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STATE COMMANDER



JOHN WRINKLE

Best in the West

Comrades, my family and I are praying that you and yours are well and practicing the latest recommended safety practices during the COVID-19 virus pandemic. I have great news; our District Commanders are reporting that they have not heard of any VFW veterans infected with the virus.

I know that we have been asking ourselves how to involve younger veterans in our Posts and one of the suggestions was electronic meetings. It is too bad that it took a pandemic to get us to move in the direction of using the computer or smartphone to host meetings. Many of us are now learning how to meet using an audio/visual meeting platform, such as Zoom. I am grateful for that type of technology because that is how your State Line Officers, District Commanders and I have been meeting on a regular basis to plow this new field.

Sadly, we have had to ask our Council to cancel our Department Convention. The new plan is to arrange Zoom meetings where we will host an outgoing Council workshop, a workshop to replace the Convention, and a new Council workshop that will be installed with our new leadership at the helm. We are awaiting guidelines from National Headquarters so that we can ensure we are operating in accordance with our Bylaws and Rituals.

What a year this has been since the pandemic started. It has been some time since the VFW has had to manage during a worldwide crisis. For instance, we will have lost at least 4-months by the end of this program year. However, you can pat yourselves on the back for a job well done. We have met National's requirements with our VFW program work; such as Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Teacher of the Year, Scouting, Grass Roots Post growth, POW/MIA, and Safety and we have received monthly progress reports from our National Legislative Member Rick Higgins and our Veterans & Military Support Program Chairman Jason Griswold.

We are still working on a particularly important program: Membership. There are 60 plus days remaining until the membership year closes on June 30. We can and must get our membership year done. Membership has become a big issue this year because of the virus and because of the huge growth spurts we have experienced the last few years. This has left many Posts wondering if they can sustain that growth. Using the telephone and emails have become the norm during this pandemic. We must call every Post member and check on them. Ask about their health, see if they need financial help due to being out of work, and pay dues for those who can't pay their own. That is what our Relief Funds are for. You might also ask if they have a friend who is eligible to be a member of your Post. Please remember, sustained membership supports your Post's longevity and is the major source of funding for the Department's budget, which in turn helps us to support you.

Our usual Buddy Poppy drive during Memorial Day weekend does not necessarily need to be canceled. Our Buddy Poppy Chairman, DJ Ruger is recommending that we ask our businesses to allow us to have a VFW Post representative in their building. We can stay safe by using florist foam to stick our Buddy Poppies in. That way people can choose their own poppy and do not have to make physical contact with you. We can bring a donation receptacle so that customers can deposit their donations. All you need to do is replenish the Buddy Poppy foam pads with poppies and collect the donations you receive.

On a final note, I wish to thank all Committee Chairmen, the members of all committees, District Commanders and our State Line Officers for their advice, hard work and tireless dedication. Despite this pandemic, it has been rewarding to serve as your State Commander. A special thank you to all members for your hard work and dedication to our organization and making the statement "No one does more to help veterans" a reality for the Department of Oregon. I believe we are the "Best in the West."

John R. Wrinkle

State Commander 2019-2020

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER



GEORGE CARROLL

Elections

Greetings to all. As I write this everyone is or has worked on their elections. I would like to remind everyone that Officers need to have proof eligibility on file with the Adjutant. District Commanders, Sr. Vice Commander and Jr. Vice Commander not only need to have proof on file with the District Adjutant; but also

have to have proof on file with the State Adjutant. If you fail to do so you will be relieved of Command. It is such a small thing to get done so please make sure that the Adjutants have the required proof. Just because you gave it to them before does not mean that they still have it; they may have destroyed it.

As we do not know how long we will all be in lock down I would like to encourage everyone to check on all of their members. I know that often we may check on the unpaid members and never check to see how the other members are doing. Just maybe by checking in on the members we will get more to come participate in things when we get out of lock down. It is hard to get members to say that they need help if we do not check on them; but when we check sometimes there is something that we can do to make their life a little better. One thing that you might remember we never know when it may be our turn to need some help. We all stand stronger when we stand together.

As we move forward this year, we will have more challenges. We will all need to work to keep all of our programs on track. Some of the old ways will not work and some of the new ways will work so well that we will be asking why have we not been doing it this way along. Even some of use old timers can learn to work with some of the new tech. The important part is that we have to try new things. As we all get able to use more of the tech, we will find that there are more recourses are on the National web site and other on line sites. I think that more of the younger veterans are already using the tech in their jobs and used a lot of tech when they were in the service. If we older veterans can learn to use tech, they will feel more comfortable participate in a way that they have done or are doing.

I am looking forward to this coming year. I plan on following Commander Wrinkles' Get On Board trips. We may have to stay on Zoom for the start of the year. Hopefully we will be able to get back to doing it in person. We have gotten a lot of good return on the trips that we have done so far. The Sr. Vice Commander in Chief liked the idea well enough that it is part of his membership program for all the Department Commanders. With that being said I am looking forward to seeing even more of the members across the State.

Congratulations to all who have stepped up to take an office or serve on a committee at all levels. I do appreciate the fact that you have stepped up. I know that some have been doing it for years and may be getting tired. In that case you need to train your replacement; but first you have to find someone. So recruitment is still a primary goal. It is important to retain your current members.

In Comradeship

George E. Carroll

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



JANIE WILLS

Helping Those in Need

Sisters and Brothers,

My praise and thank yous for all you are doing during the Covid-19 pandemic, from making masks, to checking in with members, and delivering food to those in need.

This is what we are all about as the VFW AUXILIARY, helping those in need, reaching out to our Veterans and their families and our community.

Continue with what you have been doing and we will get through this and come out on the other side a stronger organization .

Loyally,
Janie Wills, Department President

Convention Cancelled

Oregon's 2020 State Convention at the Mill Casino, North Bend is officially cancelled.

Hotel Reservations may be cancelled after June 1st as they do not have the staff at this time to cover that many cancellation due to COVID -19.

If you purchased Program Book ads please send an email to the department with your name, mailing address so we can refund your money.

So very sorry for the inconvenience we will continue to update you on future events

Legislative Update

Greetings to all,

I hope you are all in good health and following social distancing guidelines to stay that way. I know that we all are more than ready for this pandemic to be over.

Before the pandemic became an issue, the National Legislative Conference was held February 29th thru March 5th in Washington DC. We had nine VFW and VFW Auxiliary members from Oregon who made the trip.

On Monday evening we watched our State VOD winner, Justin Thomas, escorted by State Commander John Wrinkle and State Auxiliary President Janie Wills, being presented to Commander in Chief, Doc Schmitz and National President, Peggy Haake. There was great anticipation as the winners were called out in reverse order. Justin's name was finally called as the ninth place winner; we were all proud! Congratulations, Justin!

Tuesday and Wednesday "Team Oregon" was on the Hill visiting Oregon's Senators and Congressman in their offices promoting the VFW's Talking Points for Veterans. We were very well received, with most representatives co-signing the legislation. We felt our efforts were highly successful.

I want to personally thank the seven members that accompanied me thru the halls of Congress for your participation and hard work.

Rick Higgins, National Legislative Chairman, Oregon

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Updates

JUDGE ADVOCATE



ALLEN ANDERSON

Membership

I want say a big “Hello!” to our Comrades and Auxiliaries. I hope all is well with you and everyone is well. If you need anything we can help with please feel free to contact me at 971-322-9688. We will contact people to see what your needs are and the best way to assist. We have been conducting Welcome Aboard meetings on the computer

using Zoom and have covered almost the whole state.

This is an easy way to hold meetings in times like this during this COVID-19 virus outbreak, something we will need to train people on. I thought I would never be able to do this but now am quite comfortable with.

Comrades, we are really hurting in Post membership. All Post Commanders need to form teams and start calling those members that have expired or their dues are unpaid . Post Commandwho cam get on memstats and print the lists. If you have problems call me or a staff officer and we will help you. The State is down by 1,953 members and I know with your help we can be 100 percent. If we aren’t 100 percent we will not be able to support out State budget and can’t support our programs, so I am asking for your help to accomplish this.

I will be calling district membership chairmen and have them contacting post membership to accomplish our goal of being 100 percent. Our State Commander deserves our support!

Please be safe and while calling for dues payments, check on the welfare of your members. It may surprise you — they might even start coming to meetings.

