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### STATE COMMANDER



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State Commander  
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Comrades,

As I write this it looks like the National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland is a go. If you have not got your reservations in, I would suggest that you do so as soon as you can.

As I look at the membership numbers, I see that seven Posts have made 100%. We have fourteen Posts that are under 75%. We need all Posts to make 100%! I am using percentages as some Posts need over 200 members and others need under 20 members. So, as you can see Post size does make a numerical difference. I know that a lot of Posts cut their numbers last year; so, you should be able to match last year's membership this year.

We do not have any Districts at 100% yet. Overall, the whole State is not doing well on membership. As the State is starting to open up, it is time to get out and work your membership and recruit more. NOW IS THE TIME! Officers, we knew it was not going to be easy when we took office. Now I am calling on you to step up to get it done.

The Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners will be online April 1, 2021 at 20:00 (8:00pm) Eastern time.

I ask that each Post make sure to get a Community Service report into Department.

Respectfully

George E. Carroll  
State Commander



### STATE SR. VICE COMMANDER



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#### The VFW of Oregon: A Century of Service

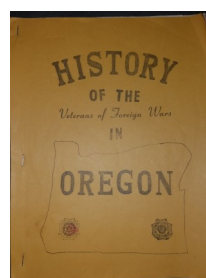
Last December I sent out a letter to all Post Commanders regarding a history of the VFW in Oregon I would like to put together. I have received several wonderful submissions, but there are still more I need to make this a complete, comprehensive book.

In case you were not aware, the VFW Department of Oregon will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> year starting with the 2020-2021 year. That is 100 years of service to our veterans and in our communities. This book will commemorate this occasion. It will explore 100 years of the VFW in Oregon. This idea is inspired by a book that was found in a storage box at my Post called "History of the VFW in Oregon." This book was an incomplete listing of all the VFW Posts in the state. I am estimating it was published at some point in the 1970's.

Many Posts were not even in that book. That is why the goal for this project is to include all the Posts. My counterpart in the VFW Auxiliary, Valorie Wrinkle will be doing something similar for the Auxiliary.

If you have not sent in your submission for your post, I will repeat what I sent in the December letter as well as on the subsequent email.

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### DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT



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Greetings All,

Hope, all are safe and well. Our year has been so different, it is easy to lose sight of our mission.

If your Auxiliary is in a High Risk or lower area, you should be having in person meetings, practicing social distancing, and wearing masks. If your Auxiliary has not been inspected by your District President, this needs to be done as soon as possible.

Please, be sure to check on your members and veterans. Do they need assistance with anything?

There is some misunderstanding about the Relief Fund. Please see the Booklet of Instructions (yellow section of Bylaws,) page 21, Relief Fund for an explanation.

Each of you have been working hard on programs in your areas. Please fill out the report forms and get them to the Department Chairmen as soon as possible.

If you have questions about filling out reports, please contact the Department Chairman. You may also call any of the Department line officers to assist you. We are here and happy to help.

Sadly, our National President's visit has been canceled due to Covid-19 restrictions. As for our State Convention, please be patient. With the State restrictions this is going to take some time. If we are able to have a convention, it may look/be much different than it has been in the past. We are also working on a backup plan.

See Pages 7-8 for more Auxiliary News!



### VFW to Host Virtual 2021 Parade of Winners

The Voice of Democracy first place winner will take home a \$30,000 scholarship.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (March 4, 2021) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will host its first-ever virtual Parade of Winners [live on Facebook](#) April 1, 2021, at 7 p.m. CDT. The event will recognize all state winners of the VFW's Voice of Democracy scholarship competition as well as the national Patriot's Pen contest winner, and will include special guest appearances by those known to the VFW community. The [virtual Parade of Winners](#), sponsored by [Twisted X](#) and [Dell](#), will culminate with the surprise announcement and onsite presentation of the first place \$30,000 T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship award at the winner's home.

"The disappointment of not being able to award all of this year's scholarships in person doesn't diminish the impact that the \$3 million in total scholarships and awards presented at the national, state and local levels of our youth scholarship competitions will have on our youth as they look to college and their futures," said VFW National Commander Hal Roesch II. "Our students have overcome so much in the past year, and this year's submissions left me filled with the hope and confidence that our nation has a bright and influential future with these young people taking the lead."

Learn more about this year's event at [vfw.org/ParadeofWinners](https://vfw.org/ParadeofWinners), and be sure to tap "interested," then "going" on the Facebook event to ensure you stay up-to-date and receive all event notifications. Media Contact: Randi K. Law, communications manager, [rlaw@vfw.org](mailto:rlaw@vfw.org)



UPDATES

SR. VICE COMMANDER *Cont. from pg 1*

Some ideas I suggested were to include these items:

- The Post’s muster date
- Story of Post Name
- State Commanders from the Post
- Years All American
- Years All State
- Posts merged with
- Photo of Post Home
- Photo of Post’s namesake
- Number of WW2/Korean War Members Remaining
- Number of Legacy Members
- Number of Charter members left.
- Longest running community projects involved with
- Anything else you want to share.

The responses I received so far have been great and I am learning a lot about your Posts and what is important to you, which is the whole idea of this book. The idea is to make this a lasting tribute to 100 years of service that we have been a part of. This will be a great book to give your new members or to keep on your bookshelf for years to come.

These books should be ready in time for the 2021-2022 State Convention.

STATE JR. VICE COMMANDER



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Greetings Comrades and Auxiliaries. I hope you are doing well and are healthy.

This year is fast approaching the end and the COVID restrictions are still in place, which is causing a lot of problems for us. We are behind in membership and need all our Posts to be calling their members to make sure they are okay! Find out if they need help with anything; for instance, do they need someone to take them shopping or to doctor appointments. Do they need any financial assistance? Also find out if they need help paying their dues as a lot of people are out of work! We also want to reach out to our life members to ensure they are OK and find out if they need help with anything. Bert Key has access to some firewood if someone needs it. If so, let me know and I will contact Bert.

For all Posts, it is time to start thinking about elections as April is not far off. We need a strong finish for our state as we are currently 2nd from last place in membership. Everyone should try to recruit 1 person each month until June 30, 2021! Post Commanders need to be aware of the National Commander in Chief’s challenges and work hard to win and collect the rewards from these!

I will be running for State Senior Vice Commander and would like your continued support. It is an honor and a privilege to work for you, and to support all our veterans! Do not forget, we have a great Staff at Headquarters and if you need anything let us know. We will be happy to assist you.

Once again, I ask for your assistance with our membership. We need to get Oregon moving - we are better than this!

Allen P. Anderson  
State Jr. Vice Commander

STATE CHAPLAIN



**Rex Smith**  
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I am looking forward to this year, anticipating the opportunity to present another Chaplain of the Year award at our next convention. Why is this so important? Because I know there are dedicated Chaplains who are serving the communities they live in and the Posts and Districts they serve, and we do not want to miss the opportunity to recognize their work and service.

The deadline for recommendations is 15 April 2021, so I am asking again for feedback and recommendations. Criteria for Chaplain of the Year includes the following: exemplary conduct of normal duties which include attendance, dependability, submission of community service reports, etc., exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties, a personal attitude which is positive and professional in all contacts with others and which represents the VFW in the best possible way, commitment to the ministry and duties of the Chaplain as reflected by service to comrades and their families, and member of the VFW in good standing with the Post, District and Department. Please feel free to call or email me for more information at 971-237-5966 or [rsmit68@aol.com](mailto:rsmit68@aol.com).

Rex Smith, State Chaplain

NAT’L LEGISLATIVE MEMBER



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The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the Legislative advocacy for the VFW’s annual visits to Capitol Hill. The September Legislative Conference was done by Zoom or Phone conferences and was highly successful. We have just completed the March Legislative Conference, the same as September’s and again was highly successful.

All the meetings with Oregon’s Congressmen/ Congresswoman, Senators and their staff were well received. We covered the VFW Talking Points that were supplied by the VFW National Legislative office in Washington DC. Oregon’s Representatives in Washington had many questions about the issues that the VFW brought forward. Each one thanked us for our advocacy for Veterans and appreciated our efforts.

