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The Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the State Capitol in Salem Becomes a Reality!

By Andrea Summerlin, Department of Oregon:

On Friday, November 22, 2024, the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial was dedicated at the Oregon Capitol Grounds in Salem. After seven years of planning, raising funds and overseeing the construction, the Oregon Capitol Vietnam Veterans Memorial is now a reality. Congratulations to all who worked tirelessly to create this sacred place to honor our Vietnam veterans on our Capitol grounds. Steve Bates, Vietnam War Memorial Fund President, has worked tirelessly for nearly a decade to ensure completion.

I was honored to provide remarks at the Ceremony with many of my brothers and sisters who have served in uniform. For me, this memorial is personal as I remember my stepfather, Corporal Donald Perkey, who joined the US Army, at 17, his Senior Year of high school. He earned two bronze stars and was a rifle sharp shooter. He returned home physically from Vietnam but never quite mentally.

At the ceremony, we recognized the 791 Oregonians who were Killed in Action and the four families from Oregon who lost two sons in the Vietnam War. The Vietnam War is second only to World War II as the deadliest engagement for Oregon citizens. To those who served in the Vietnam War and never received a thank you, I say Welcome Home. It was my distinct pleasure to honor

you at the ceremony.



Bert Key, Oregon National Council of Administration member and Treasurer of the Vietnam Memorial fund salutes the colors during a dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial at the Oregon State Capitol grounds in Salem.

Abigail Dollins/Statesman Journal



Pictured is a section of the Vietnam War Memorial at the Oregon State Capitol grounds in Salem.

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Commander Andrea Summerlin speaks during the dedication ceremony of the Vietnam War Memorial at the Oregon State Capitol grounds in Salem.

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President Steve Bates with the Vietnam War Memorial Fund speaks during the dedication ceremony at the Oregon State Capitol grounds in Salem.

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Chaplain Tony Barber gives the invocation during the dedication ceremony of the Vietnam War Memorial at the Oregon State Capitol grounds in Salem.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



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Greetings Comrades,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and celebrated the beginning of 2025 with friends or family. As we saw 2024 end, it's the perfect time to consider all that has happened this year and set your intentions for the year ahead. Reflecting on the past year allows us to gain valuable insights and channel them into actionable resolutions for a successful 2025.

Since the last newsletter, I have had the pleasure of representing the Department of Oregon at Western Conference in Hawaii, touring the DPAA Headquarters, giving remarks at the Vietnam War Memorial Ceremony on the grounds of the Oregon State Capitol in Salem, and attending a Wreaths Across America ceremony.

I participated in the Post Service Officer training provided by David Lowe, Department Service Officer, and learned a lot of helpful information. During the Thanksgiving holiday while I was traveling in the Coos Bay area with my son, I was able to have breakfast with the members in District 4, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Much appreciation goes to our Department Chaplain Anthony Barber, and his wife Cathy (our extraordinary Administrative Assistant), for hosting our Department Christmas gathering. We enjoyed excellent food and fellowship with one another. I encourage you to find a balance in your volunteer work and other responsibilities.

I would like to recognize the top recruiters who are dedicated to increasing membership this program year. Perhaps next time, you will see your name! Past Department Commander, Richard Eubank, has been generous in donating items for membership challenges. Do not wait until the last minute to earn a nice reward.

District 2: Claude Miller - 6 District 3: Bruce Hall - 2 District 4: Jerry Law - 2 District 4: Michael Malish - 2 District 4: William Henry - 2 District 5: Michael Shults - 2 District 6: No one on report District 7: William Travis - 2 District 10: Dennis Guthrie - 5 District 13: Ronnie Thomlison - 4 District 13: Richard Earnest - 4 District 13: Kristine Sweezy - 4 District 14: Mark Lamberty - 9 District 14: Andrea Summerlin - 9 District 15: Anthony Barber - 21 District 16: Louis Rober - 3

District 16: Paul Maidel - 3

As we turn the page on 2024 and look towards 2025, there is still much work to accomplish. We hope to be relocating to a new Headquarters building in Salem no later than May 2025. We must try to reach our membership goal of 102%. We are working on streamlining our filing and documentation processes. Our goal is to make things easier, not only for the HQ staff but also for Posts and Districts. We aim to be more responsive to your needs and cultivate excellent working relationships.

Our Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 25-26, 2025, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Airport (7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97220). For more infor-

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Have you really thought about what our Department Convention is all about?

Why do we have a Convention at the end of the year? What do you get out of attending this event?

Who benefits from this Convention?

I have thought about the reasons why Convention is so important for years and this is what I get out of attending this event each year.