Thank You

Allen Anderson, Judge Advocate

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER



DENNIS PRATT

Time to Start Planning

Post Leadership: Now is the time to start planning

It’s May already; that means a new class of post officers have been elected and are ready to take charge of their posts and lead them during the 2020-2021 year. If you are a new post commander or leader, I want to say thank you for taking on this new

challenge. If you are a returning commander, keep up the good work. Either way, now is the time for next year’s post leadership to plan their year and set goals for their posts.

Do you have some goals in mind for your post? Whether you are new in leadership this year or you are well-seasoned, to make your tenure in office fulfilling you should have something you want to achieve while you hold that office.

What should your goals be? A good place to start is to look at the requirements for All-State and All-American or look at what your post has accomplished the last few years and use that as a starting point. Whatever you decide your goals to be, the first step is to clearly define your goals. You need to make sure everyone in your post understands them. Get feedback from your post and revise the goals so that they are clearly understood. You also need to give the goals context. Ask yourself why are they important and what happens if you do not achieve them, and what happens if you do achieve them? Think of the answers in the short term and in the long term beyond this membership year.

The next step is to figure out what resources you need in place to make the goals happen. This includes the funding of your initiatives, the incremental pre-steps of the final goal, the timing of each step and the members you will need help from. You may need to plan on doing a fundraiser to accomplish these goals which will require extra planning. In order to determine the timing of when you should have these goals done, think of when the deadline to achieve these goals is, and the incremental blocks that must be reached before the final goal is reached, and then plan each step. Finally, know

DEPARTMENT SURGEON



RON BALLARD

Membership!

As we all suffer though this pandemic, we must stay strong. I’m sure that shortly we will begin opening up the many businesses that have been closed for far too long. Luckily, I live in a rather remote area and we have seen little of the virus. That doesn’t mean it is not here and we must observe social distancing but for the small remote communities like mine, it is not as threatening. Staying home has helped a lot and to a certain extent should continue, especially for the larger communities. We will get through this together.

I was very much looking forward to this year’s State Convention at the Mill Casino and having an opportunity to advance to the Department Judge Advocate position. I’ll still move forward but without the pleasure of seeing all of my friends and fellow comrades. 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.

Even though the virus has changed much of what we do, the VFW Department of Oregon is doing even more to reach out to our many comrades via video conferencing. It has been a pleasure to take part in these meeting and meeting our membership, not to mention the pleasure of speaking with my fellow officers at Department several times throughout the week.

As always, membership, membership and more membership are 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. With everyone “locked down”, now would be a great time to consider a “Life Membership” for those that currently are continuous members.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Ballard, Department Surgeon



George Carroll Candidate for State Commander

how many people and how much time will need to be spent to get the job done. You can even chart the process out to keep everything organized.

After you have established your goals for this year, make sure everyone in the post knows what they are. Every person must have the same level of understanding of the goals. If your goals are not understood there will be potential for your members to disregard them. Make sure you bring the goals up at every meeting throughout the year to publicize your progress at the post meeting. Everyone likes to keep score and your post members would like to know if they are winning or losing. Each incremental block and each goal should have a target date so that the progress can be tracked during the year. It keeps them interested in the project, and gives them motivation to do more.

By working through these steps, your post will be able to achieve its goals. But remember, progress is not always easy. It will take all hands and dedication to achieve your goals and elevate your post, but when a post can achieve its goals the members become proud to be a member of your post and proud to be members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Dennis Pratt

VFW TAPS

District / Post	Name /MI	Last
2	10580 Edwood L	Rafferty
2	12123 Ansel F	Morehouse
3	1325 Joe E	Black
3	1325 Walter W	Eidman
3	1325 Flay M	Ezell
3	1325 Frank W	Haefner
3	1325 Lyle E	Heffron
3	1442 Delbert O	Brown
3	2848 Ted F	Mock
4	4439 William D	Martin Jr
5	1383 Virgil L	Kilburn
5	1383 Emmearl G	Mc Kinnon
5	1383 John W	Roush
6	4060 Bob D	Weaver
6	7847 James A	Corrigan
6	7847 George	Fenton Jr
6	7847 Walter J	Forsea
7	1833 Bruce D	Darling
7	2302 Urvin	Stevens
7	2468 Carl B	Croll
7	4116 Don J	Raiff
8	4750 Richard E	Betz
8	4750 Alva B	Stephens
8	4750 Robert C	Reid
8	4750 Walter G	Liebe
9	922 Robert W	Byer
9	3156 Ray R	Kowalski
9	3156 Patrick E	Ball
9	4227 Monty R	Brown
10	1412 Tony	Taylor
10	1643 A D	Dunham
10	1643 Jack	Cooper
10	4108 Ronald L	Dickerson
10	8138 Kenneth	Aduddell
12	2468 Raymond D	Bentley
12	2468 William J	Evans
12	2468 Chelsea G	Werner Jr
12	3970 Dan	Felber
12	3970 Sonja D	Roper
12	9744 John D	Davenport
13	293 Leonard A	Clearwater
13	293 Jack R	Constable
13	3473 James	Zeek
13	3965 Kenneth E	Nygaard
13	3965 Randell A	Leeper
13	9448 Tim J	Brooker
13	9448 James A	Grimes
14	584 Douglas H	Blair
14	661 Leroy E	Holt
14	3203 Michael P	Fisher
14	3437 Homer I	Pack
15	180 Danny K	Rowley
15	180 Homer F	Covert
15	180 Loren	Bennett
15	180 David M	Ditomaso
15	180 Wayne	Kruckman
15	180 Curtis W	Neiss
15	180 Dea F	Sparks
15	1324 Ben	Carson
15	1324 Apolonio P	Quintana
15	1324 Ray A	Snook
15	3973 Ronald W	Jagodnik
15	4273 John R	Randall Jr
15	12140 Robert M	Lenneville
16	2666 Larry D	Miller
16	3452 Robert	Delisle
16	3452 Terrance W	Renick
MAL	Leonard E	Woodward
MAL	Jack A	Rickard
MAL	Warren R	Brown
MAL	Robert E	Moore
MAL	Mamoru	Noji
MAL	Robert V	Palasch

Updates

Candidates

Endorsement: As I think about the things that I want in our next National Council Member, a few words come to mind like Trust-Worthy, Honorable, Integrity, Enthusiastic, Responsible, Reliable and Stead-fast. So I went to Webster’s Dictionary and I found the meaning of these words.

Trustworthy – Worthy of trust- dependable and reliable

Honorable – Worthy of being honored, having or showing a sense of right and wrong, characterized by honesty and integrity; upright.

Integrity – the quality or state of being of sound moral principle, uprightness, honesty and sincerity.

Enthusiastic – Having or showing enthusiasm, or having the nature of enthusiasm

Responsible – Expected or obliged to account (for something, to someone) answerable, accountable- involving accountability, obligation, or duties – that

can be charged with being the cause agent, or source of something- able to distinguish between right and wrong, to think and act rationally, and hence accountable for one’s behavior – readily assuming obligation, duties etc. – dependable, reliable

Steadfast – Firm, fixed, settled or established – not changing – fickle, or wavering; constant

As I study these words and their meanings, I cannot help but think of the name of a Comrade who all of these words describe. I feel that this Great State of Oregon can not find a Comrade to better represent us at the National Council than the Honorable John Wrinkle. So, I ask that you join me in supporting John Wrinkle as our National Councilman.

Respectfully,
George Carroll

Endorsement: I am proudly endorsing Comrade George Carroll for State Commander in 2020-2021. Few, if any, can match George’s zeal, passion, and compassion for supporting all veterans. When presented with an issue or other situation facing the Department of Oregon VFW, George thinks through all the options before deciding on a course of action to recommend. Because of this, George can be trusted to make decisions that will help solve problems, not exacerbate them. We could not find a better leader and friend than George Carroll to be our next State Commander. I am looking forward to working for him.

In addition, I endorse Comrade Dennis Pratt for State Senior Vice Commander, Comrade Allen Anderson for State Junior Vice Commander, Comrade Cheryl Campos for Quartermaster and Comrade Ron Ballard for State Judge Advocate.

You can rely on these Comrades to perform and exceed all expectations.

My sincere thanks to the above cited Comrades, as well as Chief of Staff Bert Key, State Inspector Wayne Sharp, and Junior Past State Commander Rick Higgins for being the best line officers a Commander could work with. They make me proud to be on the same team.