Some of the topics discussed included Toxic Exposure, extend the deadline for Gulf War Veterans Toxic Exposure Act, pass S.B. 89, Ensuring Survivor Benefits During COVID-19 Act of 2021, pass the Veterans Economic Recovery Act, establish a fourth administration in the VA (for economic opportunity benefits), disabled veterans to receive an automobile grant every ten years instead of a one-time grant, pass H.R. 239 Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act, pass the Richard Star Act and for the DOD to develop a Base Housing comparison Tool.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. It is my honor to serve as your National Legislative Chairman.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Rick Higgins, Nat’l Legislative Chair

CHIEF OF STAFF/NATIONAL COUNCILMEMBER OR



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Greetings Comrades,

There are finally signs that we will soon return to life as we once knew it! We may soon have COVID-19 on the run. I have received my two inoculations and felt extraordinarily little or no side effects from the shots. It is time for us to get back in the saddle of being viable VFW Department of Oregon Districts and Posts.

Last weekend I was able to attend a local Wes Knodle gun show in Redmond. Deschutes Post 4108 was provided with two free tables to recruit and sell hats, pins, bumper stickers, patches, etc. We were required to conduct our business under the State COVID-19 guidelines; meaning we had to wear masks, face shields, maintain social distancing, etc. but it was all doable. It was great to be able to meet other veterans and their friends and families again. We signed up two young veterans on the “buddy plan” and a total of eight members were recruited.

The Department of Oregon has sponsored a table at the Central Oregon Sportsman Show March 11-14, 2021 at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. Under the leadership of State Commander George Carroll and State Membership Chairman Rodney Wymore, we will recruit new members, reinstate members, and possibly transfer members. We will also collect donations for the relief fund and sell hats to help with membership. If you get the chance, come by and touch base with us.

The Council of Administration will be conducting their business the first week of March via Zoom meetings. I will provide you with an update of the news and actions of the National Council of Administration in the next Department newsletter.

As the Chief of Staff and your National Council Member, I am working for State Commander George Carroll and you. Do not hesitate to contact me by calling my cell phone at 541-678-3895 (texting is acceptable too) or emailing me at [wrinkle4108@gmail.com](mailto:wrinkle4108@gmail.com). I will respond to you within 24 hours.

“Fair winds and following seas,”

John R. Wrinkle, Chief of Staff/NCM-OR



**Did You Know?**  
2021 will be the 100th  
Department of Oregon  
VFW Convention.  
Whether in person or by  
Zoom, let’s celebrate 100  
years of service to our  
veterans together!



UPDATES

STATE JUDGE ADVOCATE



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As I stated last year at this time, “Spring is in the air, the weather is turning nice and more and more people are stepping out of their winter caves to enjoy some fresh air and sunshine. However, as we all know, the weather in Oregon can change every five minutes. I urge all to be prepared for such changes. Also, with more people out and about, additional caution is needed regarding watching for children playing. Please be safe as summer comes upon us.” Of course, there is much more to worry about this year with COVID-19. It has been with us for a full year now and the death rate may be falling, but not fast enough. Please take the time to get your vaccination; not to do so only puts you and those around you at risk.

As always, membership, membership and more membership is a must. A strong membership is representative of a strong Nation; and we are a strong Nation. Each member of the VFW is obligated to ensure our membership stays strong. Please step up and help us continue to stay strong.

I am very much looking forward to this year’s State Convention at the Mill Casino (that is if we have a face-to-face convention) and having an opportunity to advance to the Department Junior-Vice position. As we move forward in the chain of command, more responsibility comes with the move. I will gladly and willingly, accept those responsibilities and continue to do the best I can for our great organization.

Ronald E. Ballard, Department Judge Advocate

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Dist.	Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Date
2	1440	Fritz		Von Allmen Jr.	1/12/2021
2	2994	William	H	West	1/25/2021
2	4362	Jerry	A	Smith	1/8/2021
2	12123	Raphael		Lyons	1/7/2021
3	1325	Forrest	C	Gill Sr.	1/8/2021
3	4248	Wayne	E	Floura	2/9/2021
4	965	Frank	J	Mc Nanna	2/17/2021
4	3440	Wallace	L	Buerer	12/30/2020
4	3440	Ernest	D	Warren	1/11/2021
4	3440	Royce	D	Kelley	1/19/2021
5	1383	Keith		Fields	1/5/2021
5	1383	John	D	Murphy	1/5/2021
5	1383	Mearl	L	Caverly	1/8/2021
5	1383	Irwin	S	Storer	1/26/2021
5	1383	Ray	L	Hunsaker Jr.	1/28/2021
5	1383	Benjamin	D	Morrison	1/29/2021
5	1383	Ronald	D	Elsmore	2/26/2021
6	3048	Charles	J	Chapman	2/9/2021
6	4060	Tommy	G	West	1/13/2021
6	4060	Howard	E	Castle	1/26/2021
6	4060	Jack	E	Campbell	2/9/2021
7	1833	Jean	P	Lindfors	1/25/2021
7	1833	William	H	Hunter	2/1/2021
7	1833	William	C	Carlson	2/26/2021
7	4116	George	F	De Martini	1/28/2021
7	4116	Robert	E	Moore	2/18/2021
8	922	John	O	Burke	1/6/2021
9	3156	John	A	Gillett	1/21/2021
9	3232	Ronald	G	James	1/15/2021
9	3232	George	F	Parsons	1/25/2021
9	3232	Owen	T	Marsh	2/10/2021
10	1643	Harold	F	Reuber	1/12/2021
10	1643	William	E	Snider	1/21/2021

Dist.	Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Date
10	1643	Pobert	B	Huber	1/26/2021
10	4108	Daniel	W	Borchard	1/25/2021
10	4108	Mark	H	Winger	1/29/2021
10	8138	Ronald	J	Thorn	2/26/2021
12	2468	Thomas	R	Paulson	1/29/2021
12	2468	Patrick		Hazel	3/1/2021
12	9745	Jeff		Dilley	1/27/2021
13	293	Ole	E	Hoskinson	1/26/2021
13	293	George		Hurrey III	1/26/2021
13	293	John	L	Keefer	1/26/2021
13	293	Carlos		Manriquez	1/26/2021
13	293	Lawrence	R	Adair	2/12/2021
13	3473	Terry	S	Paxton	1/20/2021
13	3965	Guido	G	Trisolini	1/31/2021
13	3973	Jake	J	Aichele	1/6/2021
13	4039	Jerry	R	Edwards	1/25/2021
14	584	Orvil		Marlin	1/5/2021
14	584	William		Rogers	1/8/2021
14	661	Floyd		Wood	1/4/2021
15	180	Richard	J	Savard	2/22/2021
15	1324	Cecil	V	Mahoney	1/7/2021
15	4273	Fred	W	Martin	12/30/2020
15	4273	Frank	W	Turner	2/11/2021
15	4273	James	E	Flynn	2/17/2021
16	2666	Gerald	G	Arden	1/25/2021
16	2666	Walter	R	Kennedy	2/11/2021
16	3452	Wesley	M	Duncan	2/1/2021
16	3452	Carlos		Gonsalves Jr.	2/1/2021
16	3452	Larry	J	Mitchell	2/1/2021
16	3452	S	P	Rose II	2/1/2021
16	3452	Daniel	R	Valenzuela	2/1/2021
16	3452	Thomas	J	Gavin	2/4/2021
MAL 15038		Jerry	W	Lambert	1/27/2021
MAL 15038		Donald	R	Johnson	2/1/2021

# VFW TAPS

12-30-2020 to 3-3-2021

*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 para-  
dise,  
where there will be no sor-  
row, no weeping or pain,  
but fullness of peace and joy  
with your Son and the Holy  
Spirit  
forever and ever.*

*Amen*

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM



DEPARTMENT OF OREGON MEMBERSHIP  
2020-2021  
AS OF 03-02-2021



DEPARTMENT TOTAL 2019-2020 = 14,636 DEPARTMENT PERCENTAGE 2019-2020 = 95.19%

DEPARTMENT TOTAL 2020-2021 = 12,379 DEPARTMENT PERCENTAGE 2020-2021 = 84.57%

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #2		
1440	ST. HELENS	65*	53
1909	RAINIER	59*	48
2848	BAY CITY	113*	95
2994	CLATSKANIE	37*	37
4362	SCAPPOOSE	66*	62
10580	WARENTON	152	90
12123	SEASIDE	77*	38
	TOTAL	569	423