This is the time when we show our support to all the posts, districts, department comrades, and committee award winners. Everyone who has worked so hard during the year to show how much the VFW and Auxiliary has contributed to the public, students, and fellow military organizations. We talk about all the programs the National VFW has hosted throughout the year, elect new officers for the following year, celebrate all the accomplishments individuals have made to promote Americanism, youth activities, and to support one another as a friend and fellow comrade. Throw in some training, discuss next year's programs, make new friends, visit the table where sponsors have set up their gifts and informational materials, participate in raffles that are going on throughout the whole event to help support many different programs, such as membership, VOD, PP, and Teacher programs, the Commanders table, and Auxiliary program tables. The list goes on and

This is what convention is all about for me and this is why I enjoy attending each year.

I want to thank all those who helped find a new headquarters building for our department. A special thanks to the office personal that kept us on track and up to date. Now the hard work begins moving from one location to the other.

Please keep up the good work by reporting your Community Service Reports (CSR). Our posts are doing much better than last year and doing great things. THANK YOU!

Our training programs have been reviewed this year and there have been some very good improvements due to the after-action reports sent in by members attending the training. This helps keep the training on track to what is needed by our posts.

Share-Train-Communicate

Bert Little, Sr. Vice Commander

COMMANDER'S CORNER continued

mation, please visit https://vfwor.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp. There will be some training opportunities, networking, and a chance to meet as Committees.

I am deeply honored to serve as the Department of Oregon Commander this year and represent you. I look forward to continuing with our goals during the rest of my term. I could not do this job without the support and encouragement of all of you.

Yours In Comradeship,

Andrea D. Summerlin, 2024-25 Commander

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Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year. Here it is January 2025 already. I am halfway through my year and it seems like we just had our Department Convention.

This month we will celebrate our District Winners for the Voice of Democracy at the Mid-Winter Conference. This is an exciting time to hear the fabulous essays these students have worked so hard on. I am so excited to see the results of their hard work. If you have not gotten your motel reservations or your banquet tickets to this event, please get it done. The way the reservations this year are made is a new format, so if you need help, please reach out to any of the line officers. We are willing to walk you through it. You will not be disappointed in the essays that have won for each District!

Our National Representative will be National Conductor Sandra Uzell. This will be her first trip to Oregon so please show her how welcoming and wonderful we are.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Conference. Wishing you all a Safe and Happy New Year.

Deb



STATE JUDGE ADVOCATE



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2025 is looking like a year of changes in a way. A couple of those that stand out to me is the impending move into the new Department Headquarters in Salem. The other is the Department Convention, which will be held in Pendleton, Oregon. It's been a while since the Convention has been held in Eastern Oregon. I hope to meet and greet you there. What else will be changing in the future? Hard to say, but one thing is sure, our commitment to veterans, that is our mission, that is our passion.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is an honor to serve as your Department Judge Advocate into the new year.

Anchors Aweigh.

Gregory A. Arnold
VFW Department of Oregon Judge
Advocate



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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY & POW-MIA CHAIRMAN

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VOD

The Mid-Winter VOD Banquet is quickly approaching, 25 Jan; we have a full slate of activities for our District winners, including a tour of the Oregon Military Museum and an Escape Room experience. Please send in any donations from your Posts and supporters - remember, these donations provide scholarship funds for the youth.

I have harangued the National VFW to re-write the VOD application form to include information about entering their entries on the Scholars App. Our youth know much more about using a computer than I will ever know. Several of our District winners were entered after the deadline but were still included in the judging. This program is about our youth, not about constraints from us.

MIA/POW

Remember to have your MIA/POW table set up for each meeting. This should be recorded in your Community Service Report. Also, the Action Corps gives a weekly update on the recovery efforts of our missing comrades. **VFW Action Corps Weekly - VFW**

Bob Beck, VOD & MIA/POW Chair

"Rangers Lead the Way!"





CHIEF OF STAFF



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Members of the Department of Oregon,

The first thing I would like to do is wish each of you a great New Year!

The New Year is upon us and that means we have just a couple of months to complete the mission of the VFW and those goals which our Department Commander has set forth for this year.

For those of you that have had leadership positions before, you know what I am speaking about. For those of you that are new in a leadership position, it is easy to find out what is expected of you and your Post. Remember everything we do is for veterans and their families, along with our youth programs and serving our community. The more we are connected to the community, the more they will help us to help veterans and their families. If you are a new Post Commander, the job can be overwhelming. There is help. The roster has the Department Bylaws, Membership Recruiting and the programs for "All State" and "All American". There is also the National Bylaws. If you need more help, you can call me, Dennis Guthrie at541-280-5161 or send me an email at 75crazyhorse69@gmail.com. For specific questions you may want to contact Department at adj@vfwor.org.

Work the programs, ask for help, and we hope to see you at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 25th. It is really a great night to hear the thoughts and ideas of our young Americans.

Once again, Have a healthy and happy New Year.

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THE WALL THAT HEALS WILL BE COMING TO INDEPENDENCE, OREGON, SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2025

Veterans Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., designed to travel to communities throughout the United States. Since its dedication, The Wall that Heals has been displayed at nearly 700 communities throughout the nation, spreading the Memorial's healing legacy to millions.