It has been a pleasure and honor to have been elected by you to be the State Commander this past year. I believe you are the “Best in the West,” if not in the entire Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. You have proven that by continuing to work for veterans and their families, even during the COVID-19 pandemic that has thrown so many challenges our way.

Thank you,
John R. Wrinkle, State Commander



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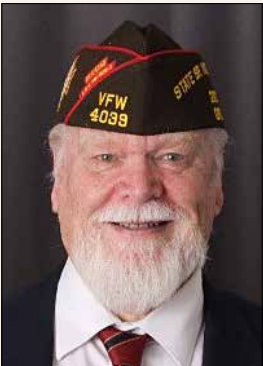
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Rick Higgins for 2020-2021 National Council Member

I am announcing my Candidacy for National Council of Administration representing the State of Oregon. At the

next State Convention, you will be electing the next Council member and I’m asking for your support for that position.

I have proudly been endorsed by my home Post 4039 and District 13 for this esteemed position.

I have been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for over ten years. During this time, I have virtually served in every position at the Post, District and Department level, except Quartermaster, and have excelled in every position that I have held. My Commands have been All-State and All-American eight times, earning Captain or Co-Captain four times. Last year I was proudly pinned with the coveted Triple Crown.

I am a National Certified Recruiter achieving Century status twice. I have served as a National-Aid-de-Camp and a National Deputy Chief of Staff numerous times and on many State committees as a Chairman or a member.

My qualifications for the VFW come from serving in the United States Army in Vietnam from May 1968 to May 1969 with the 1st Calvary Division as an RTO receiving the Purple Heart three times, Bronze Star, Army Commendation, Air Medal and more.

After my time in the Service, I worked in the construction business for 45 years, owning my own company for most of those years.

In the past I have served as President of the Lions Club and President of the Creswell Chamber of Commerce, as well as being on some of the Mayor of Creswell’s advisory committees.

I take great pride in this organization and now want to serve in a higher capacity as your National Council of Administration representative for the State of Oregon.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,

Rick Higgins, Past State Commander 2018-2019

Elect John Wrinkle as your choice for National Council Member – Oregon



John is the right choice for this position for many reasons. Please review and consider the following:

- 2018 Department Veteran of the Year – Proof that John puts his heart and soul into understanding and working VFW chairmanships, committees, programs,

fund raising, relief for veterans and their families, working in the community, working with guard units, and volunteering. John is the only candidate that has received this Department recognition.

- John was selected as the 2018-19 National Legislative Committee Member of the Year – Demonstrates John’s ability to work at the National level with the committee members and National elected members of Congress. John is the only candidate that has received this National recognition.

- John is the only candidate that has attended every National Council meeting for the last 5 ½ years – Demonstrates John’s commitment to understanding the issues confronting the VFW organization.

- John has earned the trust of many Past State Commanders by going above and beyond the minimum expectations on all assigned committee chairmanships.

- John has served with distinction on many leadership roles at the Post, District and Department levels. John is a 2 time All American Post Commander, an All-American District Commander, and is currently serving as State Commander.

- John is goal oriented and self-motivated. John believes in involving all committee members in order to reach an acceptable common goal for the betterment of the VFW.

John believes that the membership should be allowed to express their opinions on how to make the Department and the National VFW be the best organization for representing and advocating for all United States veterans and our currently serving military personnel. For that reason, he will seek your opinion on all National issues before voting on items that affect the VFW and its traditions. John believes strongly that he is working for you, not for himself in this important position.

Your decision to vote for John as your National Council Member – Oregon would be greatly appreciated.

Share your news

Submissions for July-Aug VFW News
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Updates

Department of Oregon Membership 2019 - 2020
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Department Total				Department Percentage			
		2019	2020			2019	2020
		15,374	13553			105.81%	88.15%
		2019	2020			2019	2020
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #6			
1440	St. Helens	65*	60	2990	La Grande	65*	65*
1909	Rainier	59	52	3048	Baker City	142	126
2848	Bay City	107*	113*	3749	Huntington	15*	14
2994	Clatskanie	35*	37*	4060	Union	104	104*
4362	Scappoose	66	63	4307	Enterprise	151	149
10580	Warrenton	225*	144	5452	Ontario	115*	107
12123	Seaside	74*	47	7847	Halfway	74*	73
		631*		TOTAL		667*	635
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #7			
1325	Peninsula/Pep	126*	121	1833	Medford	378*	345
1442	Jasper C Lent	201*	190	2302	Grants Pass	144*	127
4248	Sellwood Brk.	410*	355	4116	Rogue River	274*	269
		737*	666	6881	Shady Cove	63*	64*
DISTRICT #4				9670	Jacksonville	34*	33
965	Coquille	21*	21*			893*	838
966	Brookings	77	77*	DISTRICT #8			
2928	Myrtle Point	50	51*	922	Pendleton	276*	276
3182	North Bend	67*	68*	2471	The Dalles	68*	65
3440	Bandon	210*	200	3597	John Day	28*	28*
4439	Gold Beach	42	51*	567	Milton Freewater	27	22
6102	Powers	32	32*	4750	Hermiston	153*	141
		499*	500*			552*	525
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #9			
1383	Klamath Falls	722*	749*	732	Siletz	28*	21
4070	Lakeview	79	79*	2624	Newport	116*	91
6147	Malin	19*	20*	3156	Waldport	53*	45
		820*	848*	3232	Florence	399*	320
				4227	Toledo	65*	67
						661*	555
				DISTRICT #10			
		2019	2020	1412	Prineville	118*	100
				1643	Bend	309*	263
				4108	Redmond	701*	686
				4217	Warm Springs	37*	38*
				7242	La Pine	57	58*
				8138	Sisters	59*	55
				12141	Madras	41*	65
						1365*	1265
DISTRICT #11				DISTRICT #12			
		2019	2020	2468	Roseburg	304*	259
				3970	Sutherlin	276*	140
				7752	Myrtle Creek	163*	112
				9745	Winston	165	154
						908*	665
DISTRICT #13				DISTRICT #14			
		2019	2020	584	Albany	384*	366
				661	Salem	389	349
				2105	Harrisburg	35	30
				3203	Dallas	137*	139*
				3437	Sweet Home	200*	190
				3957	Monroe	38*	49*
				4065	Jefferson	33	33*
				5638	Stayton	81*	82*
						1297*	1238
DISTRICT #15				DISTRICT #16			
		2019	2020	180	Gresham	288*	205
				1324	Oregon City	282*	263
				3973	Molalla	438*	408
				4273	Sandy	617*	578
				6057	Canby	99*	79
				12140	Lake Oswego	389*	132
						2113*	1665
MEMBERS AT LARGE				2666	Hillsboro	288*	246
		2019	2020	3452	Tualatin	179	164*
				4015	Newberg	163*	157
				4211	Willamina	78*	73
				4617	Beaverton	85	73
				0626	Dayton	206*	211*
						977*	924
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2	12123	Claude Miller	43	10	4108	Dan S. Tureck	5
15	4273	Bert W. Key	40	13	9448	Kathy A. Lundeen	5
5	1383	Duane G. Whitehead	38	14	584	Kelly Craig Lawson	5
15	3973	George E. Carroll	32	15	180	Franklin R. West	5
5	1383	Karen H. Johnson	31	15	1324	Gregory A. Arnold	5
10	4108	John R. Wrinkle	26	15	1324	Paul H. Harris	5
14	3203	Dennis R. Pratt	25	2	2848	Mark J. Davison	4
10	12141	Floyd W. Leach	24	4	3440	Royce D. Kelley	4
5	1383	Ronald E. Ballard	21	7	4116	David L. Pearson	4
16	10626	Cheryl E. Campos	20	14	661	James R. Mc Kee	4
15	3973	Rodney W. Wymore	16	15	180	David B. Lowe	4
15	12140	Kenneth L. Kraft	11	15	4273	Richard N. Steiner	4
7	4116	Charles A. Prudhon	10	15	12140	Michael C. Malish	4
13	3473	Kenneth E. Hunt	10	16	10626	Juan M. Palacios	4
13	3965	James E. Manson	9	2	4362	Roger J. Antonich	3
13	4039	Rick L. Higgins	8	3	1442	Wayne Sharp	3
14	584	Michael Robert Aaron	8	4	4439	George V. Michels IV	3
9	3232	Allen R. Ransom	7	5	4070	Michael D. Shults	3
5	1383	Douglas D. Herrera	6	10	1412	David Schwab	3
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	6	10	7242	Daniel M. Hoffman	3
10	4108	Joseph J. Steller	6	12	2468	Michael D. Eakin	3
13	9448	Donald L. Fertgus	6	13	293	Arnold B. Christensen	3
14	661	Kerry A. Wymetalek	6	13	3473	Monroe W. Parrish	3
14	3437	Ryan P. Matteson	6	14	584	Robert W. Gore	3
16	2666	John Joseph Motter	6	14	3203	Terry Smith	3
16	2666	Roger D. Pack	6	14	3957	David T. Houston	3
16	3452	Harvey A. Pitcher	6	14	3957	Donald H. Strine	3
9	3232	Fred M. Burns	5	14	3957	Lawrence R. Alexander	3

Advertisements



Dale Pack

**Running for
Department
Surgeon
2020-2021**

My commitment is to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I respectfully ask for your vote!

