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JOHN WRINKLE

Get on Board Again

Time does fly and much faster than we want. Our Mid-winter Conference/VOD Banquet has already passed us by. The Patriot's Pen winner, William Brewer from District 14, is a young man who has gained our respect.

Department Auxiliary President Janie Wills and I will soon be escorting our VOD

winner, Justin Thomas from District 15, during the VOD Parade of Winners ceremony at the National Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. I had the good fortune of escorting our winner a couple of years ago, and I feel honored to have the opportunity to escort Justin this year. Here's hoping Justin wins the first prize scholarship of \$30,000.

Due to some diligent work by State Adjutant/Quartermaster Cheryl Campos, we were able to arrange a simulcast of the VOD Banquet this year. Thank you, Cheryl, for getting this project done for us. I know Cheryl is working with our Convention Committee Chairman, Comrade Bill Pieters, to have our June Convention simulcast for those of our members who are no longer able to travel.

I also had the pleasure of attending District 15's tele-conference meeting. I went in with misgivings because this is something new and not the way we have done it in the past. However, I know our organization must greet the future head on, so I was happy to ignore my feelings of unease and attend the meeting. It went well and I thank District 15 Commander Jason Griswold for suggesting this. I am sure this will help us attract other younger veterans who will step up in the future.

Two National Recruiter Training classes have been arranged for you to attend: (1) Willamette Post 293, 1626 Willamette Street, Eugene, on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 0930 to 1530; (2) Three Rivers Post 1324, 104 S Tumwater Drive, Oregon City, on Sunday, March 29, 2020 from 0930 to 1530. National has promised to provide us with retention training. Auxiliary members are also welcome to attend. Please call Headquarters to let us know if you are coming. Both Posts' Auxiliaries will be providing a lunch that you pay for at the time of the meeting. I strongly urge all Posts that are not 100% to send one or more representatives for this training. For us to meet our minimum goal of 100% this year, I need you to make an honest effort to knock on doors and call your non-paid members. Members of the State's VFW and other state veterans need us to get this done. *(See page 12 for cancellation info).*

We are kicking off our next round of "Get on Board There is Room for One More" visitations to Posts: (1) District 12 on March 7; (2) District 15 on March 15 and March 21; (4) District 16 on March 21 and March 22. That will leave us with Districts 5, 8, 10 and 14 to visit in April. In my opinion this has been a great program that enables us to meet with you in your Posts and for you to get to know us.

I have faith that you will help me get our work done. Let's resolve to dedicate ourselves to the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and to our great Department of Oregon: 100 percent by June 30, 2020.

Fair winds and following seas,
John R. Wrinkle, Commander

OREGON VOD AND PP WINNERS PLACE AT NATIONAL COMPETITION 2020 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Every year we are all impressed by the intelligence, patriotism, and manners of the youth that apply for our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarship contests and this year is no exception.

From District 15 Justin Thomas, an Eagle Scout and Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 423 with a passion for community service and a desire for a career in a STEM field took first place at the Voice of Democracy state level and took ninth place and a \$3500 scholarship at National.

From District 14, William Brewer a seventh grader with interests that span everything from robotics, computer technology, drawing, sports and trombone won the Patriot's Pen at the state level and received a \$500 award at the national level.



William Brewer, Patriot's Pen State Winner



Justin Thomas, VOD State Winner



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



JANIE WILLS

Delegates and National Convention

Greetings:
I wish to thank all of you who attended our Mid-Winter. I hope everyone had a great time.
You received packets at Mid-Winter. to be opened and shared with your auxiliary; have you done so?

Your delegate forms were in packets, you need to vote on your delegates and send them to the appropriate places. If you need help, please let me or any line officer know.

Elections are coming; please remember to put your new officers into Malta.

You also need to put in your National Delegates in April, online. There is no cost to do this. It gives us more voting strength at National Convention.

If you have been having issues with your auxiliary, you need to let me know. We cannot help if you do not keep us informed.

District meetings time and places are on our website. Convention information is also on website under "Events."

Loyally,
Janie Wills, Department President



Updates

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER



GEORGE CARROLL

Convention. New State Officers will be elected, any By-Law changes will be voted on and you need to be a part of that process. I know that not everyone can make the trip; but I would like to see each Post have someone there. Vote your delegates and make sure that they are there to VOTE. While all delegates (Sec.22) shall not be considered instructed they should know the Post views so that they can represent the Post to their best ability.

If I am elected there will be some changes from how things have been done in the past. I am sure that not all will be to everyone’s liking. I do have a reason for the changes and only time will tell if the change is for the better or not. One change is the Installation of Officers. Another change is the Schools of Instruction. The first of the Schools will be held at Convention. I want to save August for recruiting instead of losing the month to chasing around the State going to schools. I am hoping that this will be better for the Post members and all of the State Officers and Chairmen. I am NOT trying to cut the Auxiliaries out as they are a very important part of our Posts, Districts and the Department. We will still need to work with the Auxiliaries. I am looking forward to the challenges of Command and I am trying to be ready to represent the State to the high standards set by all of our Past State Commanders.

I would like to remind everyone that Sec. 217 has the order of nominations and elections for the Post; and what offices are elected. Sec.222 tells how to elect Delegates for your District Convention, the State Convention and the National Convention. Please read and follow. At the District go by Sec.416 and Sec.417. All of the steps need to be followed. If you do not follow ALL of Sec.416 the District Commander will not be installed at Convention. The rules are there for a reason – to protect the organization and all of the members.

I hope to see you at the State Convention. Stay safe and have good health.

In Comradeship

George E. Carroll

RECUITING

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliaries. Well, another two months have gone by; it’s amazing how fast the time is passing. We are starting up the get on board meetings again and will be visiting the Posts we have left to visit.

We held three recruiting events this month in Albany, Roseburg and Medford and they were all successful and a lot of fun If you are planning a recruiting event and need help, please contact us at Department as we very willing to help in any way we can. We have recruiting and retention training seminars scheduled in March with instructors from National . The first one is scheduled for Saturday 28 March at Willamette Post 293 at 1626 Willamette St., Eugene, Oregon from 9am until 4pm. The Auxiliary will provide lunch for a fee.

The second seminar will be held on Sunday 29 March at the Three Rivers Post 1324 at 104 S Tumwater Dr. in Oregon City, Oregon. starting at 9am until 4pm. The Auxiliary will provide lunch for a small fee. All Posts are strongly encouraged to attend this training Seminar. Our Posts need to be working the monthly lists of those who are due and unpaid list. You should have teams to call members who are unpaid and go out and visit members to check on them and collect their dues. If we want our posts to survive, we must recruit and retain our members. Every post in The State should be at 100 percent. I have committed that Sandy will be 100 percent this year again and we started out needing 365 members and as now we need 158 members anything is possible if you work at it and remember the Post is only good as its Leadership. So, remember Recruit and Retain !!

Thank You

Allen Anderson, Judge Advocate

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER



DENNIS PRATT

Lindsey, the VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman for Department, and I were honored to spend time with the 14 Voice of Democracy students and the Patriot’s Pen Department winner. From our initial meeting with the families, to the trip to the Mental Mansions Escape Room, the banquet itself and the pizza party afterwards, the students impressed us with their intelligence, good humor, good manners and thoughtfulness. The families must be very proud of these young people. They give us all hope for the future of our great country.

Cathy and I would like to thank everyone who worked to make the day a success, including the Banquet staff at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, from the table set-ups to microphones, everything we asked for was provided with patience and a smile. Comrade Carl George Anderson did a great job once again with the Patriot’s Pen program. Thank you to State Adjutant/Quartermaster Cheryl Campos and her assistant Linda Wilks for their patience and hard work on some of the finer details, including the great new layout of the program brochure. Thank you also to VFW Auxiliary Treasurer Sonya Sallee for tracking and recording all the donations from the Auxiliaries in the state. I also want to thank Post 293 and District 13 for donating \$1,000 each to the VOD Program. The scholarships we gave would not be as large without these two donations. Special Thanks also needs to go to Jason Griswold of the Molalla Post who arranged for the first ever Live Streaming of the banquet. If you missed it, you can go to the Department’s web page and view it now. There were many others who helped make this a success, but to list everyone would take far too long! Let me just say that the teamwork displayed at this event is why it was successful.