Bringing the Wall home to communities throughout our country allows the souls enshrined on the Memorial to exist once more among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings. The traveling exhibit provides thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of facing The Wall to find strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin.

The Wall that Heals exhibit features a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C.

Like the original Memorial, *The Wall That Heals* is erected in a chevron-shape and visitors can do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall. The replica is constructed of Avonite, a synthetic granite, and its 140 numbered panels are supported by an aluminum frame. Machine engravings of the more than 58,000 names along with modern LED lighting provide readability of The Wall day and night.



MEMBERSHIP MOMENT



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Hello comrades,

I will get right to it. There will be membership training at the Mid-Winter Conference. Please have your Post Commanders and Membership Chair attend. Please bring your laptops and tablets.

To encourage post and districts to meet the membership goals, this month we are having a contest between District 2 and District 15. The District that increases their membership the most in the month of Jan (as calculated on Feb 1st) will win a \$100 gift card. The Post in these two districts that has the highest increase in membership will also win a \$50 gift card.

Not a post in District 2 or District 15? All posts that have met the National goal of 95% by February 28th will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card. We will award four gift cards. The nine posts that have already met the goal have been entered, let's get all 68 posts in the drawing! See page 9 and 10 for Post and District MemStats.

Good luck! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

Kristine Sweezy Membership Chair



Pictured above: L-R, Ashley Taylor Post 4362, Andrea Summerlin Post 4227, Marie McCandless Post 3203, Theresa Dearman Post 12214, Darla Neeway – Female Veteran Supporter.



WOMEN VETERANS COMMITTEE

In November, we had the privilege of participating in two local parades: one in McMinnville and one in Albany. Both events were met with a warm and enthusiastic reception. Although we were unable to participate in the Winter Light Parades this year, we are actively exploring opportunities to join additional parades in the coming year.

In an effort to better serve the needs of women veterans, we recently launched a survey to gather insight and feedback from this community. The data collected will help us enhance our support and tailor services to meet specific needs. We ask that each veteran share this survey with other veterans in order to help us gather more accurate data. https://forms.gle/HyJjE6zNx4bJdyhWA

Additionally, we are pleased to announce the publication of the Women Veterans Resource Guide, which is now available online. The comprehensive guide can be accessed through the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs website at Women Veterans Resources- Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Looking ahead, we are in the process of planning a Women Veterans Fun Night for the spring. We are considering hosting a paint night in the Eugene area, as well as exploring potential events in the Bend area to ensure we reach as many women veterans as possible.

We will be doing a women veterans' lunch at the Mid Winter Conference as well. If you are interested, please reach out to me directly so that we can make sure our reservation matches the number planning on attending.

Have a great day.

Thank you,

Marie McCandless

Below-Inside Car: Maria McCandless (Post 3203) and friend drive Ashley Taylor (Post 4362) and her son Beau in the Albany Veterans Parade.



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AUXILIARY UPDATES

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Happy New Year Everyone,

I hope everyone had a great holiday.

I started a "Photo Circle" for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. I know you all were very busy doing baskets for Veterans families and gifts for the kids. If you took pictures, please get a hold of me and I will send you the links. Did you have dinner on either Thanksgiving or Christmas or both? Pictures please. We want to fill Deb's book with lots of different activities that the members have been doing throughout the year.

Did your Auxiliary have a float in the Veteran's Day Parade? We need more pictures for that. We have a file for this as well. Again, we will have one for Mid-Winter in Portland. Did you do things for your Adopt a Unit families?

Also, we can set one up for your banquets for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen winners at your District and Post levels. Send them to me please. We know you have been busy.

See you all in Portland for the Mid-Winter Conference and the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen banquet.

DEPARTMENT CONDUCTOR



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The Hollywood Night Oregon Army National Guard youth event is on January 18th. They need \$4500.00 to cover the cost of the caterer. Please discuss this with your auxiliaries and consider donating to this event.

Youth come from all over the State, and many of their parents are deployed this year. This is a great opportunity for them to spend time with other youth who are in the same situation. You can report it in either Youth Activities or Veteran and Family Support.

Checks go directly to the Department of Oregon VFWA Treasurer Sonya and she will issue the. check to the caterer. If your Auxiliary votes to donate, please call Sonya to let her know how much you are sending.

If you would like to volunteer at the event, contact me, and I will let the National Guard Youth Leaders know. We will have a booth with things to pass out, but they always need volunteers in other areas so all the youth can participate. The event will be in Salem. I will have an address soon.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



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Well, we have made it to the beginning of another year. I hope that you all had a great holiday spent with family and friends. We are doing very well with membership this year. Every time. I look at the numbers we need fewer members to get 100%, which means we are getting our annual membership into National. Thank you very much for working on this and getting our members paid for. At this time, all the officers that are annual members are current with their dues, so that will help with more points for the Circle for next year.