- USMC Vietnam: 1967-1968
- Commander Post 2666: 2016-2019 & Commander Elect 2020-2021
- All State Commander Post 2666: 2016-2019
- District 16 Commander: 2017-2018, 2019-2020 & District Commander Elect: 2020-2021
- All State District 16 Commander: 2017-2018
- All American Team District 16 Commander: 2017-2018
- National Aid De-Camp: 2016-2019
- Cootie of the Year: 2018-2019
- Grand Commander of the Military Order of the Cooties: 2019-2020
- Gold Legacy Life Member



Rex Smith

Candidate for State Chaplain

After a year sabbatical, I feel it is time to serve the Department of Oregon again and am seeking re-election as State Chaplain.

I feel I have the experience and a demonstrated history of working in civic and social organizations and the VFW to serve as State Chaplain. Having served our local communities and our veterans through such activities as Fourth of July parades, Memorial Day and Veterans Day events, memorial services for our departed comrades, visits to local hospitals, the VA hospital and other hospitals in Portland and surrounding communities and as on call Chaplain for my local hospital.

Chaplains should nurture the living by spending time with our fellow comrades and when the need arises, we help them with life situations. Whether in the hospital or at home, the Chaplain is there to offer supportive care to dying comrades and their families. In addition, the Memorial Service at the annual Department Convention should be a fitting tribute to our departed comrades.

I joined the VFW in 2009 and became a life member in 2011 and have served as Post Chaplain at Post 10626 in Dayton for 11 years and was recently elected as District 16 Chaplain. I served the Department of Oregon as State Chaplain for six years and was honored to be chosen as the first Department Chaplain to be awarded the National Chaplain of the Year Award in 2017.

I enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1968. After basic training at Fort Ord, I attended the U.S. Army Southeastern Signal School at Fort Gordon Georgia Teletypewriter Equipment Repair Course and was awarded the Honor Graduate Diploma for my class. I served in Vietnam in the Army Security Agency assigned to the Americal Division and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service and was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1972.

I attended Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Or. and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biblical Education in 1979. I also attended Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in Portland, Or. and graduated in 1984 With a Master of Divinity Degree.

During my Biblical studies I served in churches in Portland and Winlock Washington, The Salvation Army in Portland, speaking and counseling in homeless shelters. I also counseled people in need on crises counseling phone lines who were considering suicide.

I look forward to serving the Department of Oregon as State Chaplain in the years to come and value your support and consideration.

Chaplain Rex Smith M.Div.



Karen Johnson

**Candidate for
Department of
Oregon
State Surgeon
2020-21**

Colonel Karen H. Johnson (Retired U.S. Army) is a native of Bonnet Shores, Rhode Island. She took a direct commission into the Army Nurse Corps on 30 March 1987. She holds several degrees including a Bachelor of Science in Adult Education from San Diego State University and UCLA, a Bachelor of Nursing from Graceland University, a Master's in Nursing Education from National University, and is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Colonel Johnson's military assignments include: past to present: Medical/Surgical Nurse, 129th Evacuation Hospital, San Diego; Chief Nurse, Medical Readiness Training Exercise, Joint Task Force: Honduras / Guatemala; Chief, Staff Education, Gulf War, Saudi Arabia / Kuwait, United Arab Emirates (1990-1991); Nursing Instructor, 6252 US Army Hospital, San Diego, CA; Nursing Instructor, 6222 US Army Reserve School, Pasadena, CA; Credential Officer and Officer in Charge, Physical Exam Team, 4211th US Army Hospital, San Diego, CA; 7232 IMSU, Las Vegas, NV; Chief, Education Division, William Beaumont Army Medical Center; Chief, RN Case Manager Medical Holdover Program, Fort Bliss, Texas; Director, Medical Holdover Program, Fort Bliss, Texas; Director, Warrior Transition Clinic & Case Management, Fort Bliss, Texas; Warrior Transition Battalion Commander, Fort Bliss, TX; RN Case Manager, Community Base Warrior Transition Unit, UT; and Clinical Head Nurse & Training/Education, 4203 US Army Hospital, Nashville, TN.

Colonel Johnson's military education include the Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course, the Combat Care Casualty Course C-4, Advance Life Trauma Support Course, Instructor Training Course, Army Medical Department Officer Advance Course, Combined Arms & Service Staff School, Head Nurse Leadership Development Course, Chemical / Biological Casualty Course, Army Nurse Leadership Advanced Course, and Command Staff and General College.



Dennis Pratt

**Candidate for
Department
Sr. Vice
Commander
2020 - 2021**

**Experienced
and Ready**

Education:

- BS Degree from Portland State University in Information Systems
- Master's Degree from Andrews University in Business Administration

Military Service:

- Six years in the US Navy
- 18 years in the US Navy Reserves

VFW Qualifying Service:

- Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003-2004

VFW Offices Held:

- All-American Post Quartermaster, Post Adjutant, All-American Post Commander
- District Chaplain, All-American District Commander
- Department Inspector, Surgeon, Judge Advocate and Jr Vice Commander
- Department Voice of Democracy Chairman
- Member of the Department's Post 81 Scholarship Committee
- Member of the National Iraq/Afghanistan Committee



Allen Anderson

**Candidate for
State Jr. Vice
Commander
2020-2021**

My eligibility in the VFW comes from two deployments to Vietnam with the U. S. Navy. I joined July 1964 and retired March 1989 at the rank of Chief Petty Officer. I have spent most of my adult life in service to my Country and Community.

In September 1967 I joined the VFW Post 5514 in Troy Montana and have been a continuous member since then. I am now a Gold Legacy Member of VFW Post 4273 in Sandy and an All-State and All-American Commander.

Over the years I have served as Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Surgeon, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Trustee, Post Service Officer, VOD/PP Chairman, Buddy Poppy Chairman, and District 15 Commander and Department Surgeon. I was selected and served as National Special Aide-De-Camp in 2006-2007, National Deputy Chief of Staff in 2007-2008, and National Deputy Judge Advocate General 2016-2017. I am currently finishing my term as your Department Judge Advocate and Membership Chairman. I am also finishing my second year as Post Commander of the All-American and All-State Post 4273 in Sandy.

I have been the top post recruiter 10 times, achieving Century Recruiter last Year and again this year. In addition to supporting all the VFW Programs, I support a strong recruiting and retention program.

Without members we will die as an organization. Numbers give us the political strength to deal with Congress, both at the state and federal level. It starts at the post level. We need to build our posts so we can better support our brothers and sisters as our number one mission. We need to work with our younger Veterans and make sure they are getting the services they need and so richly deserve.

I sincerely hope that you will consider me for the position of Department Junior Vice Commander in 2020-2021.

Sincerely

Allen Anderson, State Judge Advocate

Auxiliary

SR. VICE PRESIDENT



DEB WRIGHT

Stay Strong

Greetings,
I have enjoyed serving you as your Sr. Vice President this year working with many of you throughout the year. I am looking forward to serving as president in the coming months. It will certainly be a challenge for all of us, learning to conduct our meetings and business in

different ways.

Although this year has not ended quite the way that we had hoped, it is now important to take care of ourselves and our families. Wear your mask, stay home.

Coronavirus has defiantly caused a great deal of change.