It was an honor to have as our National Representatives National Senior Vice Commander Hal Roesch and VFW Auxiliary National Council Member #20 Laurie Lukas. Also present was our National Council Member from Oregon, Bert Key and State Senator James Manning Jr. from Oregon Senate District 7.

Our State Patriot’s Pen winner was William Brewer from District 14. William was sponsored by VFW Post 661 in Salem. William is only in the seventh grade and is unable to enter the Patriot’s Pen next year but I suspect we will see him on our stage again. His essay was well received by those in attendance.

The judging for the Voice of Democracy competition was done by members of Chemeketa Community Collage faculty and staff. After much deliberations they selected Justin Thomas as our first place Voice of Democracy winner. Justin was the winner from District 15 and was sponsored by Lawrence Alberti Post 12140 in Lake Oswego

All 15 students were awarded certificates and monetary awards from the VFW and VFW Auxiliary. As our State winner, Justin also received an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Voice of Democracy banquet and compete for part of the \$153,000 in national awards, with the top prize being a \$30,000 Scholarship. He will also have an opportunity to attend the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge’s “Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program” being held in June of this year.

Dennis Pratt, Oregon VOD Chairman

Do not miss out on the success! Recap of Voice of Democracy program

The Department of Oregon Voice of Democracy banquet for 2019-2020 held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, in Eugene, was a great success. Cathy

JULY 2020, 40th NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

The July 2020, 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games are being hosted by the VA in Portland, Oregon. Approximately 600 paralyzed Veterans will be competing in this event. The Commander is challenging the Auxiliary and MOC/MOCA

Auxiliaries to join us in supporting this worthy event. Department’s recommended minimum involvement is as follows:

- Minimum Sponsorship \$10,000
- Purchase a 10’ x 10’ discounted non-profit booth for recruiting and VFW information
- Volunteers

We are asking our Districts, Posts and membership to consider donating money for this worthy event. Along with the Department Auxiliary and MOC/MOCA Auxiliaries’ participation in donations, we can together reach the minimum \$10,000 sponsorship. We will make sure the donation will be cited on the sponsorship submission paperwork. Our Department will recognize with a poster each District, Post, Auxiliaries and members that donate. This sign will be posted at the 10’X10’ booth at this event.

At the “kick-off” Wheelchair Games meeting, the VA did specify a total number of volunteers needed for this event. However, the amount we heard was approximately 2,500. We will be urging our District Commanders to encourage Post members to sign up as volunteers once we get the number needed and specific job descriptions of the volunteer duties. We believe the Auxiliaries will also consider this a worthy event to support and will be volunteering alongside us.

The Commander will set up a 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games Committee and Chairman, with next year’s Commander George Carroll’s approval to keep us up to date as the year progresses. If you can give the time and effort needed for us to plan our involvement in this special event, let Department know. We owe big “Thank You” to Harvey Pitcher, VAVS Rep. for notifying Department that we should be involved in this event.

Thank you, Harvey.

POST 10626 MCMINNVILLE CHALLENGES ALL POSTS IN THE STATE OF OREGON TO MEET OR BEAT THEIR DONATION OF \$250 TO THE WHEELCHAIR GAMES!

DEPARTMENT SURGEON



RON BALLARD

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

I’m 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. As we move forward in the Chain of Command, more responsibility comes with the move. I will gladly, and willingly, accept those responsibilities and continue to do the best I can for our great organization.

Ronald E. Ballard, Department Surgeon



Updates

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RECRUITERS

Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members	Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members
5	1383	Duane G. Whitehead	37	16	10626	Juan M. Palacios	4
5	1383	Karen H. Johnson	30	2	4362	Roger J. Antonich	3
2	12123	Claude Miller	28	5	4070	Michael D. Shults	3
15	4273	Allen P. Anderson	28	7	4116	David L. Pearson	3
15	3973	George E. Carroll	22	10	4108	Dan S. Tureck	3
5	1383	Ronald E. Ballard	21	12	2468	Michael D. Eakin	3
10	4108	John R. Wrinkle	20	14	584	Robert W. Gore	3
14	3203	Dennis R. Pratt	19	14	3957	Donald H. Strine	3
10	12141	Floyd W. Leach	13	14	3957	Lawrence R. Alexander	3
15	3973	Rodney W. Wymore	10	15	12140	Michael C. Malish	3
13	3473	Kenneth E. Hunt	7	16	10626	Cheryl E. Campos	3
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	6	2	4362	James A. Walling	2
13	3965	James E. Manson	6	3	1442	Allan R. Wesemann	2
13	4039	Rick L. Higgins	6	3	1442	Wayne Sharp	2
13	9448	Donald L. Fertgus	6	7	6881	Kirk A. Mickelsen	2
15	4273	Bert W. Key	6	9	3156	Andrea D. Summerlin	2
16	2666	Roger D. Pack	6	9	4227	Lance White	2
9	3232	Allen R. Ransom	5	10	4108	Gerald L. Newcomb	2
9	3232	Fred M. Burns	5	10	4108	Martin Baltazar	2
13	9448	Kathy A. Lundeen	5	10	4108	Robert M. Bragg	2
14	584	Kelly Craig Lawson	5	10	7242	Daniel M. Hoffman	2
14	584	Michael Robert Aaron	5	13	293	Arnold B. Christensen	2
14	661	Kerry A. Wymetalek	5	13	3473	Mary K. Sweezy	2
15	1324	Gregory A. Arnold	5	13	9448	Benjamin J. Bennett	2
15	1324	Paul H. Harris	5	14	661	William C. Dement	2
16	2666	John Joseph Motter	5	14	3203	Terry Smith	2
16	3452	Harvey A. Pitcher	5	14	3957	David T. Houston	2
2	2848	Mark J. Davison	4	15	180	David B. Lowe	2
7	4116	Charles A. Prudhon	4	15	3973	John A. Dobbs	2
9	4227	Michael R. Petersen	4	15	4273	James R. Mitchell	2
10	4108	Joseph J. Steller	4	15	4273	Marcus Walters	2
14	661	James R. Mc Kee	4	15	12140	Kenneth L. Kraft	2
14	3437	Ryan P. Matteson	4	16	3452	Ernie Doyle	2
15	180	Franklin R. West	4	16	10626	William A. Beaulieu	2



VFW #661 Uniform
Display Museum Exhibit

March 30 to April 23, 2020

*"This display is not to glorify war. It is to
educate the public as to the price of freedom."*

Exhibit courtesy of:
The Salem VFW #661 Uniform Display Museum

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VFW #661 Uniform
Display Museum Exhibit

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public during normal building
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branches of the military and all eras from the Civil War to present.