At this time, our membership is at 95.39% for the year. We need 207 members to be 100% so please continue to get your dues in and get new members in also. Right now, we have 17 auxiliaries that are already 100% or more for the department. Thank you all for getting your dues in before the end of the year. We have several auxiliaries that only need one or two members to be 100% right now. Please discuss this with your members at your next meeting. Remember, they are now members not in good standing and they shouldn't be coming to meetings or functions in your auxiliary. Also, their cancer grant won't be any good until they renew and, in a year, they can get a grant.

Please let me know in an email or at Mid-Winter if you used my suggestion for getting new members by sending out applications with Christmas cards to people that you know are eligible. That was a program thought up by the National Membership Ambassador and we would like to know if the program worked.

If you have people that were dues angels for your auxiliary this year, please send their names and the names of the members they paid for to me so that I can get the paperwork done before Mid-Winter. So far, I have only got a few members and one Auxiliary that has sent the names into me. I would like to have those names before I get to Mid-Winter.

Once the winter is over, please let us know if you are going to be having any membership drives in your area. We would be very happy to send someone in the line to come and help you with a membership drive. Make sure that you have people in your auxiliary lined up to help as well.

Please make sure that member applications are FULLY filled out before you send it to the treasurer so we can get them processed quickly. Every time that we have to look up an auxiliary number or call someone to find out their birthdate it just takes a little longer to process.

I hope to see many of you at Mid-Winter. It should be a nice event. I always enjoy the meetings and the speeches. Those students are always so good every year and it makes me proud to support the program. Keep on working on our membership and I hope that all is well.

It is a New Year—here are a few ideas for you to consider:

"Your success and happiness lie in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy shall form an invincible host against difficulties." - Helen Keller

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." – *Oprah Winfrey*

"The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all." – *Josiyah Martin*



"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." – Brad Paisley

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." – Albert Einstein

"For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice." – T.S. Eliot

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better person." – *Benjamin Franklin*

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POSTS AND AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

VFW POST 10580 AND AUXILIARY IN WARRENTON SERVING IN THEIR COMMUNITY!



Bert Little Sr. Vice Commander 503-739-1071 bdlittle1020@gmail.com VFW Post 10580 and Auxiliary hosted a community Thanksgiving dinner (Free) to 363 citizens, delivered 135 meals, and spent \$1635.00. Local volunteers helped in the kitchen and dining room. In total we spent 16 hours, and traveled over 35 miles. 4 post members and 6 Auxiliary members helped for two days. Wednesday we spent 16 hours cooking and decorating the dining room, and Thursday, Thanksgiving Day we served the meal.

Our Post and Auxiliary also helped with Breakfast with Santa in December 2024.



Pictured above: Ray, Susan Jensen & her Sister-in-law.



Pictured above: Guests enjoying their meals in the Dining room.



Pictured above: Leonard Hanson,
Dishwasher Extraordinaire!

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Pictured above left: Carol, Rickie & Joe

Above Right: Sue Wlson, Debbie Little, Tiffany Adams & John Wilson.

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Pictured above: On December 21, 2024, Three Rivers VFW Post 1324 Honor Guard braved the rainy night to post colors at the Oregon City Courthouse for "The Longest Night", a Clackamas Homeless Person's Candlelight Vigil.

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2025 VFW Day of Service -All American Requirement

Make your state stand out! We're kicking off the 2025 VFW Day of Service, a nationwide community service effort, and we are counting on you to help make this year bigger and better. Please visit the website at https://todaysvfw.org/vfw-day-of-service/ to learn more, check out helpful tools and resources—and most importantly—sign up!

Day of Service events should be scheduled during the month of May 2025 and Dashboard credit for "Day of Service Participation" will not be applied until after May 2025. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Mark Herron at



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IN MEMORIAM

TAPS—December 29, 2024

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Po	st	First Name	MI	Last Name
180	Donald	В	Lytle	1643	Timothy	С	Battrell	68	81	Harry	A	Krogman
180	Jerry	R	Miller	2468	John	E	Ackerman	94	48	Jerry	D	Galinski
293	James	R	Ferguson	2928	Andrew	V	Paragas	94	48	John	N	Welsh Jr.
584	Ellsworth	G	Moore Sr.	3232	David	C	Baird	97	45	Raymond	S	Sees
661	George	Е	Thompson	3232	Jose		Cruz	105	580	Laurence	S	Griffis
661	Charles	I	Williamson	3452	Thomas	Н	Grinnell	MA	AL	Bob	R	Anderson
922	Wilbur	F	Steagall	3965	Gregory	D	Cota	M	AL	Vernon	Е	Dick
1383	John	F	Botka	4070	Raymond	M	Bledsaw	M	AL	Stephen	W	Du Puis
1383	John	F	Hogarth	4108	Ricke	M	Branum Sr.	MA	AL	John	L	French
1383	Sheldon	W	Lewis	4108	Charles	O	Hewitt	M	AL	Daniel	K	Pimentel
1412	William	Н	Adams	4248	Dalton		Fox Jr.	M	AL	Robert	A	Sabbe
1643	Dean	В	Barnhouse	4273	Mike		Engel	MA	ΑL	James	D	Walker