Who would have ever dreamt that something like this would happen and change our way of life, so drastically?

Stay strong, we will get through this.

Loyally,

Debbie Wright, Sr Vice President, Dept. of Oregon

Membership

Greetings,

Hope all are well and following procedures to stay safe. This is a tough time for everyone. The Coronavirus has really put a damper on many of our plans.

We still have time to make 100 percent in membership. We are currently at 95.05 percent. We only need 265 more members to get to 10 percent.

Maybe your auxiliary knows of someone who has been laid off. If you have a member who needs help with their dues. It would be a good time to help them. Make it a gift. Be the sunshine in somebody’s cloudy day.

We are all in this together.

Thank you, everyone whoe recruited. Keep up the good work. Our membership year ends June 30, 2020. Recruit, recruit, recruit!

Stay safe, take care of yourselves and families.

Loyally,

Debbie Wright

HISTORIAN

Media Relations Year in Review 2019-2020

2019 started as a normal year should, with State Convention and President Janie Wills and her officers being installed and with President Janie residing over her first C of A meeting. All were recorded with photos.

July found many of us at National convention and more photos and videos were taken and shared on Facebook, my first-ever attempt at making a video, by the way.

August got us up and moving around the state for three academies. I hope everyone learned a lot. I had fun giving you all your own “press pass” so that you could be your own reporter. I also had fun with the movie “clapper” to get you all interested in making a video of what your auxiliaries are doing in your communities. I showed you how to make a scrap book, media book and a written journal. Also handed out photo releases in order to be able to post pictures on Facebook and in newspapers.

The 2020 Mid –Winter Convention held in January was a little different this year as we had a small version of a Family Freedom Festival with all the Program Chairman with a table, games ,prizes, and information. I got some good pictures at my table of the Auxiliary brothers and sisters holding up picture frames for President Janie’s scrapbook.

Just about that time things became, as you well know, rather strange. Our National president’s visit was canceled and soon we all were sheltering in place. But we did our best, as my father would say “keep on keeping on.”

So year-end reports made and letters for the website written, stories to our National Program ambassadors sent. But as I write this last report to you I don’t yet know how this year will end. But I do know that I miss being able to see, hug and be with you my brothers and sisters at this time. I pray that all are safe and well and soon we will be together again.

Patricia Carroll

Department of Oregon Historian/Media Relations

Americanism 2019-2020 How We Roll In Oregon

We are the Auxiliaries for our Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America. Thank you to the 39 auxiliaries that actively promoted Americanism in their communities.

Thank you for helping me as the Dept. of Oregon Americanism Chairman. I would like to thank each of the auxiliaries for getting their reports to me. Remember, that we want to let our communities know who we are and what we do, and what we stand for.

This is how we roll here in Oregon:

1. VFW Auxiliaries who worked the Americanism Program goals presented 24 certificates to businesses and/or citizen in recognition of their displaying the United States and/or POW/ MIA flag.
2. 32 of the auxiliaries had special programs on at least one or more of the patriotic holidays.
3. Thank you for each auxiliary that promoted our POW/ MIA table.

All the 39 auxiliaries worked alongside their VFW posts to promote this program.

The teamwork of working with our VFW posts and community is what we are all about.

We had a great year. Just remember we are Americans and thank you for the opportunity of being your Americanism Chairman.

Loyally,

Denise Lovik, 2019-2020 Americanism Chairman



VALERIE WRINKLE

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

Legislative Program 2019-2020

It was an honor and a privilege to chair this program for Department President Janie Wills. I have always felt that this program is an important part of our mission to advocate for veterans and their families.

This year I attended all three of the Training Academies the Auxiliary put on and I participated in the Family Freedom Festival put on at our Mid-Winter Conference. At the Training Academies I had a folder full of handouts for members to share with each other and a display of some of the tools available to members on the VFW Auxiliary website. At Mid-Winter I had handouts, as well as a Word Search game that members could play to win a prize. I enjoyed interacting with the members that attended, and the game turned out to be quite popular. At least one of our Auxiliaries made copies of the Word Search to distribute at schools, which I thought was a great idea.

In addition, I was able to travel to Washington DC for the VFW Legislative Conference and the Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners. I visited the offices of all the Oregon legislators, along with two other Auxiliary members and several VFW members from the Department. We covered the VFW Legislative Priorities and discussed several issues affecting veterans and their families. We were also in attendance when the Commander in Chief, “Doc” Schmitz addressed the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs where I met the Legislative National Ambassador, Mercie Woolfolk.

I am pleased to report that I did receive at least one report on this program from all 49 Auxiliaries.

Below are some statistics to reflect actions that were taken by Auxiliary members.

- 29 Auxiliaries reported promoting the VFW Priority Goals.
- 47 Auxiliaries encouraged members to communicate with their Legislators regarding veterans’ issues.
- 172 members read the VFW Action Corps on a regular basis.
- 223 members signed up for the VFW Action Corps this year.
- 150 members had personal contact with legislators.

- 539 members emailed their legislators.
- 94 members used Social Media to communicate veterans’ issues.
- 91 members wrote letters to their legislators.
- 58 members made phone calls to legislators.
- 84 attended events such as Town Halls, Council meetings, etc. Of those members, 3 attended the VFW Legislative Conference in Washington DC the beginning of March 2020 where we visited Oregon legislators in their DC offices and discussed the VFW’s Legislative Priorities. (Fortunately, this Conference happened before the restrictions on travel and social distancing was required. There was a lot of elbow bumping in place of handshakes however.)
- 98 members reported voting.
- 49 Auxiliaries encouraged others to vote.
- 10 Auxiliaries promoted the “Vote in Honor of a US Veteran” initiative.
- 11 Auxiliaries used the “Guide to Contacting Your Legislators

We had at least two big successes this year. One: The Blue Water Navy Act of 2019 passed. Beginning January 1, 2020, with this bill veterans who served as far as 12 nautical miles from the shore of Vietnam, or who had service in the Korean Demilitarized Zone, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides, such as Agent Orange, and may be entitled to service connection for any of the 14 conditions related to herbicide exposure. Two: The bill to “Axe the Widow’s Tax” passed. Prior to this, surviving spouses of members of the Armed Forces were subject to an unfair dollar-for-dollar reduction of Survivors Benefit Plan (SBP) based on the amount of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation they were entitled to. This offset had the effect of wiping out most, if not all, of the SBP entitlement and affected over 62,000 widows and widowers. This was especially unfair considering that the families paid monthly premiums for the SBP.

That inequity has been corrected, but there is still work to be done. This year’s Legislative Priorities include bills to improve Veterans’ benefits; improve Veterans’ health care, including women veterans; concurrent receipt (DOD Longevity payments and VA disability payments); improve and extend Vocational Rehab and Employment Program and improve Transition programs. With the continued efforts of our Auxiliary members, we can win these battles for our veterans and their families.

Respectfully,

Valorie Wrinkle, Legislative Chairman Dept of Oregon

Auxiliary

“Buddy” Poppy/ VFW National Home for Children Department of Oregon • Year-End Report 2019-2020 Highlights

- Coquille #965 celebrated the Posts 75th Anniversary and included the “Diamond” poppies along with the red poppies on their drives.
- Best Overall “Buddy” Poppy program was conducted by Lake Oswego #12140 with 7 reports, purchasing 2,000 poppies, four drives and a lot of Community Outreach, two submissions to Media, one display at State Convention, spending \$555 with 18 members, driving 480 miles, and working 271 hours. You need only look at their photos to see how much thought & care goes into their drives.
- Deschutes Auxiliary #4108 deserves a mention purchasing 14,000 poppies including some “diamond” poppies to hopefully be used in a May celebration of the Posts 75th anniversary.
- Rogue River #4116 gets best overall National Home program. They recite the National Home prayer at each meeting. By passing a National Home Bank they raised and donated \$1,350. They also promoted the National Home Helpline.
- Deschutes Auxiliary should also get a mention when it comes to National Home. Their National Home Chair attended 36 Chamber of Commerce community meetings speaking about the National Home, Veterans & Family Support, & distributed “Buddy” Poppies.
- Hermiston Auxiliary #4750 should be recognized for donating \$1,000 to the National Home. For a rural Auxiliary with only 71 members that is huge!