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Updates

Department of Oregon Membership 2019 - 2020
as of 3/9/2020



Department Total				Department Percentage			
		2019	2020			2019	2020
		15,374	12,874			105.81%	83.66%
		2019	2020			2019	2020
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #6			
1440	St. Helens	65*	59	2990	La Grande	65*	65*
1909	Rainier	59	49	3048	Baker City	142	123
2848	Bay City	107*	101	3749	Huntington	15*	14
2994	Clatskanie	35*	36*	4060	Union	104	98
4362	Scappoose	66	62	4307	Enterprise	151	144
10580	Warrenton	225*	142	5452	Ontario	115*	106
12123	Seaside	74*	44	7847	Halfway	74*	69
		631*	493	TOTAL		667*	619
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #7			
1325	Peninsula/Pep	126*	96	1833	Medford	378*	333
1442	Jasper C Lent	201*	184	2302	Grants Pass	144*	124
4248	Sellwood Brk.	410*	349	4116	Rogue River	274*	264
		737*	629	6881	Shady Cove	63*	61
DISTRICT #4				9670	Jacksonville	34*	33
965	Coquille	21*	21*			893*	815
966	Brookings	77	77*	DISTRICT #8			
2928	Myrtle Point	50	46	922	Pendleton	276*	256
3182	North Bend	67*	68*	2471	The Dalles	68*	60
3440	Bandon	210*	188	3597	John Day	28*	28*
4439	Gold Beach	42	42	567	Milton Freewater	27	22
6102	Powers	32	32	4750	Hermiston	153*	138
		499*	474			552*	504
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #9			
1383	Klamath Falls	722*	735*	732	Siletz	28*	19
4070	Lakeview	79	79*	2624	Newport	116*	90
6147	Malin	19*	20*	3156	Waldport	53*	38
		820*	824*	3232	Florence	399*	302
				4227	Toledo	65*	64
						661*	513
				DISTRICT #10			
				1412	Prineville	118*	98
				1643	Bend	309*	260
				4108	Redmond	701*	631
				4217	Warm Springs	37*	38*
				7242	La Pine	57	58
				8138	Sisters	59*	53
				12141	Madras	41*	62
						1365*	1200
				DISTRICT #12			
				2468	Roseburg	304*	254
				3970	Sutherlin	276*	139
				7752	Myrtle Creek	163*	110
				9745	Winston	165	152
						908*	655
				DISTRICT #13			
				293	Eugene	339*	230
				3473	Cottage Grove	213*	160
				3965	Springfield	607*	500
				4039	Creswell	177*	98
				4166	Marcola	46*	15
				7384	Coburg	73*	50
				9448	Veneta	235*	154
				10639	Junction City	30*	19
						1720*	1158
				DISTRICT #14			
				584	Albany	384*	357
				661	Salem	389	3133
				2105	Harrisburg	35	30
				3203	Dallas	137*	124
				3437	Sweet Home	200*	188
				3957	Monroe	38*	47*
				4065	Jefferson	33	28
				5638	Stayton	81*	77
						1297*	1184
				DISTRICT #15			
				180	Gresham	288*	197
				1324	Oregon City	282*	244
				3973	Molalla	438*	346
				4273	Sandy	617*	480
				6057	Canby	99*	77
				12140	Lake Oswego	389*	124
						2113*	1468
				DISTRICT #16			
				2666	Hillsboro	288*	241
				3452	Tualatin	179	163
				4015	Newberg	163*	156
				4211	Willamina	78*	72
				4617	Beaverton	85	70
				0626	Dayton	206*	167
						977*	72—9
				MEMBERS AT LARGE			
						1534	1391
				*100% POSTS			

RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!

VFW TAPS

District / Post		Name /MI		Last	District / Post		Name /MI		Last
2	2848	Brownlee	N	Bush	12	3970	Richard	O	Duncan
3	4248	James	W	Wilds	12	3970	Darrell	D	Ervin
3	1325	William	B	Minton	12	2468	Robert	M	Vaillancourt, Sr
4	3440	Keith	F	Young	13	293	Gordon	I	Kadrmass
5	1383	Russell	J	Walsh	13	3965	Charles	E	Fairchild
6	5452	John	L	Estano	13	3437	Eugene	E	Amundson
6	3048	Gilbert	L	Marvin	13	3437	Raymond	L	Littell
6	3048	Dennis	L	Fuller	13	3437	David	E	McMurtrey
7	9670	Arthur	H	Anderson	13	3437	Larry	H	Scott
7	9670	Auguste	J	Petard	13	3437	Joseph	C	Tenbusch
8	4567	Robert	L	Cook	13	4039	Calvin	C	Taylor
8	4750	Harry	E	Noble	14	661	Kenneth	S	Allen
8	922	Grady	M	Green	15	3973	Michael	T	Cameron
8	922	Fritz		Miller	15	6057	Emil	H	Weidemann
8	922	Fred	N	Mitchell	15	180	John	K	Rosenback
8	922	James	E	Sloan	15	1324	Ernest	A	Layton
8	2471	Hollis	G	Bolton	15	4273	Carl	W	Bell
9	2624	Robert	R	Porch	15	4273	Ross	D	Jantz
9	732	Kenneth	L	Casper	15	4273	Charles	R	Jordan
10	12141	Eugene	M	Brick	15	4273	Michael		Kennedy
10	1643	John	R	Miller	15	4273	Calvin	C	Kighpaugh
10	1643	Joel	R	Petersen	15	1324	Milton		Wiese
10	8138	Russel	B	Williams	15	1324	Jean	M	Kerr
10	1412	J	W	Jordan	15	3973	Ernest	S	Wallar
10	1643	Michael	D	Womer	15	12140	Carl	W	Stein
10	4108	Larren	L	White	16	2666	Michael		Myhrvold
10	4108	Bob	D	Rountree	at large	15038	Albert	D	Tominac
10	1643	Delbert	L	Buhrman	at large	15038	William	H	Haskell
12	9744	Ralph	H	Hanson, Sr					

Updates

SPRING DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

DIST.	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REMARKS
2	Saturday	18-Apr	1pm	Post 2848 Bay City 5525 B St. Bay City, OR 97107	Noon
3	Sunday	26-Apr	1pm	Post 1442 Portland 3405 E 87th Ave Portland, OR 97266	
4	Sunday	19-Apr	2pm	Post 3440 Bandon 55352 Bates Rd. Bandon, OR 97411	1pm
5	Saturday	18-Apr	1pm	Post 1383 515 Klamath Ave Klamath Falls, OR 97601	
6	Saturday	18-Apr	1pm	Post 5452 25 NW 8th St. Ontario, OR 97914	Noon
7	Saturday	18-Apr	1pm	Post 1833 Medford 241 East Barnett Road Medford, OR 97501	Noon
8	Saturday	18-Apr	1pm	Post 4750 45 Cherry Ave Hermiston, OR 97838	Noon
9	Saturday	25-Apr	1pm	Post 4227 268 Pioneer Loop Toledo OR 97391	Noon
10	Saturday	11-Apr	1pm	Post 12141 860 SW Madison St. Madras OR 97741	Noon
12	Sunday	12-Apr	2pm	Post 3970 150 SW Willamette Com. Center Sutherlin, OR 97479	1pm
13	Saturday	18-Apr	1pm	Post 4039 111 S 10th Creswell, OR 97426	Noon
14	Sunday	19-Apr	2pm	Post 661 630 Hood St. NE Salem, OR 97309	1pm
15	Saturday	2-May	1pm	Post 4273 38452 Procter Blvd Sandy OR 97055	Noon
16	Saturday	4-Apr	1pm	Post 4211 771 NE Main St. Willamina, OR 97396	Noon

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Auxiliary

Get involved in the VFW family

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Wondering how you can benefit by joining the VFW family? While this list is by no means exhaustive, read on for some great reasons to get yourself involved.

Get Out and Do Something

Instead of staying home spending too many hours in front of the TV watching senseless shows or playing video games, the VFW Auxiliary gives you a purpose and explores opportunities to give back.

Meet People / Make Friends

Involvement forms the basis for lifelong friendships. As you get more active you realize you “can do” and self-confidence grows.

Learn New Skills

The VFW Auxiliary is always looking for new ideas, and through a variety of activities, you are introduced to new skills and given a chance to interact with other members and the community — and especially our veterans and their families.

Learn Teamwork

Many activities require working together towards a common goal. Whether working a Buddy™ Poppy drive or visiting area schools with the several programs we sponsor for awards and scholarships, we learn to work as a team, the VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

Leadership / Responsibility

By taking that step to become an officer in the organization you could help make decisions and be an active participant. Learn to lead, follow and carry your portion of the responsibility.