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

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

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

Amen

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Legacy Level	Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Legacy Level	Post	First Name	MI	Last Name	Legacy Level
180	Maynard	C	Smith	Bronze	3232	Timothy	K	Marler	Bronze	4108	Harold	G	Davidson	Gold
293	Robert	A	Dougherty	Bronze	3232	Russell	Е	Downs	Bronze	4108	John	R	Wrinkle	Gold
293	James	I	Bell	Bronze	3232	Milton	G	Gravell	Bronze	4248	Thomas	R	Mc Neal	Bronze
584	Daniel	W	Mason	Gold	3232	Phillip	M	Jarvis	Gold	4248	Gregory	L	Drais	Gold
661	Robert	F	Osterlund	Bronze	3452	Lawrence	J	Howard	Bronze	4273	Robert	L	Anderson	Bronze
661	Herman	A	Mac Donald	Bronze	3965	Jess	M	Wise Jr	Gold	4273	Terry	Е	Boyer	Silver
922	James	F	Hand	Gold	3965	Steven	M	Boosinger	Gold	4362	Jerry		Peal	Bronze
1324	John	A	Baranek	Gold	3965	Carl	M	Pelzel	Gold	5452	Gary	M	Good	Bronze
1324	Robert	W	Black	Bronze	3973	Roscoe	V	Dorsett	Bronze	5452	Donald	M	Ristow	Gold
1324	William	M	Trumble	Bronze	3973	Jason		Carroll	Gold	5452	Shannon	M	Kelly	Bronze
1325	James	Н	Mc Gee Jr.	Gold	3973	Ronald	W	Jagodnik	Gold	6881	Clarence	О	Neville	Silver
2666	Carl	G	Anderson	Silver	3973	David	Н	Wallace	Silver	6881	Robert	D	Walsh	Bronze
2666	Ellsworth	Н	Bell	Gold	4015	Leonard	D.	Braithwait Jr.	Bronze	6881	Gerald	A	Zieman	Bronze
2848	James	W	Allenbrand	Gold	4015	Lester	Е	Beecroft	Bronze	9448	Thomas	G	Laing	Gold
3203	Dennis	R	Pratt	Silver	4015	Leonard		Schorzmann	Bronze	10580	Norman	A	Doney	Bronze
3232	Vincent	R	Le Piane	Bronze	4015	Donald	R	Cooke	Bronze	10580	George	I	Gunn	Bronze
3232	Harley	O	Youngblood	Bronze	4015	Seth	J	Forquer	Bronze	10580	Charles	S	Parker	Bronze
3232	Frederick	T	Kolbeck	Gold	4015	Randall	Е	Savage	Bronze	10580	Roble		Anderson	Bronze
3232	Robert	В	Woerner	Silver	4015	Richard	G	Lightfoot	Bronze	12140	Donald	L	Reed	Gold
3232	Dennis	R	Marsh	Silver	4039	Melvin	L	Northcutt	Bronze	12140	Boyd	C	Yaden	Bronze
3232	Robert	J	Jackson	Bronze	4039	Rick	L	Higgins	Gold	MAL	James	M	Poling	Silver
3232	Anthony	V	Cavarno	Bronze	4039	Alfred	R	January	Bronze	MAL	Clifford	N	Mc Cauley	Gold
3232	Merritt	С	Mosby	Bronze	4039	Michael	G	Coltharp	Bronze	MAL	Donald	С	Sopher	Bronze
3232	James	W	Gerth	Bronze	4039	John	R	Clark	Bronze	MAL	Thomas	A	Lazette	Bronze
3232	Rex	L	Ruck	Gold	4108	Gary	D	Pitman	Silver	MAL	Daniel	W	Wakefield	Gold

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POSTS AND AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

ART HORSELL DESCHUTES POST 4108 & AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX PROJECT

VFW Post 4108 and its Auxiliary have an annual tradition of providing food boxes during the holiday season for our local National Guard families and any veterans or their families that are in need. This year, on December 21, the program expanded with the addition of other organizations in our area.. The result was that families received not only the traditional food boxes, but also toys for their kids, stocking stuffers, clothing, and access to services. It was a wonderful example of what the VFW and its Auxiliary are all about!



Denise Keeton, Dept OR Sr. Vice Pres. & Darlene Strupith, Family Readiness Support Assistance.



Food boxes donated by AMEN
Industries.
#4 American Legion Aux Bend.



Melissa Paul representing Work for Warriors.



Julian Hunter a VFW Post member representing the VA Portland Health Care System.



American Legion Prineville and Dist. 5 Commander Alan Alderman & helpers worked with Prineville families.