Lake Oswego Best Overall



Florence



Legacy Life Members in Oregon

Post	First	MI	Last	Legacy Level
180	Val	G	Shaul	Bronze
180	Franklin	R	West	Silver
180	David	B	Lowe	Brinze
180	Scott		Gill	Gold
180	Robert	L	Dooms Jr	Silver
180	Maynard	C	Smith	Bronze*
293	Mark	D	Chapman	Gold
293	Joseph	M	Rosano	Bronze
293	James	I	Bell	Bronze
584	Melvin	L	Chaput	Gold
584	James	M	Willis	Bronze
661	Leonard	V	Goss	Bronze
661	Kerry	A	Wymetalek	Gold
661	Robert	F	Osterlund	Bronze*
661	Greg		Terhune	Gold
661	Kerry	A	Wymetalek	Gold
922	Judith	A	Burger	Gold
922	Richard	E	Halverson	Gold
922	James	F	Hand	Gold
922	Nicholas	R	Van Kirk	Gold
1324	D	J.	Ruger	Gold
1324	Arthur	E	Kimball	Gold
1324	Edgar		Wales	Bronze
1324	Gregory	A	Arnold	Bronze
1324	John	S	Morell Jr	Bronze
1324	Charles	E	Chamberlin	Bronze
1324	Ronald	D	Emerson	Bronze
1324	James	G	McDonald	Gold
1324	Paul	H	Harris	Bronze
1324	Neil	E	Birch	Bronze
1324	Shawn	P	Dachtler	Bronze
1324	Gerry	B	Mcateer	Bronze
1324	Steven		Prowant	Bronze
1324	Shannon	M	Arnold	Bronze
1324	Edward	L	Gresham	Gold
1324	William	M	Trumble	Bronze
1324	Dale	K	Miller	Bronze
1324	Robert	W	Black	Bronze
1324	Maurice	A	Deets	Bronze
1324	John	A	Baranek	Gold
1324	David	M	Kidd	Bronze
1324	Larry	W	Moseley	Bronze
1325	James	H	Mc Gee Jr	Gold
1383	Duane	G	Whitehead	Gold
1383	Ronald	E	Ballard	Gold
1383	Roger	A	Pattee	Gold
1383	Douglas	D	Herrera	Bronze
1383	Karen	H	Johnson	Gold
1442	Daniel	W	Wakefield	Gold*
1442	Gordon	K	Hillesland	Gold
1442	Albert	A	Reijonen	Bronze
1643	Michael	P	Boehme	Gold
1643	Matthew	R	Walker	Gold
1643	Byron	J	Smith	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
2302	Glenn	D	German	Bronze
2302	Charles	E	Delore	Bronze
2468	Michael	D	Eakin	Bronze
2468	Earl	T	McAloney	Gold
2624	David	A	Teem Sr	Gold
2624	Robert	R	May	Gold
2666	Larry	R	Tomb	Bronze
2666	Daniel	F	Fink	Bronze
2666	Roger	D	Pack	Gold
2666	Dale	S	Yee	Bronze
2666	Dennis	C	Marsh	Gold
2666	Rick	D	Johnson	Silver
2666	Michael	R	Premi	Bronze
2666	Andrew	L	Eason	Gold
2666	Don	R	Bowen	Bronze
2666	Carl	G	Anderso	Silver
2848	AJames	W	Allenbrand	Silver
3156	Andrea	D	Summerlin	Gold
3203	Dennis	R	Pratt	Bronze
3232	Dennis	R	Marsh	Silver
3232	Terry	J	Robertson	Bronze
3232	Robert	J	Jackson	Bronze
3232	Kennith	E	Smith	Gold
3232	Milton	G	Gravell	Bronze
3232	Phillip	M	Jarvis	Gold
3232	David	R	Snyder	Bronze
3232	Harley	O	Youngblood	Bronze
3232	Rex	L	Ruck	Gold
3232	Russell	E	Downs	Bronze
3232	Merritt	C	Mosby	Bronze
3232	Fred	M	Burns	Bronze

Posts with 5 or more Legacy Members		
3232	Florence	34
1324	Oregon City	23
4039	Creswell	14
4015	Newburg	12
3973	Molalla	11
2666	Hillsboro	10
4108	Redmond	8
12140	Lake Oswego	7
4273	Sandy	7
3452	Tualatin	7
9448	Veneta	6
180	Gresham	6
3965	Springfield	5
4248	Portland	5

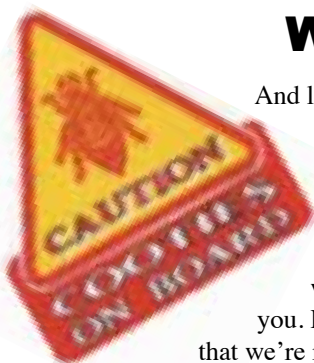
Bronze	130
Silver	24
Gold	92
TOTAL	246

Post	First	MI	Last	Legacy Level
3232	Gerald	F	Hernandez	Silver
3232	Gordon		Rhodes	Bronze
3232	Gary	W	Covert	Bronze
3232	John	E	McBride	Bronze
3232	Nicole	A	Buckley	Bronze
3232	Bruce	W	Smith	Bronze
3232	Anthony	V	Cavarno	Bronze
3232	Bruce	D	Andrade	Bronze
3232	David	L	Younce	Gold
3232	Allen	R	Ransom	Bronze
3232	Robert	B	Woerner	Silver
3232	Ronald	R	Tate	Bronze
3232	James	W	Gerth	Bronze
3232	Thomas	F	Spayd	Gold
3232	Vincent	R	Le Piane	Bronze
3232	Paul	L	Gargis	Gold
3232	Robert	F	Brown	Gold
3232	Frederick	T	Kolbeck	Gold
3232	Harold	D	Morgan Sr	Silver
3232	Thomas	S	Benedict	Bronze
3232	Timothy	K	Marler	Bronze
3232	James	W	Swant	Bronze
3437	Vernon	L	Holdridge	Bronze
3437	Ronald	W	Wilson	Bronze
3440	Larry	D	Langenberg	Gold
3452	Arthur	V	Mauer	Bronze
3452	Ernie		Doyle	Gold
3452	Harvey	A	Pitcher	Gold
3452	Lawrence	J	Howard	Bronze
3452	Shaun	D	Benson	Bronze
3452	Paul	A	Maidel Jr	Gold
3452	Ted	D	Gilbo	Gold
3473	Monroe	W	Parrish	Bronze
3957	David	T	Houston	Bronze
3957	Lawrence	R	Alexander	Gold
3965	James	E	Matthews	Gold
3965	Jess	M	Wise Jr	Gold
3965	John	P	Stanks	Gold
3965	James	E	Manson	Gold
3965	Steven	M	Boosinger	Gold
3970	Clifford	N	Mc Cauley	Gold
3973	George	E	Carroll	Gold
3973	Stephen	G	Morris	Bronze
3973	Kenneth	L	Carroll	Bronze
3973	Roscoe	V	Dorsett	Bronze
3973	David	H	Wallace	Bronze
3973	Jason		Carroll	Gold
3973	Ronald	W	Jagodnik	Gold
3973	Ernest	H	Winterton	Bronze
3973	Jason	F	Griswold	Gold
3973	Rodney	W	Wymore	Gold
3973	Jeffrey	D	Knight	Gold
4015	George	P	Edmonston	Bronze
4015	Leonard	D.	Braithwait Jr	Bronze
4015	Lester	E	Beecroft	Bronze*
4015	Alvin	A	Tesky	Bronze
4015	Leonard		Schorzmann	Bronze
4015	Stanley	L	Beecroft	Bronze
4015	Leon	L	Blanchard	Bronze
4015	Donald	R	Cooke	Bronze*
4015	Seth	J	Forquer	Bronze*
4015	Richard	G	Lightfoot	Bronze*
4015	Randall	E	Savage	Bronze