Civic Mindedness / Values

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary exists as a non-profit service organization. Others participate in community service as part of a larger scope of activities. Through our other programs the VFW and Auxiliary sponsor and promote, our ultimate goal is to be an active voice on Capitol Hill and our local communities for the rights and benefits for our country’s heroes, our veterans. As members, we learn to look beyond ourselves and experience the joy of making a difference.

Plain Old Fun

Having a little fun along the way in sponsoring a Dinner Dance, or a Pot Luck, Turkey Raffle, Karaoke Night — whatever the event or fundraiser is — enjoying the company of other members and knowing you are raising funds to help the Post, a veteran and their family and honoring the students who won the essay contest. It means we did good!

Remember - Membership is a 24/7 program. Your Auxiliary should always be prepared. That’s why having a plan is so important!

Have a Plan

Every Department and Auxiliary should have a Membership Plan. This plan should include:

- Contacting current members.
- Outreach to former members.
- Recruiting events for new members.
- Picking a mentor for a new member.

Before a membership year begins, set your calendar for when you plan to do each of these: Make it as easy as possible for members to renew their dues. They can renew online in MALTA! Plan at least four recruiting events in your community each year.

Using the Programs & Publicity Resources page on the National Auxiliary website, you can order and obtain all the necessary tools for recruiting new and rejoining members. Here is a link to the order form for these items: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VFW-Auxiliary-Brochure-Order-Form.pdf>

Also, there is now a fillable Membership Application that was updated in December 2019: https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VFW_Auxiliary_Membership-Application The fillable allows the applicant to type in the required information, print it and sign the application to give to the Auxiliary for the Investigating Committee to sign for the Treasurer to process.

At your next Auxiliary meeting, your Membership Chairmen should suggest that the Auxiliary prepare for a recruiting event, meet, set a plan, obtain your tools, set a date and be prepared to take in those new and rejoins into your Auxiliary. Winter is here, so start planning now for Spring!

The above was taken from Diane M. Pencak, National Membership Ambassador, January 2020 message. Hope you all had a great Holiday and are now ready to work on Membership.

Loyally,
Debbie Wright

National President Peggy Haake Visit May 10th – May 12th, 2020

National President Peggy Haake
will be arriving on May 8, 2020,
She is asking for a day of rest, with her visit
beginning on Sunday May 10th, 2020.

Sunday May 10th, 2020

President’s dinner and Mother’s Day dinner 5pm
Three Rivers Post 1324
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Monday May 11, 2020

Leave at 930 am from motel
The Oregon Garden
879 W. Main Street
Silverton, OR 97381

Admission:

Adults: \$10.00, Seniors (60 and over): \$9.00
Military discount \$3.00 off admission (retired or active)
AAA members a \$1.00 off admission
Lunch on your own.

Tuesday May 12, 2020

National President departs.
Fifteen rooms have been blocked
Motel: Best Western Plus, Rivershore
1900 Clackamette Drive
Oregon City, Oregon 97045
Phone: (503) 655-7141
Room Rates: 1 queen: \$117.99 plus tax
2 queens: \$125.99 plus tax

DEPT. TREASURER



SONYA SALLEE

At the last Council of Administration meeting, we voted to pull \$6,000.00 out of our National Home account to pay for a generator for the Oregon Cottage. The Post was giving money also and they told me what we were sending would be enough to pay for the generator so I would like to get some money to put back into the

If you haven’t paid your obligations for this year, please think about sending in money for that, we have National Home Health &Happiness and the \$1.25/ member for Hospital. The money for the hospital is the money that is given by the Department to the hospitals to do their jobs. If we don’t have all that money in the account then we can’t send all the money to Hospitals.

Savings account so if you would like to send some money to put back in our Savings account please send the money and note on the check it’s for the generator fund.

Membership is coming in very slowly, we need 317 members to be 100% and we have to have that by June 30, 2020. We have 30 auxiliaries that haven’t made it to 100% yet this year. That means we have only 17 auxiliaries that are 100%. We have 17 auxiliaries that need less than 5 to be 100%. If you pay the per-cap for the few that you have left you can receive \$50.00 from National.

The auxiliaries that have less than 5 are 965,3182,299 0,7847,2302,1412,1643,12141,2468,9744,9745, 293, 4039,7384,9448,584 and 3452. That would help us immensely if these paid for those members. Check to see if the members that are left are older or in a nursing home and need some help. We are losing members and auxiliaries at an alarming rate and I hate to see it happen.

The weather is getting better and time for spring shows and activities where we could sit up a recruiting booth. If you have something happening in your town and you need someone to come and help you with the booth, please call Janie and she will get someone to come and help you. Its hard to do it on your own but we will help you if you need it. We need to get our numbers up.

Thank you for all you do for our veterans and their families. This is a rewarding organization and I love working for it. Please try to get a new member so that we can continue to do what we do.

Sonya Sallee

Auxiliary

Veterans and Family Support

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I cannot believe we are in the new year already. By the time you read this in the newsletter our Mid-Winter Celebration will be done and over with. As always, I look forward to hearing the Voice of Democracy winners read their submissions. I always have renewed hope for our future when I hear the speeches.

We will have some new things happening at Mid-Winter again this year. President Janie Wills has scheduled a Freedom Festival on Saturday and I am so excited about it. We will have some games, prizes and of course SWAP, “Sharing Wonderful Auxiliary Programs/Projects.” We all will have the opportunity to share what we have been doing over the year for our Auxiliary Programs.

Also new this year we will have raffle baskets during Mid-Winter like we do at Convention. Funds collected on the baskets at Mid-Winter will go to our Department of Oregon Scholarship fund. I know the Mid-Winter baskets will be as inventive and exciting as the baskets we have during Convention.

I still have Auxiliaries out there that have not sent in any type of reports on Veterans and Family Support or Aid to Others. Please, please, please send in at least one report to each program chair on each of the programs we support. One report is not difficult, and I know that each Auxiliary out there is working the programs. It is what we do, so report it.

Loyally,
Cookie Little
Veterans and Family Support Program Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR



CATHY LINDSAY

Scholarship Report

Well, it is that time, we get to Scholarship #7.

How cool is this? We get to give out a \$1,000 Scholarship this year. We had four entries for the Oregon Continuing Education Scholarship. I was so excited to receive one, but four — that’s a good start for our Oregon Scholarship program.

Hope to see more entries next year so get the word out a \$1000 Scholarship waiting for next year’s entries. Thank you for all the donations to the Oregon Continuing Education Scholarship program; it is greatly appreciated.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contents

Patriotic Art Contest is just around the corner. Make sure all the rules are followed I don’t want to disqualify anyone at the State level. .

If you have any questions, please call me.

Open to all students and home-schooled students, grades 9-12 are eligible, no older than 18 years of age at the time of local entry and a U.S. citizen or U.S. National. Make sure there is no digital artwork, it will not be accepted. Artwork must be on paper or canvas to be accepted. Only one winner will be sent to National.

Deadlines: Entries received by:

Local Auxiliary – March 31, 2020

Department – April 15, 2020

National – May 5, 2020

“NEW to the program”

Expanded Art Forms Now Accepted:

The Patriotic Art Contest will now accept additional forms of art.

Two- dimensional art:

Three – dimensional art:

See rule on both two and three- dimensional art in the program book.

Department is asking each district to bring a basket to Mid-Winter for a fundraiser, the money would toward the scholarship fund. If you would like to donate to any of these programs please send your donations to Department of Oregon, Treasurer Sonya Sallee. Please earmark your checks to; Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, Oregon Continuing Education Scholarship and National Continuing Education Scholarship, Voice of Democracy or Patriot’s Pen and show the amount to each program you are donating to.