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #3		
1325	PENINSULA/PEP	127*	86
1442	JASPER C. LENT	204*	178
4248	SELLWOOD BRK.	368	329
	TOTAL	699	593

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #4		
965	COQUILLE	21*	23*
966	BROOKINGS	77*	70
2928	MYRTLE POINT	51*	45
3182	NORTH BEND	68*	69
3440	BANDON	211*	177
4439	GOLD BEACH	51*	37
6102	POWERS	32*	29
	TOTAL	511*	450

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #5		
1383	KLAMATH FALLS	790*	635
4070	LAKEVIEW	79*	64
6147	MALIN	20*	18
	TOTAL	889*	717

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #6		
3048	BAKER CITY	142*	113
3749	HUNTINGTON	15*	15
4060	UNION	104*	147
4307	ENTERPRISE	151*	144
5452	ONTARIO	116*	112
7847	HALFWAY	76*	68
	TOTAL	669*	599

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #7		
1833	MEDFORD	381*	321
2302	GRANTS PASS	154*	113
4116	ROGUE RIVER	279*	262
6881	SHADY COVE	66*	55
9670	JACKSONVILLE	34*	31
	TOTAL	914*	782

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #8		
922	PENDLETON	277*	232
2471	THE DALLES	70*	55
3597	JOHN DAY	29*	27
4567	MILTON FREEWATER	28*	20
4750	HERMISTON	148	123
	TOTAL	552*	457

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #9		
732	SILETZ	32*	31
3156	WALDPORT	56*	39
3232	FLORENCE	338	256
4227	TOLEDO	72*	194
	TOTAL	614	520

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #10		
1412	PRINEVILLE	106	94
1643	BEND	313*	267
	REDMOND	709*	568
4217	WARM SPRINGS	38*	38
7242	LA PINE	61*	57
8138	SISTERS	59*	50
12141	MADRAS	85*	72
	TOTAL	1371*	1146

		2019 to 2020	2020 to 2021
MAL	MEMBERS AT LARGE	1500	1471



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

**VFW STORE**

1 Stop Shopping

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

\* VFW Items

\* Auxiliary

\* Military Medals

\* Apparel

\* U.S. Flags

\* Patriotic Items

\* Custom Orders

\* And Much More!

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #12		
2468	ROSEBURG	304*	245
3970	SUTHERLIN	143	124
9744	MYRTLE CREEK	129	95
9745	WINSTON	165*	146
	TOTAL	741	610

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #13		
293	EUGENE	333	207
	COTTAGE GROVE	213*	156
3965	SPRINGFIELD	508	495
4039	CRESWELL	107	99
4166	MARCOLA	46*	15
7384	COBURG	61	33
9448	VENETA	162	138
10639	JUNCTION CITY	20	21
	TOTAL	1450	1164

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #14		
584	ALBANY	389*	347
661	SALEM	365	281
2105	HARRISBURG	35*	29
3203	DALLAS	140*	123
3437	SWEET HOME	201*	180
3957	MONROE	53*	42
4065	JEFFERSON	33*	28
5638	STAYTON	84*	66
	TOTAL	1300*	1096

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #15		
180	GRESHAM	237	210
1324	OREGON CITY	273	242
3973	MOLALLA	439*	390
4273	SANDY	629*	416
6057	CANBY	83	73
12140	LAKE OSWEGO	219	127
	TOTAL	1880	1458

		2020	2021
POST	DISTRICT #16		
2666	HILLSBORO	269	236
3452	TUALATIN	164*	222
4015	NEWBERG	166*	150
4211	WILLAMINA	79*	69
4617	BEAVERTON	85*	
10626	DAYTON	214*	216
	TOTAL	977*	893



RECRUITERS  
(With More Than Two Members)



District	Post #	Recruiter	Members
15	3973	George E. Carroll	35
2	12123	Claude Miller	20
10	4108	John R. Wrinkle	16
5	1383	Douglas D. Herrera	9
9	4227	Michael R. Petersen	7
9	4227	Andrea D. Summerlin	6
10	12141	Floyd W. Leach	6

District	Post #	Recruiter	Members
15	180	David B. Lowe	5
15	180	Franklin R. West	5
16	10626	Cheryl E. Campos	5
7	4116	Charles A. Prudhon	4
13	4039	Rick L. Higgins	4
14	584	Michael Robert Aaron	4

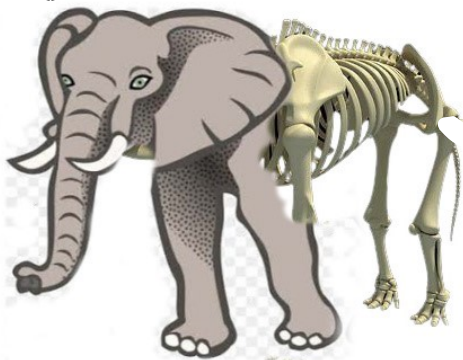
District	Post #	Recruiter	Members
14	584	Robert W. Gore	4
14	3437	Ryan P. Matteson	4
9	3232	Allen R. Ransom	3
10	4108	Dan S. Tureck	3
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	3
13	3473	Mary K. Sweezy	3
13	4039	Camren J. Baker	3



MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

MEMBERSHIP IS LIKE EATING AN ELEPHANT...HOW DO YOU ACCOMPLISH THIS???

ONE BITE AT A TIME



THE COMMANDER IS ASKING ALL OF US TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF THE ELEPHANT BY PUTTING IN 4% OF THE POST MEMBERSHIP EACH MONTH.

(THAT IS LIKE 1-10 MEMBERS DEPENDING ON SIZE OF POST)

IF EVERYONE PLAYS, ALL POSTS WILL BE 100% BY MAY.

CHECK THE CHART TO SEE HOW YOU DID (IT WILL BE ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE @ [www.vfwor.org](http://www.vfwor.org))

TOP POST WITH MOST INCREASE IN EACH DIVISION WILL RECEIVE A \$25.00 GIFT CARD FOR THE VFW STORE.

Dst	Div	Post	City	Adj Prior Year*	Cur-rent Total	March 1 Total	March 4%	Goal	March Ach.
2	1			569	423	423	6	429	n
2	2	1440	SAINT HELENS	65	53	53	1	54	n
2	2	1909	RAINIER	59	48	48	1	49	n
2	3	2848	BAY CITY	113	95	95	1	96	n
2	1	2994	CLATSKANIE	37	37	37	0	38	n
2	2	4362	SCAPPOOSE	66	62	62	1	63	n
2	3	10580	WARRENTON	152	90	90	3	93	n
2	2	12123	SEASIDE	77	38	38	2	40	n
3	2			699	593	593	5	598	n
3	3	1325	PORTLAND	127	86	86	2	88	n
3	3	1442	PORTLAND	204	178	178	2	180	n
3	4	4248	PORTLAND	368	329	329	2	331	n
4	1			511	450	450	3	453	n
4	1	965	COQUILLE	21	23	23	1	24	n
4	2	966	BROOKINGS	77	70	70	1	71	n
4	2	2928	MYRTLE POINT	51	45	45	1	46	n
4	2	3182	NORTH BEND	68	69	69	-1	0	y
4	3	3440	BANDON	211	177	177	2	179	n
4	2	4439	GOLD BEACH	51	37	37	1	38	n
4	1	6102	POWERS	32	29	29	1	30	n
5	2			889	717	717	7	724	n
5	4	1383	KLAMATH FALLS	790	635	635	7	642	n
5	2	4070	LAKEVIEW	79	64	64	1	65	n
5	1	6147	MALIN	20	18	18	1	19	n
6	1			669	599	599	3	602	n
6	3	3048	BAKER CITY	142	113	113	2	115	n
6	1	3749	HUNTINGTON	15	15	15	0	0	y
6	3	4060	UNION	169	147	147	1	148	n
6	3	4307	ENTERPRISE	151	144	144	1	145	n
6	3	5452	ONTARIO	116	112	112	1	113	n
6	2	7847	HALFWAY	76	68	68	1	69	n
7	2			914	782	782	6	788	n
7	4	1833	MEDFORD	381	321	321	3	324	n
7	3	2302	GRANTS PASS	154	113	113	2	115	n
7	4	4116	ROGUE RIVER	279	262	262	1	263	n
7	2	6881	SHADY COVE	66	55	55	1	56	n
7	1	9670	JACKSONVILLE	34	31	31	1	32	n
8	1			552	456	456	4	460	n
8	4	922	PENDLETON	277	231	231	2	233	n
8	2	2471	THE DALLES	70	55	55	1	56	n
8	1	3597	JOHN DAY	29	27	27	1	28	n
8	1	4567	MILTON FREE-WATER	28	20	20	1	21	n
8	3	4750	HERMISTON	148	123	123	1	124	n
9	1			614	519	519	4	523	n
9	1	732	SILETZ	32	31	31	1	32	n
9	2	3156	WALDPORT	56	39	39	1	40	n
9	4	3232	FLORENCE	338	255	255	4	259	n
9	3	4227	TOLEDO	188	194	194	-1	0	y