Post	First	MI	Last	Legacy Level
4015	Hubert	M	Mardock	Bronze
4039	John	R	Clark	Bronze*
4039	Richard	A	Leppin	Bronze
4039	Vernon	A	Beard	Gold
4039	Richard	L	Colson	Silver
4039	Camren	J	Baker	Bronze
4039	Leonard	M	Hecker	Bronze
4039	David	W	Hendrick	Bronze
4039	Anthony	A	Jaques	Bronze
4039	Rick	L	Higgins	Gold
4039	Jack	L	Gradle	Bronze
4039	Bryce	L	Watson	Bronze
4039	Michael	G	Coltharp	Bronze*
4039	Bill	E	Beer	Bronze
4039	Melvin	L	Northcutt	Bronze
4108	Dennis	G	Guthrie	Gold
4108	Charles	E	Chester Jr	Gold
4108	Gary	D	Pitman	Silver
4108	John	R	Wrinkle	Gold
4108	Dan	S	Tureck	Gold
4108	Harold	G	Davidson	Gold
4108	William	E	Pieters	Silver
4108	Robert	M	Bragg	Bronze
4116	Thomas	A	Lazette	Bronze
4116	James	M	Poling	Silver
4116	Corbin	A	Motter	Gold
4116	Charles	A	Prudhon	Silver
4211	Lee	K	Saddler	Bronze
4217	Raymond	C	Tsumpti Jr	Gold
4227	Michael	R	Petersen	Bronze
4227	Charles	R	Ritz	Bronze
4248	Jay	B	Agler	Gold
4248	Dale	N	Guldenzopf	Gold
4248	Sharon	M	Ploor	Bronze
4248	Thomas	R	Mc Neal	Bronze*
4248	Gregory	L	Drais	Gold
4248	William	C	Hughes	Bronze
4273	Allen	P	Anderson	Gold
4273	Marcus		Walters	Gold
4273	William	H	Miller	Gold
4273	Robert	L	Anderson	Bronze*
4273	James	M	Ramsey	Bronze
4273	Terry	E	Boyer	Silver*
4273	Bert	W	Key	Gold
4307	Ann	M	Gosnell	Bronze
4362	James	A	Walling	Bronze
4362	Jerry		Peal	Bronze*
4362	Frank	C	Weber	Bronze
4362	Roger	J	Antonich	Bronze
4362	David	P	Sleightam	Bronze
5452	Donald	M	Ristow	Silver
5452	Shannon	M	Kelly	Bronze*
5452	Harvey		Hatfield Jr	Gold
5452	Gary	M	Good	Bronze
6057	Janile	L	Yost	Silver
6057	Robert	G	Sigleer	Bronze
6881	Clarence	O	Neville	Silver*
6881	Robert	D	Walsh	Bronze
7384	Norman	M	Henshen	Silver
9448	Donald	L	Fertgus	Gold
9448	Kerry	G	Shafer	Bronze
9448	Kathy	A	Lundeen	Bronze
9448	Stanley	G	Ritari	Gold
9448	Michael	L	Beyerlin	Bronze
9448	James	R	Clarke	Gold
9448	Thomas	G	Laing	Gold
10580	Albert	A	Little	Bronze
10580	Tyler	E	Marriott	Gold
10580	George	I	Gunn	Bronze
10580	Eugene		Bonk	Bronze
10580	Melvin	H	Jasmin	Bronze
10580	E	L	Dunn	Gold
10626	Juan	M	Palacios	Gold
10626	Magno	T	Campos Jr	Bronze
10626	Thomas	G	Clayton	Bronze
10626	Cheryl	E	Campos	Gold
12123	Louis	J	Neubecker	Gold
12140	Kenneth	L	Kraft	Gold
12140	Beau	D	Mcneff	Silver
12140	Larry	C	Harmon	Bronze
12140	Raymond	L	Mack Jr	Bronze
12140	Michael	C	Malish	Gold
12140	Anthony	L	Barber	Silver
12140	Boyd	C	Yaden	Bronze
12140	Donald	L	Reed	Gold
12141	Craig	L	Mc Donald	Bronze
12141	Leonard	P	Hellwig	Gold
15038	Michael	C	Tribble	Silver
15038	Donald	C	Sopher	Bronze
15038	Jon	W	Parks	Bronze
15038	Courtland	J	Rawson	Gold

Cooties

We're Baaaaccckk!



And let's start off with a little review. Yep, we're the Cooties and we have 9 pup tents scattered throughout the state. It's true. And somewhere we have a spot just for you. Hey, have I mentioned yet that we're recruiting?

So, let's start off with a few words from the Top. "Blah, blah, Find a Nit, blah, Be Happy, blah, blah." Well, that's enough from him & her. On to the really impotent stuff. Just be aware that we occasionally drift in and out of "Cootie-Speak" so don't be alarmed if your internal spell-checker gets a workout. Sometimes we do it on porpoise and sometimes it's 'cuz we just don't no any better. With me, I do it just to drive my computer nuts!

The municipalities of Portland, Hillsboro, Salem, Sweet Home, Albany, Springfield, Florence, Winston, and Redmond all have a Pup Tents. It's the place where us bugs have pitched our tents in order to spread our cheer and harass all the other bugs around us. Some Pup Tents are in metropolitan areas that offer several opportunities for doing our work; while yet a few are sprinkled here and there without major medical centers or clusters of

folks needing cheered-up. And yet, these little jewels can really experience that community feeling and sense of belonging without getting lost in all the traffic. As an example, here's what Dennis Marsh, Seam



Squirrel {Commander} of Pup Tent 9, has to say about Cooties in his community of Florence.

DENNIS SAYS: "Sometime in the mid-2000s, a new member transferred to the local VFW Post, Grimshaw Post 3232. Soon afterwards, he started inquiring as to whether there was a local Pup Tent in the area. Of course, no one really knew if there was or wasn't as the words "Pup Tent" were unfamiliar. However, this VFW member soon explained that he was a member of the Honor Society of the VFW and had been hoping to have had — what he called a "Pup Tent" — in the general area to which he could transfer his "Cootie" membership and attend meetings that he called "Scratches!"

That new VFW member was Wallace Benjamin Foreman, usually referred to as "Ben" or "Little Ben" by those who knew him. He had sown the seeds that would finally grow and become Pup Tent 9 of the Military Order of the Cootie, Grand of Oregon! When Bob "Mac" McGuire became commander of Post 3232 in 2008, he thought it would be a good idea to attempt - along with Ben - to get a Cootie Pup Tent started. To make a long story short, he finally found 15 worthwhile VFW members who also agreed to join, and presented the idea to Grand Commander Denis Gloyn (2008-2009). As the present-day Cooties had always been wanting to having a Cootie Pup Tent on the Oregon Coast, all previous Pup Tents having been disbanded over the years, Commander Gloyn agreed to the idea and to come down to Florence — along with his crew of Cootie officers — and establish a brand new Pup Tent.

And so, on January 9, 2009, along with Past Supreme Commander Larry Alexander (1997-1998), Past Grand Commander Karen Roth (2007-2008) Senior Vice-Commander Bert Logan III, and other members of the Grand of Oregon, numbering around seven in all, Pup Tent 9 came into existence.

Larry Alexander led the show — held at the local Elks Lodge in Florence — by explaining the rules, etc. and getting the new members to sign in.

He gave the position of Cootie #1 to Mac McGuire as the Post Commander and who had pushed the idea of a Pup Tent within Post 3232. Of course, no one really knew the importance of being Cootie #1 and just took their time signing the Charter page. If they had known, they might have "fought" for the honor! Larry Alexander came up with the Pup Tent name of DUNE BUGS with no opposition to the idea - Florence being at the northern edge of the Oregon Dunes.

The first Scratch was opened that evening with Denis Gloyn presiding and installing the new Pup Tent officers. He even demonstrated how a Scratch was run with help from his Senior Vice Bert Logan and Past Grand Commander Karen Roth. The antics of these two Cooties left many of us newbies wondering what the h**l we had let ourselves into! However, the Grand Cooties were very generous to us, leaving around \$300 on the floor as a start-up kitty for our new Pup Tent.

Rex Ruck was installed as our initial Seam Squirrel with Mac McGuire allowing himself to be named Bugler. Keith Kraft was appointed as CCDB and Ben Foreman became the Hungry Cootie. Kay O. Day (K.O.) became the Shirt Reader and Dennis Marsh was given the job of being the photographer.

Grand officers even came down to our first official

Scratch the following February just to monitor and make sure that all was okay. It was so relaxing that Denis Gloyn even had time to stretch out at the back of the Scratch and take a short nap during the proceedings.