Loyally,
Catherine Lindsay, Department Scholarship Chairman

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR



VALERIE WRINKLE

2020 Priority Goals for Congress

Greetings ,VFW Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters. It is 2020 and the beginning of a brand-new Legislative year. The VFW has published their 2020 Priority Goals for Congress, Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense to act upon and for us, as VFW Auxiliary members to support.

- The 2020 goals include:
- Budget: To fully fund programs for veterans, service members, and their families.
 - HEALTH CARE: To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares.
 - DISABILITY ASSISTANCE & MEMORIAL AFFAIRS: To ensure veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned benefits.
 - EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & TRANSITION ASSISTANCE: To ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service.
 - MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE: To maintain a quality, comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all-volunteer force.
 - NATIONAL SECURITY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS & POW/MIA: To fully support service members and their mission to fight the war on terrorism and protect our nation’s citizens and interests around the world.

To see the detailed information about the goals, go to the VFWAuxiliary.org. Log in and select “Resources,” then scroll down to Legislative. There you will find the “Priority Goals Brochure” that you can print out. There are also other great resources there, such as “Guide to the Legislative Process,” Guide to Contacting your Legislators; and “VFW Auxiliary Involvement in Elections and Political Activities.”

The 2020 Legislative Conference in Washington DC is scheduled for Sunday, March 1 through Thursday, March 5, 2020. Commander in Chief “Doc” Schmitz will testify before the Veterans Affairs Committee. You can watch the testimony via live stream on the VFW website. Members of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary will also be visiting our Senators and Representatives in their DC offices during this period to directly advocate for our veterans. I will be part of the Department of Oregon delegation and I look forward to being able to advocate for our veterans and their families in person with our Legislators.

Now to talk about reporting what your Auxiliaries are doing to support this program. Reports have been trickling in, but I am concerned about the lack of reporting from some of you. It only takes a few minutes to fill out a report and send it to me. You can email or mail your report. If you are not sure if something is reportable or you have any questions, call me. I want to help.

Remember to read your VFW Action Corps Weekly when it comes and respond whenever you receive an “Action Alert.” If you aren’t receiving the VFW Action Corps Weekly, it is very easy to sign up. Check with your Auxiliary President or contact me and I will get you signed up.

For more good information about the VFW Auxiliary Legislative program, you can also go to VFWAuxiliary.org, log in and select “Blog.” National Ambassador Mercie Woolfolk has some excellent information in her January blog.

Valorie Wrinkle
Dept. Jr. Vice/Legislative Chairman

“Buddy” Poppy/ VFW National Home for Children

I need reports! Too many of you have not reported something on both Buddy Poppies and National Home. I just got a few more reports and will be sending out letters and calling those that have not reported on both.

Your Year-end reports are due to me by April 5, 2020! Just three (3) months from now!

By the end of January you should have the store locations reserved and confirmed for your Memorial Weekend Poppy distribution! Know the dates and hours the stores have approved for you to distribute. Plan now on how you want to decorate your tables and start collecting items. Bright colors attract people. Start collecting and plan decorating your collection cans so you know what you should be reporting,

See the year-end report on this page above. Please review it and contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their families.

Dianne A. Guthrie, Department Chairman 2019-2020

2019-2020 YEAR-END REPORT

Deadline to have to Chairman: April 5, 2020

Buddy Poppies

- Number of Buddy Poppy distributions during the year ____
- Times you worked with the Post? ____.
- Number of times you worked to educate within your Post/Auxiliary about Buddy Poppies? ____.
- Number of times worked to educate within the community? (Distribute, publicity, other education) ____.

Tell me how if you answered yes to any of these. Please attach a sheet.

- Number of times you submitted something on Buddy Poppies to your local paper or other news or media sources? ____.
- How many times was it published? ____.
- Copies of any published articles please.
- Did you enter a Buddy Poppy display in the Department contest? ____.
- Did you use the Buddy Poppy Chairman’s Manual in any way? ____.

Did you use any youth groups or youth at all in your distributions? ____.

Which youth group(s) if any? _____

_____.

- How many poppies did your Auxiliary buy themselves? This does not include poppies bought from the Post. You must buy them directly from Department for credit. _____.
- From pg. 17 of National Program book, retrieve the form from www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources, complete, and submit to me no later than March 31, 2020.

VFW National Home

- Did you promote the VFW National Home through education within your Post/Auxiliary? ____.
- Did you promote the VFW National Home through education within your community? ____.
- If so how and how many times? Attach a separate sheet if necessary. _____.
- Did you donate your required Health & Happiness? ____.
- How much per member? ____.
- Each Auxiliary that contributes 25 cents per member (6/30/19) will receive a citation from National.
- How many Life memberships in your Auxiliary? ____.
- How many Life Memberships did your Auxiliary purchase this year? ____.
- How much in other donations (other than Health & Happiness & Life Memberships) did your Auxiliary send for the VFW National Home for Children? \$ ____.
- Did your Auxiliary promote the National Home Helpline? ____.
- If so how and how often? _____.
- Attach another sheet if necessary.
- From pg. 17 of National Program book, retrieve the form from www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources, complete, and submit to me no later than March 31, 2020.

Use this for Year-End Reports which are due to Chairman no later than April 5, 2020

Send to:
Dianne Guthrie
Email to: 75crazyhorse69@gmail.com
4495 NE 25th St., Redmond, OR 97756-9720

I text, phone, and email. I do not message, I do not Facebook (been hacked four times). If you email me and you don’t hear from me in 2 days, call me at 541-280-5162. Thank you.