Tom from Crook County Veterans Services.





Anne Graham Post member and representing the Red Cross.

RECRUITERS

As of December 29, 2024

District	Post #	Recruiter	Members	District	Post #	Recruiter	Members	District	Post#	Recruiter	Members
2	2848	Donavan J. Goff	1	10	12141	Leonard P. Hellwig	1	14	5638	Charles William Mead	1
2	4362	David P. Sleightam	2	10	12141	Michael D. Williams	1	14	5638	Charlie D. Fink	1
2	4362	Roger J. Antonich	1	13	293	Arnold B. Christensen	1	15	180	Brandon M. Ferrell	2
2	10580	Albert A. Little	2	13	293	Jason P. Johnson	1	15	180	James Killinger	1
2	10580	Floyd E. Holcom	1	13	2468	David L. West	1	15	180	Michael L. Martin	3
										Samantha Rose	
2	10580	Tiffany C. Adams	1	13	2468	Ronnie D. Thomlison	4	15	180	Ciaramitaro	3
2	12123	Claude Miller	6	13	3232	Richard L. Earnest	4	15	180	William E. Watkins	4
3	1325	Bruce W. Hall	2	13	3473	Mary K. Sweezy	4	15	1324	Franklin R. West	4
4	965	Brandy T. Olmstead	1	13	3965	Deven L. Fisher	2	15	1324	Gregory A. Arnold	3
4	966	Jerry W. Law	2	13	3965	James E. Manson	1	15	1324	John S. Morell Jr.	1
4	966	Thomas E. Way	1	13	9448	Benjamin J. Bennett	1	15	1324	Paul H. Harris	1
4	3182	Michael C. Malish	2	13	9448	George W. Vaughn	1	15	3973	Andrew L. Fosket	1
4	3440	Preston O. Wayte	1	13	9448	Kathy A. Lundeen	1	15	3973	George E. Carroll	2
4	3440	Robert J. Bain	1	13	9448	Kerry G. Shafer	3	15	3973	Rodney W. Wymore	6
4	3440	William R. Henry	2	14	584	Mark D. Lamberty	9	15	4273	Bert W. Key	5
5	1383	Daniel B. Williams	1	14	584	Michael Robert Aaron	2	15	4273	David B. Lowe	1
5	4070	Michael D. Shults	2	14	584	Robert W. Gore	1	15	4273	Michael J. O Leary	1
7	2302	Daniel C. Johnson	1	14	661	Eric J. Wunderlich	1	15	6057	Alejandro G. Bello	2
7	9670	William G. Travis Jr.	2	14	661	Gregory L. Warnock	2	15	12140	Anthony L. Barber	21
10	1643	Christopher I. Thomson	1	14	661	Kerry A. Wymetalek	4	15	12211	Kevin G. Cole	1
10	4108	Dan S. Tureck	3	14	661	Louis Bondi	1	16	2666	Dale S. Yee	1
10	4108	David R. Deichler	1	14	661	Rick A. Breen	1	16	3452	Jason A. Potter	1
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	5	14	3203	John Timothy Hager	1	16	3452	Paul A. Maidel Jr.	3
10	4108	James A. Russum	2	14	4227	Andrea D. Summerlin	9	16	4211	Josh D. Pixley	1
10	4108	Michael K. Trammel	1	14	4227	James H. Buisman	1	16	4211	Louis A. Rober	3
10	7242	Roy Murel Christiansen	1	14	4227	Michael R. Petersen	1	99	15038	Don Clark	1
							-			No Recruiter	61