Dst	Div	Post	City	Adj Prior Year*	Cur-rent Total	March 1 Total	March 4%	Goal	March Ach.
10	4			1371	1140	1140	10	1150	n
10	3	1412	PRINEVILLE	106	94	94	1	95	n
10	4	1643	BEND	313	266	266	2	268	n
10	4	4108	REDMOND	709	563	563	6	569	n
10	1	4217	WARM SPRINGS	38	38	38	0	0	y
10	2	7242	LA PINE	61	57	57	1	58	n
10	2	8138	SISTERS	59	50	50	1	51	n
10	2	12141	MADRAS	85	72	72	1	73	n
12	2			741	610	610	6	616	n
12	4	2468	ROSEBURG	304	242	242	3	245	n
12	3	3970	SUTHERLIN	143	124	124	1	125	n
12	3	9744	MYRTLE CREEK	129	95	95	2	97	n
12	3	9745	WINSTON	165	146	146	1	147	n
13	4			1450	1164	1164	12	1176	n
13	4	293	EUGENE	333	207	207	6	213	n
13	3	3473	COTTAGE GROVE	213	156	156	3	159	n
13	4	3965	SPRINGFIELD	508	495	495	1	496	n
13	3	4039	CRESWELL	107	99	99	1	100	n
13	1	4166	MARCOLA	46	15	15	2	17	n
13	2	7384	COBURG	61	33	33	2	35	n
13	3	9448	VENETA	162	138	138	1	139	n
13	1	10639	JUNCTION CITY	20	21	21	0	0	y
14	3			1300	1096	1096	9	1105	n
14	4	584	ALBANY	389	347	347	2	349	n
14	4	661	SALEM	365	281	281	4	285	n
14	1	2105	HARRISBURG	35	29	29	1	30	n
14	3	3203	DALLAS	140	123	123	1	124	n
14	3	3437	SWEET HOME	201	180	180	1	181	n
14	2	3957	MONROE	53	42	42	1	43	n
14	1	4065	JEFFERSON	33	28	28	1	29	n
14	2	5638	STAYTON	84	66	66	1	67	n
15	4			1880	1455	1455	17	1472	n
15	4	180	GRESHAM	237	209	209	2	211	n
15	4	1324	OREGON CITY	273	241	241	2	243	n
15	4	3973	MOLALLA	439	390	390	2	392	n
15	4	4273	SANDY	629	415	415	9	424	n
15	2	6057	CANBY	83	73	73	1	74	n
15	3	12140	LAKE OSWEGO	219	127	127	4	130	n
16	2			977	893	893	4	897	n
16	4	2666	HILLSBORO	269	236	236	2	238	n
16	3	3452	TUALATIN	249	222	222	2	224	n
16	3	4015	NEWBERG	166	150	150	1	151	n
16	2	4211	WILLAMINA	79	69	69	1	70	n
16	3	10626	DAYTON	214	216	216	0	0	y
99	4			1500	1468	1468	2	1470	n
99	4	15038	PORTLAND- MAL	1500	1468	1468	2	1470	n
255				14636	12365	12365	91	12456	n



MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

TOTAL LIST OF ALL POST & DISTRICTS WHO...  
TOOK A BITE OF THE ELEPHANT

POST	LOCATION
DISTRICT 2	
2848	BAY CITY
2994	CLATSKANIE
10580	WARRENTON
DISTRICT 3	
1325	PORTLAND
1442	PORTLAND
4248	PORTLAND
DISTRICT 4	
966	BROOKINGS
2928	MYRTLE POINT
3182	NORTH BEND
3440	BANDON
4439	GOLD BEACH
DISTRICT 5	
1383	KLAMATH FALLS
4070	LAKEVIEW
DISTRICT 6	
3048	BAKER CITY
3749	HUNTINGTON
4060	UNION
4307	ENTERPRISE
5452	ONTARIO
7847	HALFWAY
DISTRICT 7	
2302	GRANTS PASS
4116	ROGUE RIVER
6881	SHADY COVE
9670	JACKSONVILLE
DISTRICT 8	
922	PENDLETON
2471	THE DALLES
4750	HERMISTION
DISTRICT 9	
3156	WALDPORT
3232	FLORENCE
4227	TOLEDO



POST	LOCATION
DISTRICT 10	
1412	PRINEVILLE
1643	BEND
4108	REDMOND
4217	WARM SPRINGS
7242	LA PINE
8138	SISTERS
12141	MADRAS
DISTRICT 12	
2468	ROSEBURG
9744	MYRTLE CREEK
9745	WINSTON
DISTRICT 13	
293	EUGENE
3473	COTTAGE GROVE
3965	SPRINGFIELD
4039	CRESWELL
9448	VENETA
10639	JUNCTION CITY
DISTRICT 14	
584	ALBANY
661	SALEM
2105	HARRISBURG
3203	DALLAS
3957	MONROE
5638	STAYTON
DISTRICT 15	
1324	OREGON CITY
3973	MOLALLA
4273	SANDY
6057	CANBY
DISTRICT 16	
2666	HILLSBORO
3452	TUAATIN
4015	NEWBERG
4211	WILLAMINA
10626	DAYTON
MEMBERS AT LARGE	
15038	PORTLAND- MAL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH  
EATING THIS ELEPHANT...  
IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER THIS  
ELEPHANT WILL BE NOTHING BUT  
BONES IN NO TIME!

WINNERS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY’S  
TAKE A BITE OUT OF THE ELEPHANT CONTEST:

\$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR THE VFW STORE

JANUARY DIVISION 1 WINNER: POST 732—FLORENCE

DIVISION 2 WINNER- POST 12141—MADRAS

DIVISION 3 WINNER- POST 4227—TOLEDO

DIVISION 4 WINNER- POST 1383—KLAMATH FALLS

FEBRUARY DIVISION 1 WINNER: POST 9670—JACKSONVILLE

DIVISION 2 WINNER- POST 966—BROOKINGS

DIVISION 3 WINNER- POST 3203—DALLAS

DIVISION 4 WINNER- POST 4273—SANDY

CONGRATULATIONS!



VFW AUXILIARY UPDATES



Department of Oregon Guard Position Open for 2021-2022

If you wish to run for this position you need to send a letter to each Auxiliary, District President, Line Officer, and Past Department President stating your qualifications and your reason for wanting to be Guard. Names and addresses are in your Roster.

You are not required to move up the line. If you wish to stay in the position you currently hold, you may do so by being nominated for this position each year.

DEPT. SR. VICE PRESIDENT



Valorie Wrinkle  
Dept. Sr. Vice President  
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vjwrinkle@gmail.com

I hope everyone is doing well, staying healthy and being safe. Nominations and elections will happen at your April meeting, which means it is time for you to step up and take an office in your Auxiliary. We can not do the good work we do for veterans and their families without members who are willing to take an office and help keep their Auxiliary healthy and strong. If you are not sure what the duties of a particular office are, you can find the information in your VFW Auxiliary Podium Edition. You could be just what your Auxiliary needs right now!

I also encourage you to consider running for Department Guard for the 2021-2022 year. In the past running for Guard meant that you moved up the line each year until you reach the office of President. While that was the past practice in the Department of Oregon, it is not a rule. If you are not interested in moving up through the chairs, please do not let it stop you from running. If you are not sure about what you want to do, talk to one of the current Department officers and ask your questions. We are here to help!

I have enjoyed every level that I have served at and I can tell you from experience that the office of Guard can be a lot of fun. Checking dues cards is not tedious. It gives you a chance to greet members as they come into a meeting and get to know them a little. Also, as a Department officer you are automatically on the Council of Administration and a part of the Department team. I may be biased, but I think we are a pretty great team, so why not consider joining us?