Please Send Monthly Reports

Updates

Post	First	MI	Last	Legacy Level	Post	First	MI	Last	Legacy Level
180	Val	G	Shaul	Bronze	4015	Alvin	A	Tesky	Bronze
180	Franklin	R	West	Silver	4015	Leonard		Schorzmann	Bronze
180	David	B	Lowe	Bronze	4015	Stanley	L	Beecroft	Bronze
180	Scott		Gill	Gold	4015	Leon	L	Blanchard	Bronze
180	Robert	L	Dooms Jr	Silver	4015	Donald	R	Cooke	Bronze*
180	Maynard	C	Smith	Bronze*	4015	Seth	J	Forquer	Bronze*
293	Mark	D	Chapman	Gold	4015	Richard	G	Lightfoot	Bronze*
293	Joseph	M	Rosano	Bronze	4015	Randall	E	Savage	Bronze
293	James	I	Bell	Bronze	4015	Hubert	M	Mardock	Bronze
584	Melvin	L	Chaput	Gold	4039	John	R	Clark	Bronze*
584	James	M	Willis	Bronze	4039	Richard	A	Leppin	Bronze
661	Leonard	V	Goss	Bronze	4039	Vernon	A	Beard	Gold
661	Kerry	A	Wymetalek	Gold	4039	Richard	L	Colson	Silver
661	Robert	F	Osterlund	Bronze*	4039	Camren	J	Baker	Bronze
661	Greg		Terhune	Gold	4039	Leonard	M	Hecker	Bronze
661	Kerry	A	Wymetalek	Gold	4039	David	W	Hendrick	Bronze
922	Judith	A	Burger	Gold	4039	Anthony	A	Jagues	Bronze
922	Richard	E	Halverson	Gold	4039	Rick	L	Higgins	Gold
922	James	F	Hand	Gold	4039	Jack	L	Gradle	Bronze
922	Nicholas	R	Van Kirk	Gold	4039	Bryce	L	Watson	Bronze
1324	D	J.	Ruger	Gold	4039	Michael	G	Coltharp	Bronze*
1324	Arthur	E	Kimball	Gold	4039	Bill	E	Beer	Bronze
1324	Edgar		Wales	Bronze	4039	Melvin	L	Northcutt	Bronze
1324	Gregory	A	Arnold	Bronze	4108	Dennis	G	Guthrie	Gold
1324	John	S	Morell Jr	Bronze	4108	Charles	E	Chester Jr	Gold
1324	Charles	E	Chamberlin	Bronze	4108	Gary	D	Pitman	Silver
1324	Ronald	D	Emerson	Bronze	4108	John	R	Wrinkle	Gold
1324	James	G	McDonald	Gold	4108	Dan	S	Tureck	Gold
1324	Paul	H	Harris	Bronze	4108	Harold	G	Davidson	Gold
1324	Neil	E	Birch	Bronze	4108	William	E	Pieters	Silver
1324	Shawn	P	Dachtler	Bronze	4108	Robert	M	Bragg	Bronze
1324	Gerry	B	Mcateer	Bronze	4116	Thomas	A	Lazette	Bronze
1324	Steven		Prowant	Bronze	4116	James	M	Poling	Silver
1324	Shannon	M	Arnold	Bronze	4116	Corbin	A	Motter	Gold
1324	Edward	L	Gresham	Gold	4116	Charles	A	Prudhon	Silver
1324	William	M	Trumble	Bronze	4211	Lee	K	Saddler	Bronze
1324	Dale	K	Miller	Bronze	4217	Raymond	C	Tsumpti Jr	Gold
1324	Robert	W	Black	Bronze	4227	Michael	R	Petersen	Bronze
1324	Maurice	A	Deets	Bronze	4227	Charles	R	Ritz	Bronze
1324	John	A	Baranek	Gold	4248	Jay	B	Agler	Gold
1324	David	M	Kidd	Bronze	4248	Dale	N	Guldenzopf	Gold
1324	Larry	W	Moseley	Bronze	4248	Sharon	M	Ploor	Bronze
1325	James	H	Mc Gee Jr	Gold	4248	Thomas	R	Mc Neal	Bronze*
1383	Duane	G	Whitehead	Gold	4248	Gregory	L	Drais	Gold
1383	Ronald	E	Ballard	Gold	4248	William	C	Hughes	Bronze
1383	Roger	A	Pattee	Gold	4273	Allen	P	Anderson	Gold
1383	Douglas	D	Herrera	Bronze	4273	Marcus		Walters	Gold
1383	Karen	H	Johnson	Gold	4273	William	H	Miller	Gold
1442	Daniel	W	Wakefield	Gold*	4273	Robert	L	Anderson	Bronze*
1442	Gordon	K	Hillesland	Gold	4273	James	M	Ramsey	Bronze
1442	Albert	A	Reijonen	Bronze	4273	Terry	E	Boyer	Silver*
1643	Michael	P	Boehme	Gold	4273	Bert	W	Key	Gold
1643	Matthew	R	Walker	Gold	4307	Ann	M	Gosnell	Bronze
1643	Byron	J	Smith	Gold	4362	James	A	Walling	Bronze
1833	Robert	K	Penney	Silver	4362	Jerry		Peal	Bronze*
1833	Ralph	T	Groover	Bronze	4362	Frank	C	Weber	Bronze
1833	Peter	J	Pringle	Bronze	4362	Roger	J	Antonich	Bronze
1909	Roger	A	Ege	Gold	4362	David	P	Sleightam	Bronze
1909	Michal	D	Tolleshaug	Gold	5452	Donald	M	Ristow	Silver
1909	Linda	K	Kelly	Silver	5452	Shannon	M	Kelly	Bronze*
2302	Glenn	D	German	Bronze	5452	Harvey		Hatfield Jr	Gold
2302	Charles	E	Delore	Bronze	5452	Gary	M	Good	Bronze
2468	Michael	D	Eakin	Bronze	6057	Janile	L	Yost	Silver
2468	Earl	T	McAloney	Gold	6057	Robert	G	Sigleer	Bronze
2624	David	A	Teem Sr	Gold	6881	Clarence	O	Neville	Silver*
2624	Robert	R	May	Gold	6881	Robert	D	Walsh	Bronze
2666	Larry	R	Tomb	Bronze	7384	Norman	M	Henshen	Silver
2666	Daniel	F	Fink	Bronze	9448	Donald	L	Fertgus	Gold
2666	Roger	D	Pack	Gold	9448	Kerry	G	Shafer	Bronze
2666	Dale	S	Yee	Bronze	9448	Kathy	A	Lundeen	Bronze
2666	Dennis	C	Marsh	Gold	9448	Stanley	G	Ritari	Gold
2666	Rick	D	Johnson	Silver	9448	Michael	L	Beyerlin	Bronze
2666	Michael	R	Premi	Bronze	9448	James	R	Clarke	Gold
2666	Andrew	L	Eason	Gold	9448	Thomas	G	Laing	Gold
2666	Don	R	Bowen	Bronze	10580	Albert	A	Little	Bronze
2666	Carl	G	Anderso	Silver	10580	Tyler	E	Marriott	Gold
2848	AJames	W	Allenbrand	Silver	10580	George	I	Gunn	Bronze
3156	Andrea	D	Summerlin	Gold	10580	Eugene		Bonk	Bronze
3203	Dennis	R	Pratt	Bronze	10580	Melvin	H	Jasmin	Bronze
3232	Dennis	R	Marsh	Silver	10580	E	L	Dunn	Gold
3232	Terry	J	Robertson	Bronze	10626	Juan	M	Palacios	Gold
3232	Robert	J	Jackson	Bronze	10626	Magno	T	Campos Jr	Bronze
3232	Kennith	E	Smith	Gold	10626	Thomas	G	Clayton	Bronze
3232	Milton	G	Gravell	Bronze	10626	Cheryl	E	Campos	Gold
3232	Phillip	M	Jarvis	Gold	12123	Louis	J	Neubecker	Gold
3232	David	R	Snyder	Bronze	12140	Kenneth	L	Kraft	Gold
3232	Harley	O	Youngblood	Bronze	12140	Beau	D	Mceff	Silver
3232	Rex	L	Ruck	Gold	12140	Larry	C	Harmon	Bronze
3232	Russell	E	Downs	Bronze	12140	Raymond	L	Mack Jr	Bronze
3232	Merritt	C	Mosby	Bronze	12140	Michael	C	Malish	Gold
3232	Fred	M	Burns	Bronze	12140	Anthony	L	Barber	Silver
3232	Gerald	F	Hernandez	Silver	12140	Boyd	C	Yaden	Bronze
3232	Gordon		Rhodes	Bronze	12140	Donald	L	Reed	Gold
3232	Gary	W	Covert	Bronze	12141	Craig	L	Mc Donald	Bronze
3232	John	E	McBride	Bronze	12141	Leonard	P	Hellwig	Gold
3232	Nicole	A	Buckley	Bronze	15038	Michael	C	Tribble	Silver
3232	Bruce	W	Smith	Bronze	15038	Donald	C	Sopher	Bronze
3232	Anthony	V	Cavarno	Bronze	15038	Jon	W	Parks	Bronze
3232	Bruce	D	Andrade	Bronze	15038	Courtland	J	Rawson	Gold

Legacy Life Members in Oregon

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 90

Total 244

* Deceased Member
*** In Memorium Member

Post	First	MI	Last	Legacy Level
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 Plane	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*

Updates

JUNE 10 through JUNE 14, 2020

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF OREGON CONVENTION BOOK AD

It is time to think about your ad for the 2019-2020 Department of Oregon Convention book. Everyone in attendance at State Convention will receive one of these books, so it is great exposure for yourself, your Post, District, Auxiliary, or business. Ads help offset the cost of Convention, which will be held at the Mill Casino in North Bend June 10 - June 14, 2020.

We have had to increase the price of ads this year due to increases in the cost of printing the book and other Convention expenses, however we are also offering a discount on your ad if you refer a business to us. For every business you refer that places an ad in the book, you will receive a \$25 discount off your own ad. Get enough businesses to place an ad and you could pay for your ad in full!