During the eleven years since inception, Pup Tent 9 has managed to evolve into the mainstream of the Cootie Nation. They have made many visits to Senior Care Centers in Florence, talking to veterans or the spouses of deceased veterans, made visits to local veterans hospitalized (when known), and made annual trips to Roseburg VAHS for their Christmas parties and Valentine Day's "Salute to Veterans". They have been recognized as

"Pup Tent of the Year" twice (maybe three times?) and a member honored as "Cootie of the Year" twice. Dennis Marsh has also organized, published, and distributed an unofficial Grand of Oregon Newsletter - now in its 11th Volume - as a means of informing and entertaining Cooties who attend Grand Scratches. He also established the Oregon Cootie Trail pin program as a fundraiser for the Grand of Oregon.

We have Cooties as members from Lakeside, North Bend, Newport, and Waldport with whom we keep in contact. Not all can attend a local Scratch due to distance driving and the time of day that we hold our Scratch. Unfortunately, we do not have a VA facility, Veterans Home, or National Guard Armory in our local area, so our visitations are very limited to what we can do.

Pup Tent 9 is the only Pup Tent on the beautiful Oregon Coast! It is said that, "If you see a bug on your collar, don't squash it; it could be a DUNE BUG!"

{That really isn't a photo of Dennis Marsh at the beginning of his story. I couldn't find one worthy of his words so I threw one of Jim Schinman in just to take up some space and 'cuz a long time ago I told Jim his mugshot should be in the paper as well as on the Post Office wall. Greg}

NEWS BULLETIN!
Cooties not seen in six weeks. Seems like there's a "bug" going around that is lookin' to get into their tents. For the first time in over 100 years, cooties close their tent flaps and zip up tighter than a bug in a rug. Just sayin!

BE SAFE; STAY SAFE!

See ya when the fog clears!

(Greg, Out)



GENERAL ORDER #5 2019-2020 Series

May 8, 2020

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TO BE READ AT A REGULAR MEETING AND
FILED:

Convention update:

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to rethink how we do business. It appears that it will also impact part of next year’s administration. We must stay firm in our conviction of doing all that we can for veterans. We must also stay strong and determined to provide the necessary hard work to support incoming State Commander George Carroll’s goals for our Department.

The National Council of Administration has been working diligently to provide us with guidelines for holding a Convention, end the terms of office for this year’s Department Officers, allow for the succession of next year’s officers to the next “chair” (Department Senior Vice moves up to Department Commander, etc.) and hold elections for next year’s vacancies. (For more information on the guidelines provided by the National Council of Administration, see the attached documents detailing the process required by the current Bylaws Sections 500, 600 and 700.)

The Department’s Council of Administration has voted to cancel this year’s on-site Convention, move the current location (the Mill Casino in North Bend) to the 2020-2021 Convention, continue negotiating with additional locations for ensuing Convention years, set this year’s “electronic” Convention date as June 12, 2020 for administrative purposes and to end the terms of office for the 2019-2020 officers on June 12, 2020.

So, what does this mean to the Department of Oregon’s Posts and District members for this year’s Convention?

1. No voting will be allowed using Zoom workshops because the bylaws require a quorum at the meeting, and we cannot ask members to meet at a physical site. Voting will be done using email. Only Council of Administration members are eligible to vote, with each member having one vote. Please remember, we depend on representative

leadership. We elect our officers and rely on them to vote accordingly.

2. All appointed officers and confirmed appointed salaried officers may be installed at any Post of District regular or special meeting.

3. Friday, June 5, 2020 @ 0900 the outgoing Council of Administration will attend a workshop via Zoom to discuss the approval of the final audit and other business. All Veterans of Foreign Wars members are invited to attend.

4. Incoming State Commander, George Carroll, request the Incoming Council to attend the Zoom Convention Friday June 12, 2020 @ 0900 (9:00am) with the Incoming Council workshop proceeding directly afterwards.

5. Friday, June 12, 2020 @ 0900, any member who wishes to attend the Convention will meet via Zoom. The State Commander will open the Convention, declare a lack of a quorum, and close the Convention. Before the official opening of the Convention, it is my intent to provide the Past Department Commanders the opportunity to name their Veteran of the Year, Quartermaster of the Year, and Willie & Joe Award winners. In addition, the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee may make announcements. The State Line Officers will be offered an opportunity to make a statement. Announcements of awards, etc. will also be made by the State Commander and State Adjutant. All awards, including plaques, hats, gifts, certificates, and citations will be mailed by the Department to the appropriate member, Post or District. All Veterans of Foreign Wars members are invited to attend the Convention via Zoom.

6. District Commanders and all Chairmen will submit a written report of activities to the State Adjutant no later than June 10, 2020. These reports will be made available to any member requesting a copy.

7. At the close of the Convention business, the term of all 2019-2020 officers will end and the 2020-2021 officers will all move to their new office. The 2019-2020 State Commander becomes the Junior Past Commander, the Sr. Vice moves up to Commander, the Jr. Vice to Sr. Vice and so on. The incoming State Commander George Carroll will make announcements of his appointees, set the date of the incoming Council of Administration workshop and open nominations for all vacant positions.

8. Delegate fees have been suspended for this Convention. If you have paid delegate fees, make arrangements with State Adjutant/Quartermaster Cheryl Campos to refund you.

9. Per National By-Laws, section 503, no business shall be transacted due to lack of a quorum. All new or changes to the By-Laws will have to wait until the next State convention in 2021.

10. An on-line Convention Book will be available prior to the Convention. There is no cost to put an ad in the book. All candidates for office, Posts and Districts that have not already done so, may submit their ad to Valorie Wrinkle at vjwrinkle@gmail.com or call Valorie at 541-678-3894 no later than May 15, 2020. If you have paid an ad fee, please make arrangements with State Adjutant/Quartermaster Cheryl Campos to refund you.

BY ORDERS OF:

JOHN WRINKLE /S/

ATTEST:

CHERYL CAMPOS /S/

Johnson

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Colonel Johnson’s awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Army Commendation, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Arm Forces Reserve Medal w/ M Device, Army Reserves Overseas Training Ribbon, Southwest Asia Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal of Kuwait.

Positions & Activities:

V.F.W. Offices Held This Year: District Commander.

VFW Committee Assignments: Membership Team. City Veterans Advisory Council. Post Safety Committee. Post & District Events Committee. Veterans Advisory Council Committee, Poppy Drive Fundraiser Committee, Post Events Committee, Adopt-A-Unit Program.

Officer Assignments During Previous Years:

District Commander 2019-2020.

District Sr. Vice Commander 2015-2016, 2018-2019.

District Jr. Vice Commander 2014-2015, 2017-2018.

Post Commander 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019.

House Officer.

Membership/Recruiting Team.

Safety Officer.

Renovation - entire interior of building to reflect a modern atmosphere within cost restraints, and to promote a safe environment for members.

Visit homebound VFW members and other veterans in hospital 2012 to present.

Present awards to various VFW members and Air Force Officers who have contribute to the VFW cause.

Serves on VFW Color Guard past 5 years to present.

Adopt-A-Unit 1/82d CAV and Infantry units, Oregon Army National Guard active support to include the Family Readiness Group activities with active support. This also included their deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Adopt-A-Unit the 173d Wing Command, Kingsley Oregon Air National Guard with various activities.

Coordinate and organize with the Air National Guard Wing Command for F-15 flyovers & City Parks for Veteran’s Day & Memorial Day Ceremonies, and master of ceremonies at Veteran’s Memorial Park past year 2014 to present.

Participate in Poppy Drive past 5 years to present.

Put up U.S. flags on Memorial Day & Veterans Day at local cemetery Memorial.

Review Oregon Food Handler’s Main course for safe handling

of food and sanitation to bartender employees.

Coordinate, organize and serve as Master of Ceremonies as commemorative tributes set by National VFW with an official ceremony 2014 to present: Loyalty Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Patriots 9/11 Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day past 7 years.

Safety Officer for past 6 years to present, instruct briefings monthly to members at monthly meetings, and post on Post website/FB as well as in the canteen.

Participated in the Following V.F.W. Activities This Year: Trustee, Safety Officer, Officer of the Day, Renovations Committee, Poppy Drive Fundraiser Committee, Membership/ Recruiting Committee.

Civic, Community, Church Activities This Year:

Volunteer for High Desert Hospice and visits end of life veterans and their families.

I will work to the best of my abilities as your State Surgeon, if elected. Together we will make VFW Dept. of Oregon Number 1.