In the meantime, I hope you all have successful elections and I hope to see you at District meetings.

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

Odette Force  
Vet & Family Chair  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our year is coming to an end. It's just around the corner, so that means the Year-End Reports are due by April 5th. It has been an extremely challenging year. All of you have come through with flying colors.

Our Veterans appreciate all the wonderful things we do for them. With St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, maybe a little cheer can be shared with Veterans and their caregivers. It has been very difficult not to have one on one time with them.

As the restrictions are relaxed and activities increase, always stay safe.

DEPT. SECRETARY



Janie Wills  
Dept. Secretary/PDP  
360-921-8394  
handymn@comcast.net.

Greetings,

As we approach the end of the reporting year, I hope all of you are doing well. There are a few things you will need to do if you are serving as a Secretary:

Delegate forms: voted on and sent to the appropriate people. Your membership for delegate forms is the number of members you have as of the date you voted.

Elections: you will need to put in your newly elected officers for 2021-2022. If you need help with this, please let me know.

Year-end report forms: Due to Chairmen by April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Update any address changes in your Auxiliary Roster in Malta.

Entries for Illustrated America, Patriotic Art, and Red, White, and Blue are due to Chairman by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Send to correct Chairman.

Due by May 1, 2021: Member of the Year; Treasurer of the Year; Secretary of the Year and Member of the Year.

Member of the Year to Sandy Miller: 562 SW 1st Street - Warrenton, OR 97146. Sandy's phone number is 503-791-1953 and email is [sandy\\_53012005@yahoo.com](mailto:sandy_53012005@yahoo.com).

Treasurer of the Year to Sonya Sallee: 673 W. Sandpiper Ave. -Hermiston, OR 97838. Sonya's phone number is 541-701-0496 and her email is [ortreasvfw@gmail.com](mailto:ortreasvfw@gmail.com).

Secretary of the Year to Janie Wills: 6903 Indiana Street, Vancouver, WA 98664. My phone number is 360-921-8394 and my email is [handymn@comcast.net](mailto:handymn@comcast.net).

DEPT. TREASURER



Sonya Sallee  
Dept. Treasurer  
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Excerpt from Web article:

I know there are some Treasurers who would like to step down and have someone else take over. If you want to take on the job of Treasurer and want some help, let me know. We might even do a Zoom meeting for new and returning Treasurers so that they can learn the job.

Quite a few Auxiliaries have not gotten their December 31, 2020 audit to me. That tells me that you haven't had a meeting for two months and that isn't good. I also have some that haven't sent me the September audit and that really scares me because that means you

Cont. next column...

DEPT. CHAPLAIN

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits.

It appears we are slowly moving forward to a new normal. As more of the state opens up and more are being vaccinated we can be thankful for progress.

Please remember to notify Sonya Sallee, Department of Oregon Treasurer if you have an Auxiliary Brother or Sister pass on. Sonya can assist you with paperwork and any questions you may have.

It is time for Spring, so I give you a prayer for Springtime:

*A sleeping world emerges to new possibilities,  
weakening winter's icy grip,  
and birdsong and bleating lamb  
announce to all the promise  
that in due season  
creation bursts into life.  
And whilst leaves that fell in winter  
lie upon the ground,  
soon to feed the earth,  
in nature's wondrous cycle  
of death and rebirth,  
within the tree is a stirring of new growth.*

DEPT. TREASURER Cont. from prev. column

haven't had meetings in quite a while. Please try to get together to do an audit. You can have two people together in a room and three people on phones, or try Zoom - it really works. You need to get Auxiliary business done and get your paperwork in to the appropriate people.

Please, if you haven't paid your obligations, get them to me soon. We need that money to give to the hospitals and nursing homes when they open again. The money that I am collecting in the hospital fund this year is actually for next year. Please make sure that you also get your money in for the National Home.

If you feel that your Treasurer has done an outstanding job this year, even with what has been going on, please submit your Treasurer's name for the Outstanding Treasurer. Write me a little bit about what they do to help out, especially in a year like this. I would like to get a lot of applications for this award. I love reading about what is going on out there.

Also, at your next meeting please vote on money for a Love Gift for the President. Debra has had a horrible year and we need to let her know that we appreciate her.

Don't forget to vote on your delegates for District and Department conventions and send your delegate fees to me. The form goes to Jan Halverson so that she can do her credentials. Hope to see you all somewhere in the next few months. I have sure missed you!



VFW AUXILIARY UPDATES

SCHOLARSHIP



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Scholarship Chairman  
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Auxiliary Members,

March 2021 is here! I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. The deadline is fast approaching for our VFWA Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. I would love to see several pieces of artwork this year. The deadline to be turned in to Auxiliary is March 31. The deadline to get them to me is a short turnaround...April 10th, 2021! Mail is your best option but if we need to arrange to pick up, please reach out as soon as possible. Also, if you have not sent your donations to Sonya for this program, please do so ASAP so we know how much to give the winners.

Continuing Education – National and Oregon: Congratulation Stauros Gibson-Nava who won the Oregon Continuing Education Scholarship for \$1000.00. She is a member of Lawrence Alberti VFWA 12140 and will be starting her junior year at George Fox University to complete her bachelor’s degree in pursuit of becoming a Police Officer.



Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest – Now is the time to let our High School Artists know about our Program. The deadline is March 31st, 2021. You can order brochures with the application online, [www.vfwauxiliary.com](http://www.vfwauxiliary.com), to hand out or they can go to the same website and download the application.

- TWO-DIMENSIONAL SUBMISSIONS –
- Art must be on canvas or paper.
  - Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker, or other media may be used.
  - Do not frame two-dimensional pieces.
  - Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board.
  - Other entries must be matted in white.
  - Do not use color mats.
  - Reinforce the back with heavy paper.
  - Mounted and floating mats may also be used.

- Art should be no smaller than 8” x 10” but no larger than 18” x 24”, not including mat.
- THREE-DIMENSIONAL SUBMISSIONS
- Art can be paper, paper-mâché, pottery, metalwork, fabric, wood, etc.
  - Art should be no larger than 18” in any direction.
  - Art cannot be more than 5 lbs. in weight.

Report, Report, Report... Please let us know what you are doing for your scholarship program so that I can update our National Ambassador. I have only received 10 reports so far this year. Year-end report deadline is April 5th, 2021 I will be calling Presidents and Secretaries to make sure we make it to 100%.

You can send them via:  
Email – [lovfwaux12140@gmail.com](mailto:lovfwaux12140@gmail.com) or  
Mail – at 17239 Webster Rd Gladstone OR 97027.

Have a wonderful month!

NOTE from editor:

Watch the 2021 Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners live on Facebook April 1, 2021 at 7 pm CST (5 pm our time.)  
(Go to the VFW Facebook page and click on Events. )

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Department of Oregon Senior Vice Commander Dennis Pratt is hard at work preparing a book that will commemorate 100 years of service to veterans by the Department of Oregon VFW. Dennis would like to include the Auxiliaries in this book, so we need your help. Please send any information you have on the history of your Auxiliary to Valorie Wrinkle at [vjwrinkle@gmail.com](mailto:vjwrinkle@gmail.com) or by mail to Valorie Wrinkle, 3855 NW Montgomery Avenue, Redmond, Oregon 97756.

Some ideas of what to incorporate: The date your Auxiliary formed; the names of Presidents and the years they served (if known) ; a photo of your Post home; Community projects you are known for; etc. We need this information as soon as possible so the book can be ready for the 2020-2021 State Convention. Call Valorie at 541-678-3894 if you have questions. Thank you!

CONVENTION BOOK for 2020-2021

Please get your ads and pictures to Valorie Wrinkle asap so she can include them in this year’s State Convention Book. Whether we meet via Zoom or Live and in person, there will be a Convention Book to commemorate the 100th Convention of the Department of Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars and the 93rd Convention of the Department of Oregon Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. For information on ad costs, call Department of Oregon VFW at 503-255-5808 or Valorie Wrinkle at 541-678-3894. Ads may be emailed or mailed. We look forward to hearing from you!

Valorie Wrinkle: [vjwrinkle@gmail.com](mailto:vjwrinkle@gmail.com) or 3855 NW Montgomery Avenue, Redmond, Oregon 97756. Phone: 541-678-3894.