If you are interested in placing an ad in the 2019-2020 Convention Book for the Department of Oregon, please note the following information:

- Due Date for Ads is May 9, 2019 (but please don't wait until the last minute!)
- Preferred format is .jpg. We can also accept pdf files, Microsoft Publisher, and Word.
Send payment directly to the VFW Dept. of OR, 12440 NE Halsey St., Portland OR 97230-1927.
- You may call Department Quartermaster Cheryl Campos at 503-255-5808 to make other arrangements for payment.
Please note that prices have increased due to an increase in printing costs and other Convention expenses.
- Send ad copy directly to Valorie Wrinkle at vjwrinkle@gmail.com.
Please note that your ad will not be processed until we have verified that the Quartermaster has received payment. If you have any questions, please call or email Valorie at 541-678-3894 or vjwrinkle@gmail.com.
When sending your ad, please make sure that we have a contact phone number and e-mail in case we need to contact you for more information.
- If you would like to have graphics added to your ad, or help designing it, Valorie will provide that service free of charge.
If you have any questions, please call or email Convention Chairman Bill Pieters at 541-610-7014 or bpieters6@gmail.com.

Thank you and we look forward to serving you!

Ad sizes and related costs are as follows (there is no change in the price of Candidate ads):

Placement	size	price
Back Outside Cover – Color*	4 ¾” wide x 7 ¾” tall	\$1,250
Inside Front or Back Cover – Color*	4 ¾” wide x 7 ¾” tall	\$ 750
Full Inside Page – Black & White:	4 ¾” wide x 7 ¾” tall	\$ 150
Half Inside Page – Black & White:	4 ¾” wide x 7 ¾” tall	\$ 75
Third of an Inside Page – Black & White:	4 ¾” wide x 2.5” tall	\$ 50
Full Inside Page – Color**:	4 ¾” wide x 7 ¾” tall	\$ 750

*The purchase of the Back Outside Cover and Inside and Back cover in color also includes the opportunity to address the members for a maximum of 5-minutes at the opening joint meeting. For details, please call John Wrinkle at 541-678-3895 or email at wrinkle4108@gmail.com.

**Printing in color is done in multiples of four. If you request a color ad and we don't have enough pages to accommodate you, we will contact you and give you the option of black and white.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 81 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (Cumulative): RANK (in class): _____ OF _____ Seniors.

College or school you are planning to attend: _____

Major Field of study: _____

SAT or ACT Scores (If available) _____ SAT: CR _____ M _____ WR _____

ACT: Composite _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____

MOTHER'S NAME (Maiden name) _____

Name of parent or grandparent who is/was a member of the Department of Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars:

Membership Number: _____ VFW Post Number: _____

- Please attach a neatly typed 300-word essay on the theme: “What Makes America Great”
- Submit a Letter of Recommendation from at least one teacher or administrator focusing on your classroom work, as well as your community service.
- Please include a COPY of your official grade transcripts.
- This scholarship must be used between September 2020 and June 2021.
- Deadline: Must be submitted in person NLT 3:00 PM, or by U. S. Mail, post marked NLT Monday February 17, 2020.

To: Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Oregon 12440 NE Halsey Streets Portland, Oregon 97230

OH NO Cooties



Ed Rose



Supreme Vampire Jim Schinman



Hardy

Psssst..... Wanna know a secret??!! *WRINKLE’S GOT COOTIES!!*

Yep, it’s true. No lie. Not only does he got ‘em, he IS one! Yep, ask any of his close associates, friends, or even his lover, the boy is simply crawling with all the dumb fine attributes of a Cootie of the highest degree. He has expressed himself time and time again on what it means to be a veteran and to serve veterans, but he also has been known to blabber on and on about what it means to be a lousy louse crawling the seams of a pup tent camped amidst his favorite hunting grounds. And if that last phrase meant nothing to you, then let me help you to understand.....

The Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) is a world-wide benevolent organization of VFW members that have been asked to serve veterans at yet another level of commitment. The MOC, officially attached to the VFW as an auxiliary, specializes in visiting and assisting veterans around the world in hospitals, convalescent homes, residences, and other places of healing. No, we aren’t part of any medical staff, but we do play an important part in patient care. What we do best is “Keep ‘em smiling in beds of white.” Simply put, we try to put a grin, or better yet, a full-blown smile on the patients and staff of the medical facilities we visit. We talk the talk of G.I.s, blab on about the exotic places we served, reminisce about the swell chow we had, talk about the jobs that we did, and even go on about some of the favorite night-spots we’d encountered. All to get their minds off their current dilemma, and to show them that we care, and are thankful for their service and sacrifices. G.I. to G.I.; it’s really a blast. Kinda like telling “fish” stories, only way, way better!

Joining us in our visitations are the men and women of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary (MOCA). Together we strive to make our ailing veterans feel just a little better, even if just for a brief moment. The MOCA specialize in about everything they do, and are quite good excellent at various food stuffs, sewing, craft making, Bingo-wrangling, clown dressing, and wearing all things RED; right down to socks and unmentionables. Together we make quite a sight. We are sometimes tagged as “Shriners,” but that is soon dispelled when we start blabbing about the places we’ve been and the things we’ve seen. The Auxiliary is especially good at smoothing the conversation and often lends amazing content to the dialogue regarding the feelings and angst of Veteran wives and families left at home. Yep, together we are quite a team.

Humor is our major weapon; and one in which we all try to excel. Way back in the early years (right after WWI) our forefathers were visiting recovering troops in hospitals that were just crawling with lice. In spite of efforts to eradicate them, these bugs (fresh from the trenches of Europe) mated to create mutant strains that were proving really hard to kill. While the medical field was making headway and showing some signs of actually reducing the number of the vermin, our VFW forefathers decided the best thing they could do was to make fun of the entire situation and to adopt these bugs as a pseudo-mascot. Somewhere along the line, RED became the favorite color (sashes, socks, vest) and “Cooties” became their name. One hundred years later, we’re still in love with RED, and along with a host of other things, our (MOC) red hat (with tassels) is the most recognizable piece of clothing we wear. Optional items include red sash, red belt, white pants with a vertical

MOCA Clowns



Sheila Tomb



Cooties at Portland VA Hospital

red stripe down each leg, white shirt with red piping, red vest and/or a red blazer. The MOCA have additions and subtractions to the MOC attire, but it goes to say that RED plays an all important part.

We are organized into local units called “pup tents,” with our World headquarters called the Supreme Pup Tent, and the Orygun territory organized as a Grand Pup Tent. While there are exceptions, each state in the US has a Grand Pup Tent with a number of subordinate Pup Tents. Orygun has nine Pup Tents scattered throughout the state. Sadly, it used to be more. HEY, WE ARE RECRUITING NOW!

We have rituals, secret handshakes, rumors, and outright falsehoods that we pass down from old to new as we shove the old louses out and refresh the air in our tents with new blood to keep the species going. We’ve been known to walk backwards, talk backwards, sit backwards, and even speak backwards. It took me a long time to master sitting in a chair……. When we really like something, we give it a resounding “BOO!” Some of us (we’re the ones that convinced them silly bugs that we could write), get a bit crazy when trying to document something – like meeting Scratch minutes. We deliberately misspell, mis-punctuate, and otherwise mutilate the King’s English to one of which we think believe will get a chuckle. We have special words that, when spoken, call for an immediate penalty to throw money on the floor to enrichen our Hospital Fund. Heck, sometimes we even just make up our own words; like “edumufcation.” This is Cootie code for “this bit of education is going to cost you some more money!”

