerlin	Gold	15	3973	Larry	D	Markus	Silver	16	4015	Juan	Μ	Palacios	Gold
14	4227 Rodney	S	Terry Sr.	Bronze	15	3973	David	Н	Wallace	Silver	16	4015	Thomas	G	Clayton	Silver
14	4227 Lance		White	Bronze	15	3973	Ernest	Н	Winterton	Silver	16	4015	Stanley	L	Beecroft	Bronze
15	180 Robert	L	Dooms Jr.	Gold	15	3973	John	А	Dobbs	Bronze	16	4015	Lester	Е	Beecroft*	Bronze
15	180 Scott		Gill	Gold	15	3973	Roscoe	V	Dorsett*	Bronze	16	4015	Leon	L	Blanchard	Bronze
15	180 David	В	Lowe	Gold	15	3973	Daun	А	Dreyer	Bronze	16	4015	Leonard	D.	Braithwait Jr.*	Bronze
15	180 Michael	L	Martin	Gold	15	3973	Stephen	G	Morris	Bronze	16	4015	Magno	Т	Campos Jr.	Bronze
15	180 Franklin	R	West	Gold	15	3973	Jose	S	Rodriguez	Bronze	16	4015	Donald	R	Cooke*	Bronze
15	180 Thomas	Μ	Lande	Bronze	15	3973	Luke	Т	Weintz	Bronze	16	4015	George	Ρ	Edmonston	Bronze
15	180 Albert	А	Reijonen	Bronze	15	4273	Allen	Ρ	Anderson	Gold	16	4015	Seth	J	Forquer*	Bronze
15	180 Val	G	Shaull	Bronze	15	4273	Bert	W	Кеу	Gold	16	4015	Richard	G	Lightfoot*	Bronze
15	180 Maynard	С	Smith*	Bronze	15	4273	William	Н	Miller	Gold	16		Raymond	L	Mack Jr.	Bronze
15	1324 Gregory	А	Arnold	Gold	15	4273	Marcus		Walters	Gold	16		Hubert	Μ	Mardock	Bronze
15	1324 John	А	Baranek*	Gold	15	4273	-	Е	Boyer*	Silver	16	4015	Randall	Е	Savage*	Bronze
15	1324 Shawn	Ρ	Dachtler	Gold	15		Robert	L	Anderson*	Bronze	16		Leonard		Schorzmann	Bronze
15	1324 Edward	L	Gresham	Gold	15	4273	James	Μ	Ramsey	Bronze	16		Alvin	A	Tesky	Bronze
15	1324 Arthur	Е	Kimball	Gold	15		Janile	L	Yost	Silver	16	4211		К	Saddler	Bronze
15	1324 James	G	McDonald	Gold	15		Robert	G	Sigleer	Bronze			Gordon	К	Hillesland	Gold
15	1324 D	J.	Ruger	Gold			Anthony	L	Barber	Gold			Michelle	L	Love	Gold
15	1324 Neil	Е	Birch	Silver			Kenneth	L	Kraft	Gold			Corbin	A	Motter	Gold
15	1324 Gerry	В	Mcateer	Silver	15	12140	Donald	L	Reed*	Gold			Courtland	J	Rawson	Gold
15	1324 Dale	К	Miller	Silver		12140	-	С	Harmon	Bronze			BDavid	A	Teem Jr.	Gold
15	1324 John	S	Morell Jr.	Silver	15	12140	Boyd	С	Yaden*	Bronze	MAL	15038	Curt	Μ	Thomas	Gold
15	1324 Larry	W	Moseley	Silver	15	12211		G	Cole	Bronze			Raymond	С	Tsumpti Jr.	Gold
15	1324 Shannon	Μ	Arnold	Bronze	16	2666	Ellsworth	Н	Bell*	Gold			Daniel	W	Wakefield*	Gold
15	1324 Robert	W	Black*	Bronze	16	2666	Andrew	L	Eason	Gold			James	Μ	Poling	Silver
15	1324 James	А	Boardman	Bronze	16	2666	Dennis	С	Marsh	Gold	MAL	15038	Charles	А	Prudhon	Silver
15	1324 Charles	Е	Chamberlin	Bronze	16	2666	Carl	G	Anderson	Silver			8 Michael	С	Tribble	Silver
15	1324 Maurice	А	Deets	Bronze	16		Gerald	Е	Hinz	Silver			Thomas	А	Lazette*	Bronze
15	1324 Robert	Т	Dingle Jr.	Bronze	16	2666		D	Johnson	Silver	MAL			W	Parks	Bronze
15	1324 Ronald	D	Emerson	Bronze	16	2666		R	Bowen	Bronze	MAL	15038	Donald	С	Sopher*	Bronze
					16	2666	Daniel	F	Fink	Bronze						



RECRUITERS

As of As of June 30, 2022 (With More Than Two Members)

Dist Post # Recruiter

- 14 3203 Dennis R. Pratt
- 15 3973 George E. Carroll
- 15 4273 Allen P. Anderson
- 16 4015 Cheryl E. Campos
- 4 3182 Michael C. Malish
- 13 3232 Bruce D. Andrade
- 14 584 Michael Robert Aaron
- 16 3452 Roger D. Pack
- 2 10580 Albert A. Little
- 7 9670 William G. Travis Jr.
- 12 3970 James E. Horton

Mbrs	Dist P	Post # Recruiter	Mbrs
22	13	3232 Allen R. Ransom	5
17	13	3965 James E. Manson	5
13	14	584 Mark D. Lamberty	5
9	14	3437 Ryan P. Matteson	5
7	3	1325 Bruce W. Hall	4
7	5	1383 Duane G. Whitehead	4
6	8	922 Sean P. Degan	4
6	13	3965 James E. Matthews	4
5	14	4227 Michael R. Petersen	4
5	15	180 David B. Lowe	4
5	15	180 Franklin R. West	4

rs	Dist F	Post # Recruiter	Mbrs
5	2	12123 Claude Miller	3
5	2	12123 Louis J. Neubecker	3
5	7	6881 Kirk A. Mickelsen	3
5	10	4108 Dan S. Tureck	3
4	10	4108 Dennis G. Guthrie	3
4	12	2468 David L. West	3
4	12	9745 JC Smith	3
4	13	9448 Kathy A. Lundeen	3
4	14	661 Kerry A. Wymetalek	3
4	14	4227 Andrea D. Summerlin	3
4	16	4015 Michael D. Billings	3