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP



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Happy almost Spring!

I hope everyone is doing great and getting past the winter blues. Today I want to share my thoughts on two different types of Mentors. The hardest mentor is the one that is Negative Nellie. Nellie will snap when asked a question which makes you feel like you are bothering her, or she just doesn’t have time to help out. She is the one not listening to what you are trying to ask. Please understand, this is not a good way to show someone trying to learn the correct way of doing it.

The Mentor who makes you feel good about yourself we will call Positive Polly. Polly will give you her utmost attention. She will listen and hear what you’re trying to ask. I have been in positions where I didn’t know how to ask because I was not sure of what is expected. This is the type of mentor you want to help you.

I am borrowing this from my National Mentor, and it speaks volumes:

“Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card, how you leave others feeling after an experience with you becomes your trademark.” – Jay Denzie

The moral is to be the type of Mentor to others that you want for yourself.

Also, a reminder to get your Mentoring for Leadership award entries to me. Award for Auxiliaries – Most outstanding use of a Mentoring for Leadership activity during an Auxiliary meeting and Citation to the Outstanding new mentor in each of the 10 Program Divisions. These can be found at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources) or you can email or call me, and I will be more than happy to send one to you. The Deadline to have them back to me is March 31, 2021. Get your Program Reports to me so we can be 100% and get our Department President into the Circle of Excellence. Happy almost Spring,

Deb Duggan, Chairperson  
Mentoring for Leadership

AUX COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This program year has flown by. While it has been different and sometimes difficult to get out there and work our programs, we have done it. Remember, Auxiliary Community Outreach is when a single Auxiliary member or your entire Auxiliary volunteers time to another organization. Have not worked with another organization this year? I bet you have. Did you donate food or personal hygiene products to a food bank or homeless shelter? Have you donated cans/bottles to a high school for their senior fundraiser? Does your local Senior Center ask for donations of books or puzzles and you donated some? Have you answered phones or served at a vaccine clinic for COVID?

All the above qualify for Community Outreach. While the program does not record monetary donations, if you took the time to purchase and deliver goods to another organization as a VFW Auxiliary member, it qualifies. Sometimes, we volunteer without realizing we are volunteering.

Talk about Community Outreach during your March Auxiliary meeting. It is time to report what you have been doing for other organizations. Reports are due at the end of March, but you can send them in at any time. REPORT, REPORT, REPORT. If you do not know if it qualifies or not, report it anyway and I will make the determination.

We need 100% reporting on our programs. Do not delay in sending in your reports. I have sent emails to those Auxiliaries I have not received reports from. Next week I will start making phone calls. Please, please, please report what you have been doing.

Debbie “Cookie” Little  
Auxiliary Community Outreach



JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND DATES TO REMEMBER

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

**POSITION: Records and Information Management Specialist      GS-0308-12, (CGI) – Portland, OR**

Requirements: Must have experience in applying information and lifecycle management laws, rules, regulations, and procedures (e.g., Federal Records Act, Paperwork Reduction Act, regulations and directives of the National Archives, Freedom of Information Act) sufficient to establish, maintain, retain, and dispose of records in support of a Records and Information Management program.

OPEN: 03/03/2021      CLOSE: 03/12/2021

DOE-BPA-21-14434-MP: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/593976200>

**POSITION: Human Resources Specialist (Employee and Labor Relations)      GS-0201-11/12, NHE**

OPEN: 03/04/2021      CLOSE: 03/13/2021

DOE-BPA-21-14428-MP: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/594162200>

**POSITION: Human Resources Specialist (Human Resource Development)      GS-0201-12, NHT**

OPEN: 03/09/2021      CLOSE: 03/11/2021

DOE-BPA-21-14443-ICTAP: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/594533900>

**POSITION: Human Resources Assistant (Information Systems)      GS-0203-07, NHB**

OPEN: 03/03/2021      CLOSE: 03/12/2021

DOE-BPA-21-14427-MP: LINK<<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/593933600>>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NW NATURAL, PORTLAND OREGON IS LOOKING FOR VETERANS TO HIRE

**POSITION: Construction Trainee Class**

Entry point into construction as a Full Time Employee (FTE.) Currently looking for 8 new hires in various Portland locations.

OPEN: Now      CLOSE DATE: 3/21/21

See posting at <https://careers.nwnatural.com/job/Portland-Construction-1-In-Training-1-OR-97086/718179900/>

**POSITION: Construction Internship**

OPEN: 3/12/2021      CLOSE DATE: Unknown

Term employee with the option to convert to FTE after a successful interview at the end of the internship, usually 7-9 months after joining.

CONTACT: Jon Vetsch, talent acquisition, or Tracy Taylor, Business Systems Analyst and co-chair of the Veterans Employee Resource Group (VERG) for NW Natural if you have questions regarding these openings. There are many great things to say about this company in regards to morale, work environment, job satisfaction, job security, etc. and we are looking for those who will fit into this environment.

(Contact Dept. of Oregon VFW HQ at 503-255-5808 to have a complete job description sent to you. or check the website.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2021: (Women's History Month)

March 3: Navy Reserve Birthday

March 4: Hug a GI Day

March 5: SeaBees Birthday

March 14: Daylight Savings Begins  
Spring Forward

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 21: Rosie the Riveter Day

March 25: Medal of Honor Day

March 29: National Vietnam War Veterans' Day

APRIL 2021: (Month of the Military Child & Military Saves)

April 1: April Fool's Day

April 4: Easter Sunday

April 5: Gold Star Spouse's Day

April 9: Former POW Recognition Day

April 14: Air Force Reserve Birthday

April 22: Earth Day

April 23: Army Reserve Birthday


April 30: National Military Brats Day



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An effort has been on-going for many years to have a replica of the Vietnam Wall from Washington DC constructed here in southern Oregon. We have already purchased the 360’ replica of the wall with all 58,479 names on it. It will be the only replica with all of the names on it west of the Mississippi river. The COVID pandemic has had a significant impact of finishing this project in as timely a fashion as we would like, but finish it we will!



# OPERATION: FINAL STEP

## SOVB Vietnam Memorial Wall

This is the final fundraising step to get the wall installed, ready for viewing. The wall is paid for and has been delivered to covered storage in the Rogue Valley. We need additional funds to prepare the ground and install the panels. If every veteran were to donate just \$5, we would have what we need to complete this great tribute to our fallen comrades.



Every name has a face.



Once a brother, always a brother.



We are creating a Time Capsule that will hold the service patches of every veteran that wishes to have it preserved, that will be placed near the wall at the completion of the project. Veterans – if you would like your unit patch included in the capsule, please send it along with your tax-deductible \$5 donation, per patch, to the address below.



A local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart has donated a Purple Heart that will be placed at the base of the wall, when finished.



PO Box 1013  
Medford, OR 97501

Call Ron Kohl at  
541.500.1274 for more information.  
sovbmemorialwall.com

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You can mail a check made out to SOVB along with the patch or just a check to SOVB, PO Box 1013, Medford, OR 97501 or if you just wish to contribute to the cause you can go to [www.sovbmemorialwall.com](http://www.sovbmemorialwall.com) and use a credit card on the donate tab. Our contractor has told us that the construction timeline is less than 120 days so there is hope to finish this project this year. Please help with at least a \$5 donation.



COOTIE CORNER

WORLD  
COOTIE



Well, what do ‘ya know; we made it back. Actually, we haven’t left or hardly budged from our previous spot. We are vehemently practicing all sorts of “social distancing” and avoiding all of the “hot spots” we hear about. Facial masks are really starting to get crazy and for some of our most enduring members, is quite an appearance improvement. No names here, but the plain fact is we do have some really ugly bugs in our tents...

And to offset all the weirdos, we have our Auxiliary to keep us stable and on a fairly even keel. The MOCA programs, both local and National, complement that of the MOC and in many cases, garner attention and accolades from the head tent (Supreme). No matter who does what, we all strive to provide comfort to our veterans in poor health. It’s a job we just love to do.

Here’s a few words from Sheila Logan (our current Grand Pup Tent of Oregon MOCA President) to tell you more of what they do and why they do it.