I am most proud to have been asked to join the Cooties. It’s a chance to relax and get a little silly; to grin at your troubles and challenges; to provide a little sunshine to some really great folks, and to recharge your batteries a bit before going back to the Front. If this sounds intriguing and something you might be interested in, we’re always hangin’ somewhere around the neighborhood. Strike up a conversation with Dale or Sheila or Bert or Larry or Maddie or Dennis or Cathy or Bubba or Rose-Marie, or Linda or Ed or Arvon or Odette or Ron or Sue or Wayne or Nadine or Tobbi or Mike or Kathy or Cliff or Norm or Mary or Bob or Sandy or Dennis or Diane or Joe or Irene or Dan or Jocelyn or Val, to name but just a few of the bugs lounging in our tents. Heck, you can even ask John “Perma-Press” Wrinkle. He’s got the skinny, and the Cooties, really bad!

Did I mention that WE ARE RECRUITING?!

Greg, Out.



Bert Logan III



Sheila Logan



Chester Becker, 60+ years as a Cootie



Larry Alexander



Greg Drias



Council Meeting



Pup Tent circa 1936

Motorcycle Enthusiasts

The 121st National Convention will be in Reno/Sparks, Nevada July 18-23, 2020.

I am writing this information now so those that are interested in riding as a group can participate. A number of you have expressed an interest in a ride to Reno. Oregon has been assigned to the Nugget Casino in Sparks. Reservations should be made through the VFW’s web site (or hotel form mailed in). We will arrive on the 17th. We will leave Redmond at 8:30 AM on the 17th and we can meet at the Black Bear Diner in K-Falls around noon. It is approximately 3 hrs. from Redmond to Klamath Falls plus rest stops. We will have lunch in Klamath Falls and it is approximately 4 hrs. plus rest stops to Reno/ Sparks.

For those interested there will be a short “Vander Clute Ride” in Reno starting 0900 Saturday 7/18/20. You should pre-register with the VFW for this ride. More information forth coming.

Contact me ASAP if you are interested.

Ride Safe

Dennis Guthrie

75crazyhorse69@gmail.com

541-280-5161



GENERAL ORDER #2
2019-2020 Series

March 11, 2020

TO BE READ AT A REGULAR MEETING AND FILED:

- 1. As of March 11, 2020, 19 cases of the Coronavirus have been identified in the state of Oregon. There are cases in Polk, Marion, Umatilla and Deschutes County, however the chances for infection at a VFW or Auxiliary meeting or function remains very low. We are not anticipating the necessity to cancel events at this time, however, Post and District officers should be aware of events in their communities that indicate a significant change in the situation, such as school closings, at which time canceling events is appropriate. If you do feel that it would be appropriate to cancel events or meetings, please notify Department immediately.
We understand that many of our members may be at higher risk of serious illness because of age and chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease and that they should take actions to reduce their risk of getting sick. So, we are asking our members to be aware of the symptoms and risks of infection and take precautions against infection. Please read the following information:
- 2. Know the Symptoms:
COVID-19 causes flu and cold-like symptoms, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. The symptoms usually appear 2 to 14 days after being exposed to the virus.
- 3. How it spreads:
The coronavirus spreads through respiratory droplets from coughs or sneezes. These droplets fall to surrounding surfaces, and when touched, end up on your hands. The virus then enters the body when you touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- 4. Take precautions against infection:
 - a. Keep your hands clean by washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol
 - b. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
 - c. Cover your coughs and sneezes with tissues or your arm/sleeve and dispose of tissues in the trash
 - d. Avoid people who are sick
 - e. Avoid sharing items like dishes and bedding and keep surfaces clean with disinfecting wipes Get a Flu Shot if you haven’t already. While there currently is no vaccine to prevent the coronavirus, you are still advised to get a flu shot. The flu vaccine won’t protect you from the coronavirus, but it could prevent you from getting both viruses at once.

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May 25, 2020 11:00 AM
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AND
PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS

Together We Honor

They gave their last measure of devotion

City View Cemetery, 690 Hoyt St. S, Salem Oregon

GENERAL ORDER #3
2019-2020 Series

March 17, 2020

TO BE READ AT A REGULAR MEETING AND FILED:

1. Temporary Emergency Meeting Measures

I feel it is appropriate to provide the VFW Department of Oregon’s Districts and Posts with recommended temporary coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency meeting measures due to our real concerns of providing safe meeting places to conduct business. This emergency meeting measure remains in effect during the COVID-19 health crisis or suspended in the future by the next State Commander. All your State line officers have been consulted in order to enable me to offer you the best advice possible.

2. All Districts and Posts must hold elections in April and provide an election report in accordance with Section 217 and 417 of the National Bylaws. If we are all willing to be flexible, there is no reason we can’t hold elections in April. At the time of the elections, ask all elected officers to provide their proof of eligibility. If a member to be nominated for an office cannot attend or be a part of the meeting, that member must submit in writing to either the Commander or Adjutant their agreement to be placed on the ballot, prior to the election.

3. During this time of nationwide health crisis, we must work “outside the box” and re-examine what constitutes a meeting and the minimum quorum of (5) five members. As the Commander for this great Department, I offer the following advice with the understanding that these recommendations are not required, but will be acceptable to the Department:

- a. Meetings do not need to be held at Post. If the meeting is to be at the Post, consider only having a minimum quorum attend the meeting. The individual names of the members who will make up the quorum must be provided to Post or District members so any member can share their concerns on matters they want brought up, etc. Make sure all members get copies of the meeting minutes.
- b. It is the individual Post or District that is responsible for conducting meetings, other Post business such as bingo and fund raising. It is recommended that the Posts and Districts follow the guidelines set out for our use in accordance with our governmental leaders and health agencies. In this way, we will not put our members or members of the public in potential harmful situations. Please exercise common sense when making decisions on our activities.

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Unfortunately, the **Membership Classes** scheduled for March 28 & 29 has to be canceled due to the coronavirus

Please let your members know

Sorry for the inconvenience hopefully we we will be able to reschedule

Take care & stay safe.

Temporary Emergency Meeting Guidelines

- 1. zoom.us
 - 1. Commander(HOST) Setup account
 - 1. Free to Pricing Plans
 - 1. District 15 used the Pro plan (\$14.99 month) because it had recording and voting(poling) options which are mandatory for meeting requirements.
 - 2. Alternate Option: GoToMeeting (GoToWebinar) was the next best option but price is considerably more at \$249 month for the voting and recording requirements
 - 3. There are many other Web Conferencing Software, but with time invested in research for the needs and requirements for VFW meeting bylaw requirements District 15 found zoom.us was the most professional for the VFW needs and requirements even though there was limited cost involved.
 - 4. Prepare Opening Online Procedures (Online ONLY)
 - 1. prepare normal manual and procedures with Screenshots to share to attendees of these items
 - 1. Pledge
 - 2. Bible Open
 - 3. Charter Draped
 - 4. screen background (optional)
 - 5. Prepare and Share Agenda with addendum of proposed motions and ELECTION Roster to tally (if there is competition)
 - 1. The primary (QM/Bills/Budget) and proposed motions and election tally **SHOULD** be placed in zoom **PRIOR** to meeting by host. (the Host is the Commander!)
 - 1. Reason why; It makes it easier to send poll to attendees during meeting.
 - 2. Also recommend adding additional generic motions in system then assign later as motion 1 ,motion 2, etc...
 - 2. Notes of lessons learned;
 - 1. If time and price permits (14.99 Pro plus 40.00 webinar add on will be a total of 54.99) the Webinar option provides registering for meetings and will save time in getting members properly documenting for the record of those in attendance. The webinar option would probably be the best option for larger meetings for taking roll call of officers present. Also webinar attendees can be over 10,000.
 - 2. If others in attendance ie. Department Representative and quorum in person attendance (may be waived for this emergency procedure) utilize only **one** recording device to eliminate feedback or echo.
 - 3. **Election requirements will require letters of nomination acceptance for officers up for election before meeting is commenced.**
 - 1. Voting determined by delegate strength
 - 2. Installing Officer (video preferred)
 - 3. Installation of Officers (Preferred video)
 - 4. Online procedure normally are required to be voted on by the body but may be waved due to emergency procedures