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Red Le		indcates r nder 80%		ership is	Highli	ghted yellow inc	dicates n	nembersl	hin under							
Post		nuci ou /c)			e .	70%		inp under	National Goal is 93% by Jan 31st						
	Dst	Current Year	Prior Year	% as of 4 Jan 2025	Divi- sion	City	80%	85%	91%	93%	To get to 93%	95%	98%	To get to 100%	To get to 102%	
1440	2	38	55	69.09%	10	SAINT HELENS	44	47	51	52	14	53	54	17	19	
2848	2	79	98	80.61%	8	BAY CITY	79	84	90	92	13	94	97	19	21	
2994	2	31	27	114.81%	11	CLATSKANIE	22	23	25	26	-5	26	27	-4	-3	
4362	2	63	69	91.30%	9	SCAPPOOSE	56	59	63	65	2	66	68	6	8	
10580	2	81	158	51.26%	6	WARRENTON	127	135	144	147	66	151	155	77	81	
12123	2	38	55	69.09%	10	SEASIDE	44	47	51	52	14	53	54	17	19	
District 2	2	330	462	71.42%	6		370	393	421	430	100	439	453	132	142	
1325	3	90	109	82.56%	8	PORTLAND	88	93	100	102	12	104	107	19	22	
4248	3	258	304	84.86%	4	PORTLAND	244	259	277	283	25	289	298	46	53	
District 3	3	348	413	84.26%	6		331	352	376	385	37	393	405	65	74	
965	4	17	20	85.00%	11	COQUILLE	16	17	19	19	2	19	20	3	4	
966	4	66	56	117.85%	10	BROOKINGS	45	48	51	53	-13	54	55	-10	-8	
2928	4	42	46	91.30%	11	MYRTLE POINT	37	40	42	43	1	44	46	4	5	
3182	4	67	68	98.52%	9	NORTH BEND	55	58	62	64	-3	65	67	1	3	
3440	4	164	159	103.14%	6	BANDON	128	136	145	148	-16	152	156	-5	-1	
4439	4	36	36	100.00%	11	GOLD BEACH	29	31	33	34	-2	35	36	5	1	
6102 District	4 4	23 415	28 413	82.14% 100.48%	6	POWERS	23 331	24 352	26 376	27 385	-30	27 393	28 405	-2	7	
1383	5	494	578	85.46%	3	KLAMATH	463	492	526	538	44	550	567	84	96	
4070	5	53	60	88.33%	10	FALLS LAKEVIEW	48	51	55	56	3	57	59	7	9	
Dis- trict 5	5	547	638	85.73%	6	LAKEVIEW	511	543	581	594	47	607	626	91	104	
3048	6	94	104	90.38%	8	BAKER CITY	84	89	95	97	3	99	102	10	13	
4060	6	104	129	80.62%	7	UNION	104	110	118	120	16	123	127	25	28	
4307	6	116	131	88.54%	7	ENTERPRISE	105	112	120	122	6	125	129	15	18	
5452	6	86	101	85.14%	8	ONTARIO	81	86	92	94	8	96	99	15	18	
7847	6	58	64	90.62%	10	HALFWAY	52	55	59	60	2	61	63	6	8	
District 6	6	458	529	86.57%	6		424	450	482	492	34	503	519	71	82	
1833	7	247	273	90.47%	4	MEDFORD	219	233	249	254	7	260	268	26	32	
2302	7	102	133	76.69%	7	GRANTS PASS	107	114	122	124	22	127	131	31	34	
6881	7	52	82	63.41%	9	SHADY COVE	66	70	75	77	25	78	81	30	32	
9670	7	28	29	96.55%	11	JACKSON- VILLE	24	25	27	27	-1	28	29	1	2	
District 7	7	429	517	82.97%	6		414	440	471	481	52	492	507	88	99	
922	8	184	222	82.88%	5	PENDLETON	178	189	203	207	23	211	218	38	43	
2471	8	39	50	78.00%	11	THE DALLES	40	43	46	47	8	48	49	11	12	
3597	8	27	33	81.81%	11	JOHN DAY MILTON	27	29	31	31	4	32	33	6	7	
4567	8	20	24	83.33%	11	FREEWATER	20	21	22	23	3	23	24	4	5	
District 8	8	270	329	82.06%	6		264	280	300	306	36	313	323	59	66	
1412	10	91	92	98.91%	8	PRINEVILLE	74	79	84	86	-5	88	91	1	3	
1643	10	233	258	90.31%	4	BEND	207	220	235	240	7	246	253	25	31	
4108	10	476	531	89.64%	3	REDMOND	425	452	484	494	18	505	521 54	55	66	
7242 8138	10	53 45	55 51	96.36% 88.23%	10	LA PINE SISTERS	44	47	51 47	52 48	-1 3	53 49	50	6	8	
12141	10	61	81	75.30%	9	MADRAS	65	69	74	76	15	77	80	20	22	
District 10	10	959		89.79%	5		855	908	972	994	35	1015	1047	109	131	