“The Grand of Oregon Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary would like to invite you to learn more about the honor degree of the VFW Auxiliary. We have six MOC Auxiliaries in Oregon located in Portland, Redmond, Salem, Springfield, Sweet Home and Winston. We are always recruiting and would like to invite you to connect with us to learn how to become a MOCA member and join the fun!

MOCA programs include hospital, clowns, scholarships, and National Home. It is quite simple, have some fun, share a smile, be joyful and happy! Veterans in hospitals love seeing Cooties! We dress in red and white or clown costumes to spark some joy and let our veterans forget for a few moments why they are in the hospital. Our mission states: “Keep ‘em smiling in Beds of White”.

Our hospital work during the pandemic has changed slightly. We have found new strategies to replace in person visits during these Covid 19 days. They are:

- Calling on the phone – no more than 30 minutes at a time per patient
- Participating in parades outside where patients can view
- Virtual visits – no more than 30 minutes per patient
- Visiting patients through windows

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Current MOCA  
Grand President  
Sheila Logan.

Our MOCA Clowns “keep them smiling in beds of white” during each hospital visit! We are hoping more members will bring cheer and happiness into the lives of those who have given their service for our freedom. Everyone likes a reason to clown around. So, take time to sing a song; tell a joke; or do something fun with our hospitalized veterans. We put on a happy face and help those less fortunate than us to crack a smile. MOCA clown costumes are in good taste and are more than just a funny hat.

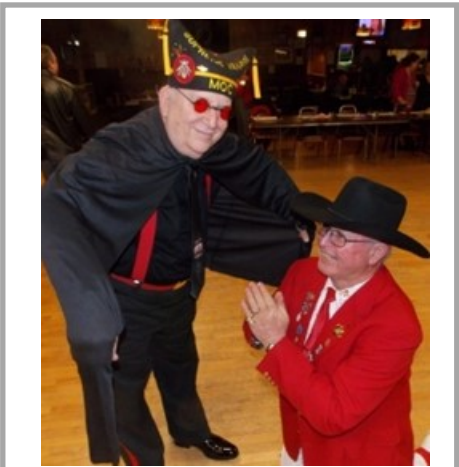
Each year with our Scholarship program, VFW and Cootie members are able to go to school in the Health Care field.

We support families with a home (a Cootie House) at the VFW National Home. MOCA spends money on upkeep for this home and provides donations for the annual Grand of Michigan VFW National Home Cootie Christmas Party. Monies are also used for awarding scholarships to one or more high school graduates living at the National Home to aid in their continuing education.

We participate in an annual Tomb Trek to Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C. The next opportunity is tentatively planned for November 2021. This event is a highlight ritual with hundreds of wreaths being laid at the Argonne Cross by MOC/MOCA members from across the USA and overseas. The Supreme Commander and Supreme President get the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier! It is a sight to behold with hundreds of Cooties in full dress uniforms of red and white honoring all that served.

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We are now recruiting high performers from VFW Auxiliaries, so please join us and share the joy of hospital work with your MOCA members in fulfilling our mission to “Keep ‘em Smiling in Beds of White”. Have some fun, try on a clown costume, and join the Cooties! “



Supreme Vampire Jim  
Schinman tryin’ to get blood  
from Supreme Commander  
Dan Kramer.

For more information about the MOCA please contact their Membership Chairman Cathy Lindsay at “yomama\_lindsay@hotmail.com



Our Past Grand Presidents are a Bunch of Clowns - and Proud of it!  
Left to Right: Sue Homen, Valorie Wrinkle, Sheila Logan, & Cathy Lindsay.



Inaugural performance (???) of Bert's  
Boo-Ga-Loo Band, January 2019. Anybody  
play the bent-necked glockenspiel??

This space is for rent. Contact Greg at  
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LEGACY LIFE MEMBERS IN OREGON

POSTS WITH 5 OR MORE LEGACY MEMBERS

Posts with 5 +  
Legacy Life Mbrs

Post	Amount
3232	34
1324	23
4039	15
3973	13
4015	12
2666	10
3452	7
4108	7
4273	7
4362	7
9448	7
180	6
661	6
4248	6
12140	6
MAL	6
293	5
922	5
1383	5
3965	5
5452	5
10580	5

Legacy Life Counts	
GOLD	100
SILVER	25
BRONZE	134
TOTAL	259
* Marks Deceased	

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Legacy Level
180	Robert	L	Dooms Jr.	Gold
180	Scott		Gill	Gold
180	Franklin	R	West	Gold
180	David	B	Lowe	Silver
180	Val	G	Shaull	Bronze
180	Maynard	C	Smith *	Bronze
293	Mark	D	Chapman	Gold
293	James	I	Bell	Bronze
293	Joseph	M	Rosano	Bronze
293	Charles	A	Stolsig	Bronze
293	Adalbert	E	Toepel Jr.	Bronze
584	Melvin	L	Chaput	Gold
584	James	M	Willis	Bronze
661	Greg		Terhune	Gold
661	Kerry	A	Wymetalek	Gold
661	Leonard	V	Goss	Bronze
661	Jesus		Montes	Bronze
661	Robert	F	Osterlund*	Bronze
661	James	E	Robertson	Bronze
922	Judith	A	Burger	Gold
922	Richard	E	Halverson	Gold
922	James	F	Hand*	Gold
922	Nicholas	R	Van Kirk	Gold
922	Clifford	R	Smith	Bronze
1324	John	A	Baranek	Gold
1324	Edward	L	Gresham	Gold
1324	Arthur	E	Kimball	Gold
1324	James	G	McDonald	Gold
1324	D	J.	Ruger	Gold
1324	Neil	E	Birch	Silver
1324	Shannon	M	Arnold	Bronze
1324	Gregory	A	Arnold	Bronze
1324	Robert	W	Black*	Bronze
1324	Charles	E	Chamberlin	Bronze
1324	Shawn	P	Dachtler	Bronze
1324	Maurice	A	Deets	Bronze
1324	Robert	T	Dingle Jr.	Bronze
1324	Ronald	D	Emerson	Bronze
1324	Paul	H	Harris	Bronze
1324	David	M	Kidd	Bronze
1324	Gerry	B	Mcateer	Bronze
1324	Dale	K	Miller	Bronze
1324	John	S	Morell Jr.	Bronze
1324	Larry	W	Moseley	Bronze
1324	Steven		Prowant	Bronze
1324	William	M	Trumble*	Bronze

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Legacy Level
1324	Edgar		Wales	Bronze
1325	James	H	Mc Gee Jr.	Gold
1383	Ronald	E	Ballard	Gold
1383	Karen	H	Johnson	Gold
1383	Roger	A	Pattee	Gold
1383	Duane	G	Whitehead	Gold
1383	Douglas	D	Herrera	Bronze
1442	Gordon	K	Hillesland	Gold
1442	Daniel	W	Wakefield*	Gold
1442	Albert	A	Reijonen	Bronze
1643	Michael	P	Boehme	Gold
1643	Byron	J	Smith	Gold
1643	Matthew	R	Walker	Gold
1833	Robert	K	Penney	Silver
1833	Ralph	T	Groover	Bronze
1833	Peter	J	Pringle	Bronze
1909	Roger	A	Ege	Gold
1909	Michal	D	Tolleshaug	Gold
1909	Linda	K	Kelly	Silver
2105	Curt	M	Thomas	Gold
2302	Glenn	D	German	Silver
2302	Charles	E	Delore	Bronze
2468	Earl	T	McAloney	Gold
2468	Michael	D	Eakin	Bronze
2666	Andrew	L	Eason	Gold
2666	Dennis	C	Marsh	Gold
2666	Roger	D	Pack	Gold
2666	Carl	G	Anderson	Silver
2666	Rick	D	Johnson	Silver
2666	Don	R	Bowen	Bronze
2666	Daniel	F	Fink	Bronze
2666	Michael	R	Premi	Bronze
2666	Larry	R	Tomb	Bronze
2666	Dale	S	Yee	Bronze
2848	James	W	Allenbrand	Silver
3182	Michael	C	Malish	Gold
3203	Dennis	R	Pratt	Silver
3232	Robert	F	Brown	Gold
3232	Paul	L	Gargis	Gold
3232	Phillip	M	Jarvis*	Gold
3232	Frederick	T	Kolbeck	Gold
3232	Rex	L	Ruck	Gold
3232	Kennith	E	Smith	Gold
3232	Thomas	F	Spayd	Gold
3232	David	L	Younce	Gold
3232	Gerald	F	Hernandez	Silver
3232	Dennis	R	Marsh*	Silver
3232	Harold	D	Morgan Sr.	Silver
3232	Robert	B	Woerner*	Silver
3232	Bruce	D	Andrade	Bronze
3232	Thomas	S	Benedict	Bronze
3232	Nicole	A	Buckley	Bronze
3232	Fred	M	Burns	Bronze
3232	Anthony	V	Cavarno	Bronze
3232	Gary	W	Covert	Bronze
3232	Russell	E	Downs	Bronze
3232	James	W	Gerth*	Bronze
3232	Milton	G	Gravell*	Bronze
3232	Robert	J	Jackson*	Bronze
3232	Vincent	R	Le Piane	Bronze
3232	Timothy	K	Marler*	Bronze
3232	John	E	McBride	Bronze
3232	Merritt	C	Mosby*	Bronze
3232	Allen	R	Ransom	Bronze
3232	Gordon		Rhodes	Bronze
3232	Terry	J	Robertson	Bronze
3232	Bruce	W	Smith	Bronze
3232	David	R	Snyder	Bronze
3232	James	W	Swant	Bronze
3232	Ronald	R	Tate	Bronze
3232	Harley	O	Youngblood*	Bronze
3437	Vernon	L	Holdridge	Gold

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3437	Marion	M	Fritts	Bronze
3437	Ronald	W	Wilson	Bronze
3440	Larry	D	Langenberg	Gold
3452	Ernie		Doyle	Gold
3452	Ted	D	Gilbo	Gold
3452	Paul	A	Maidel Jr.	Gold
3452	Harvey	A	Pitcher	Gold
3452	Shaun	D	Benson	Bronze
3452	Lawrence	J	Howard	Bronze
3452	Arthur	V	Mauer	Bronze
3473	Monroe	W	Parrish	Bronze
3957	Lawrence	R	Alexander	Gold
3957	David	T	Houston	Bronze
3965	Steven	M	Boosinger	Gold
3965	James	E	Manson	Gold
3965	James	E	Matthews	Gold
3965	John	P	Stanks	Gold
3965	Jess	M	Wise* Jr.	Gold
3970	Clifford	N	Mc Cauley	Gold
3973	George	E	Carroll	Gold
3973	Jason		Carroll*	Gold
3973	Jason	F	Griswold	Gold
3973	Ronald	W	Jagodnik*	Gold
3973	Jeffrey	D	Knight	Gold
3973	Rodney	W	Wymore	Gold
3973	Ernest	H	Winterton	Silver
3973	Kenneth	L	Carroll	Bronze
3973	John	A	Dobbs	Bronze
3973	Roscoe	V	Dorsett*	Bronze
3973	Stephen	G	Morris	Bronze
3973	David	H	Wallace	Bronze
3973	Luke	T	Weintz	Bronze
4015	Stanley	L	Beecroft	Bronze
4015	Lester	E	Beecroft*	Bronze
4015	Leon	L	Blanchard	Bronze
4015	Leonard	D.	Braithwait Jr.	Bronze
4015	Donald	R	Cooke*	Bronze
4015	George	P	Edmonston	Bronze
4015	Seth	J	Forquer*	Bronze
4015	Richard	G	Lightfoot*	Bronze
4015	Hubert	M	Mardock	Bronze
4015	Randall	E	Savage	Bronze
4015	Leonard		Schorzmann	Bronze
4015	Alvin	A	Tesky	Bronze
4039	Vernon	A	Beard	Gold
4039	Rick	L	Higgins	Gold
4039	Richard	L	Colson	Silver
4039	Camren	J	Baker	Bronze
4039	Bill	E	Beer	Bronze
4039	John	R	Clark*	Bronze
4039	Michael	G	Coltharp*	Bronze
4039	Jack	L	Gradle	Bronze
4039	Leonard	M	Hecker	Bronze
4039	David	W	Hendrick	Bronze
4039	Anthony	A	Jaques	Bronze
4039	Richard	A	Leppin	Bronze
4039	Melvin	L	Northcutt*	Bronze
4039	Steven	P	Shallenberger	Bronze
4039	Bryce	L	Watson	Bronze
4108	Charles	E	Chester Jr.	Gold
4108	Harold	G	Davidson*	Gold
4108	Dennis	G	Guthrie	Gold
4108	William	E	Pieters	Gold
4108	Dan	S	Tureck	Gold
4108	John	R	Wrinkle	Gold
4108	Gary	D	Pitman*	Silver
4116	Corbin	A	Motter	Gold
4116	James	M	Poling	Silver
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4211	Lee	K	Saddler	Bronze

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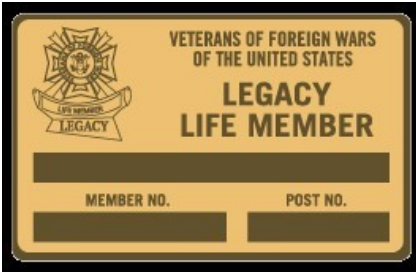
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4217	Raymond	C	Tsumpti Jr.	Gold
4227	Robert	R	May	Gold
4227	Michael	R	Petersen	Gold
4227	Charles	R	Ritz	Gold
4227	Andrea	D	Summerlin	Gold
4248	Gregory	L	Drais	Gold
4248	Dale	N	Guldenzopf	Gold
4248	Jay	B	Agler	Bronze
4248	William	C	Hughes	Bronze
4248	Thomas	R	Mc Neal*	Bronze
4248	Sharon	M	Ploor	Bronze
4273	Allen	P	Anderson	Gold
4273	Bert	W	Key	Gold
4273	William	H	Miller	Gold
4273	Marcus		Walters	Gold
4273	Terry	E	Boyer*	Silver
4273	Robert	L	Anderson*	Bronze
4273	James	M	Ramsey	Bronze
4307	Ann	M	Gosnell	Bronze
4362	James	A	Walling	Silver
4362	Roger	J	Antonich	Bronze
4362	William	G	Crist	Bronze
4362	Thomas	P	Ford	Bronze

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Legacy Level
4362	Jerry		Peal*	Bronze
4362	David	P	Sleightam	Bronze
4362	Frank	C	Weber	Bronze
5452	Harvey		Hatfield Jr.	Gold
5452	Donald	M	Ristow	Gold
5452	Gary	M	Good	Bronze
5452	Frank	C	Griffith	Bronze
5452	Shannon	M	Kelly*	Bronze
6057	Janile	L	Yost	Silver
6057	Robert	G	Sigleer	Bronze
6881	Larry	E	Poling	Gold
6881	Clarence	O	Neville*	Silver
6881	Robert	D	Walsh	Bronze
6881	Gerald	A	Zieman	Bronze
7384	Norman	M	Henshen	Silver
9448	James	R	Clarke	Gold
9448	Donald	L	Fertgus	Gold
9448	Thomas	G	Laing*	Gold
9448	Stanley	G	Ritari	Gold
9448	Michael	L	Beyerlin	Bronze
9448	Kathy	A	Lundeen	Bronze
9448	Kerry	G	Shafer	Bronze
10580	E	L	Dunn	Gold
10580	Albert	A	Little	Silver

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Legacy Level
10580	Eugene		Bonk	Bronze
10580	George	I	Gunn*	Bronze
10580	Melvin	H	Jasmin	Bronze
10626	Cheryl	E	Campos	Gold
10626	Juan	M	Palacios	Gold
10626	Magno	T	Campos Jr.	Bronze
10626	Thomas	G	Clayton	Bronze
12123	Claude		Miller	Gold
12123	Louis	J	Neubecker	Gold
12140	Anthony	L	Barber	Gold
12140	Kenneth	L	Kraft	Gold
12140	Donald	L	Reed	Gold
12140	Larry	C	Harmon	Bronze
12140	Raymond	L	Mack Jr.	Bronze
12140	Boyd	C	Yaden	Bronze
12141	Leonard	P	Hellwig	Gold
12141	Craig	L	Mc Donald	Bronze
15038	Michelle	L	Love	Gold
15038	Courtland	J	Rawson	Gold
15038	David	A	Teem Sr.	Gold
15038	Michael	C	Tribble	Silver
15038	Jon	W	Parks	Bronze
15038	Donald	C	Sopher*	Bronze



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