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Red Lettering indcates membership is under 80%					Highlighted yellow indicates membership under 70%						National Goal is 93% by Jan 31st					
Post	Dist	Current Year	Prior Year	% as of 4 Jan 2025	Division	City	80%	85%	91%	93%	To get to 93%	95%	98%	100%	To get to 102%	
293	13	171	273	62.63%	4	EUGENE	219	233	249	254	83	260	268	102	108	
2468	13	213	226	94.24%	5	ROSEBURG	181	193	206	211	-2	215	222	13	18	
3232	13	261 104	297 127	87.87% 81.88%	7	FLORENCE COTTAGE	238 102	253 108	271 116	277 119	16 15	283 121	292 125	36 23	42 26	
3965	13	476	553	86.07%	3	GROVE SPRING-	443	471	504	515	39	526	542	77	89	
4039	13	70	111	63.06%	8	FIELD CRESWELL	89	95	102	104	34	106	109	41	44	
4166	13	11	42	26.19%	11	MARCOLA	34	36	39	40	29	40	42	31	32	
9448	13	133	128	103.90%	7	VENETA	103	109	117	120	-13	122	126	-5	-2	
9745	13	130	139	93.52%	7	WINSTON	112	119	127	130	0	133	137	9	12	
10639	13	12	18	66.66%	11	JUNCTION CITY	15	16	17	17	5	18	18	6	7	
Dist 13	13	1581	1914	82.60%	4		1532	1627	1742	1781	200	1819	1876	333	372	
584	14	319	357	89.35%	3	ALBANY	286	304	325	333	14	340	350	38	46	
661	14	289	361	80.05%	3	SALEM	289	307	329	336	47	343	354	72	80	
732	14	15	29	51.72%	11	SILETZ	24	25	27	27	12	28	29	14	15	
3156	14	24	38	63.15%	11	WALDPORT	31	33	35	36	12	37	38	14	15	
3203	14	105	116	90.51%	7	DALLAS	93	99	106	108	3	111	114	11	14	
3437	14	145	164	88.41%	6	SWEET HOME	132	140	150	153	8	156	161	19	23	
3957	14	31	47	65.95%	11	MONROE	38	40	43	44	13	45	47	16	17	
4065	14	20	26	76.92%	11	JEFFERSON	21	23	24	25	5	25	26	6	7	
4227	14	138	150	92.00%	6	TOLEDO	120	128	137	140	2	143	147	12	15	
5638	14	64	71	90.14%	9	STAYTON	57	61	65	67	3	68	70	7	9	
12214	14	24	28	85.71%	11	CORVALLIS	23	24	26	27	3	27	28	4	5	
Dist 14	14	1174	1387	84.64%	5		1110	1179	1263	1290	116	1318	1360	213	241	
180	15	222	278	79.85%	4	GRESHAM	223	237	253	259	37	265	273	56	62	
1324	15	251	295	85.08%	4	OREGON CITY	236	251	269	275	24	281	290	44	50	
3973	15	239	444	53.82%	3	MOLALLA	356	378	405	413	174	422	436	205	214	
4273	15	360	495	72.72%	3	SANDY	396	421	451	461	101	471	486	135	145	
6057 12140	15 15	57 109	73 171	78.08% 63.74%	9	CANBY LAKE	59 137	63 146	67 156	68 160	51	70 163	72 168	16 62	18 66	
12211	15	35	40	87.50%	11	OSWEGO HOOD RIVER	32	34	37	38	3	38	40	5	6	
Dist 15	15	1273	1796	70.87%	4		1437	1527	1635	1671	398	1707	1761	523	559	
2666	16	192	244	78.68%	5	HILLSBORO	196	208	223	227	35	232	240	52	57	
3452	16	254	249	102.00%	4	TUALATIN	200	212	227	232	-22	237	245	-5	0	
4015	16	263	371	70.88%	3	DAYTON	297	316	338	346	83	353	364	108	116	
4211	16	64	66	96.96%	10	WILLAMINA	53	57	61	62	-2	63	65	2	4	
Dist 16	16	773	930	83.11%	5		744	791	847	865	92	884	912	157	176	
M-A-L		1886	2309	81.68%	1	PORTLAND	1848	1963	2102	2148	262	2194	2263	423	470	
State		10443	12705	82.19%			10164	10800	11562	11816	1373	12070	12451	2262	2517	

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ALL AMERICAN DASHBOARD

strict	Post	V&MS Donation \$125	-	Patriot's Pen	Buddy Poppy Order	Membership	Community Service*	Day of Service
2	1440	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
2	2848	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
2	2994	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet
2	4362	Met	Unmet	Pending - National	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
2	10580	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
2	12123	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
2		N/A	Met	Met	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
3	1325	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
3	4248	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
3		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
4	965	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4	966	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Unmet
4	2928	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4	3182	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4	3440	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	signed up
4	4439	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4	6102	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
5	1383	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
5	4070	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
5		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
6	3048	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
6	4060	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
6	4307	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
6	5452	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
6	7847	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
6	, 5-+,	N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
7	1000							
	1833	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
7	2302	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
7	6881	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
7	9670	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
7		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
8	922	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
8	2471	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
8	3597	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
8	4567	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
8		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
LO	1412	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
LO	1643	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
LO	4108	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
LO	7242	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
10	8138	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
0	12141	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
	12141							
10	000	N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
L3	293	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
L3	2468	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
L3	3232	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
13	3473	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
L3	3965	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
13	4039	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
13	4166	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
13	9448	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet
.3	9745	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
L3	10639	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
.3		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
.4	584	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	signed up
.4	661	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
.4	732	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
4	3156	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4	3203	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
.4	3437	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
.4	3957	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
.4	4065	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
.4	4227	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
.4	5638	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4	12214	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
5	180	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
		Met		Met				signed up
.5	1324		Met		Unmet	Unmet	Met	
.5	3973	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
.5	4273	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
.5	6057	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
.5	12140	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
.5	12211	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
.5		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
	2666							
.6	2666	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
.6	3452	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet
.6	4015	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
.6	4211	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
.6		N/A	Unmet	Unmet	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A
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