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MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT AT ALOHA HIGH SCHOOL HONORED SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS

On Sept. 26, Aloha High School in Beaverton, Ore., hosted a Military Appreciation Night to honor servicemembers past, present and future. The state’s first-of-its-kind event was the result of a collaboration with a high school principal and an Oregon National Guard staff sergeant.

Aloha High School Principal Matthew Casteel, a retired Army Green Beret, and Staff Sergeant, Anna Mendoza, of the Oregon National Guard, along with veterans from American Legion Department of Oregon District 1 and other veteran organizations, were instrumental in bringing the tribute to fruition. They wanted the community to see that there are veterans among them during every facet of everyday life. Support of Aloha High School’s Military Appreciation Night gave thanks to servicemembers past, present and future, and showcased Aloha High School and Washington County as the place to be for veterans and future servicemembers.

Their mission for the evening: To unite all veterans of Washington County.

Prior to the start of the game, five members of American Legion Tigard Post 158’s Legion Riders and one Patriot Guard, rode two laps of the track that encircled the Aloha Warriors’ football field. Along with the Riders of Post 158, Legion members from Forest Grove Post 2 and Aloha Post 104 were present. At half-time, a call was put out to the audience that if any military veterans in attendance wanted to walk onto the field during the half-time ceremony, to please feel free to join in by gathering at the field’s east end zone. The response from those veterans was inspiring and the response from the audience was heartwarming.

An abbreviated, ceremonial Passing of the Guidon was conducted during a half-time presentation. At the start of the half-time show, a team of students filed onto the field, each one holding a US flag. As the guidon bearers and recruits led the way onto the field, the assembled veterans were then asked to walk single file onto the field and form a half circle behind the guidon bearers. At the conclusion of



Veterans are recognized at halftime of the Aloha High School football game. The response was very heartwarming.

the ceremony, all participants were told to “fall out”, at which time they returned to the end zone for a group picture.

Under Casteel’s watch, Aloha High School’s Military Appreciation Night will be an annual event.

By Wendy Berger-Wood,
The American Legion,
Department of Oregon,
Membership Chair

After the game, all participants returned to the end zone for a group photo. This successful event will now happen annually. Photos Credit: Wendy Berger-Wood and Don Weber American Legion (Source: Legiontown.org)

This local football game was so much more than Friday Night Lights. Aloha High School partnered with the Oregon Army National Guard to unite Veterans within their local community of Washington County.

Thanks to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, US Army and USMC, we were able to display a passing of the “torch” from Veterans to newly enlisted Recruits. These recruits will go on to serve their communities, state, and country.

There were 16 Veterans on the Field compared to only four last year.
By Anna Mendoza, Staff Sergeant, Oregon National Guard



The Aloha High School football team honored servicemembers and veterans during the halftime show on the field. Photo Credit: Staff Sergeant Anna Mendoza



Members of the Tigard Post 158 American Legion Riders and the Patriot Guard circle the track prior to the football game. The audience cheered and clapped for these brave veterans.



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COMMANDER’S CORNER



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As we move further into the fall season, I would like to take a moment to highlight several important events and reminders for our department.

First, all Posts should be actively working on their Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen, and Teacher of the Year programs. These entries are due to your Posts no later than October 31st. These programs are at the very heart of what we do---promoting patriotism, education, and civic pride among our youth and recognizing those educators who instill these values in the classroom. I encourage every Post to reach out to their schools and communities to ensure strong participation.

Membership: Regarding membership, I am proud to report that our Department continues to perform extremely well. Your efforts in recruiting, retaining, and reengaging members are truly making a difference. Let us continue to press forward with enthusiasm as we work toward achieving—and surpassing – our goals for the year.

Finally, I want to thank each of you for your continued commitment to the Commander’s Special Project, which was not put out earlier, but my project is to support the new National Home for Children store being built on campus. We are collecting donations to help purchase a commercial refrigerator. You can go to vfwor.org, click on programs, then dropdown commander’s project. Please support our mission.

Keep recruiting new members and reaching out to current ones to ensure they remain engaged with our mission. Encourage members to invite friends, share our activities on social media, and participate in community events. By fostering involvement and communication, we strengthen our organization and our ability to advocate for Veterans.

Congratulations goes out to all the posts who have hit the 100% mark in membership, and also the 101% goal for All-American (4) already. It’s always great to see so many posts at 100% or more when the life members drop. We are off to a great start with membership this year!!! Let’s keep it going.

Bert Little, Department Commander

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER



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Happy Holidays everyone. The VOD, Patriot Pin and Teacher of the Year entry deadline has come to end. It’s now time for the Post, Districts and Department to read these fantastic entries and make those hard decisions to pick the winners. Good luck to all the participants and can’t wait to see you at Winter Convention in Seaside in January.

Veterans Day is fast approaching and it’s time for us to say thank you to all our fellow veterans out there. After all the parades and other festivities are done, please take the time to remember all our brother and sisters who have gone on before us. Thank you for your service.

After joining the line earlier this year, I never realized how much I didn’t know I didn’t know. For most of my time in the VFW, I only had to deal with my post and district. Everything went smoothly for the most part— or so I thought—until something came up that we had never dealt with before and started reading by-laws and asking questions. After spending some time in the department, it became apparent that a lot of other posts had the same lack of understanding of the by-laws and rituals of the VFW. This is where Commander Little came up with his motto: “Train-Share-Communicate”.

With all the new members and some of the older ones, we have slipped in our duties to pass on the knowledge of the VFW to the next generation of veterans, causing some mistakes to have been made. They were not done in malice, but from a lack of understanding or interpretation of by-laws. The department has added a “Training Topic” to the website for members to get more training on specific topics. You just need to visit the website, vfwor.org, and ask a question.

The holidays are fast approaching, and this is a time to spend time with family and friends. Be safe during your travels and watch out for winter as it has a knack of showing up at the wrong time.

If you have any questions, please contact me and I will do my best to answer them. I am also looking for members to fill the committee chairs for next year, so if you would like to branch out and take on a committee, please let me know. The sooner we get these committee chairs filled, we can begin to train.

Thanks you for all you do for veterans.

Loyally,

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Why the Members Oath of Obligation Matters in the VFW
Creating Unity and Upholding Tradition in Our Ranks

As members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), we take pride in belonging to an organization rooted in tradition, camaraderie, and honor. However, it has come to light that many members may have missed an important step in their initiation: the Members Oath of Obligation. This crucial ritual not only reinforces our shared values, but also formally welcomes new members into the fold.

Whenever I get a transfer from another Post or accept a member-at-large, I ask them whether they have taken the Members Oath of Obligation or not. It is surprising how many have said they never took the oath. On my few visits to other Posts in our state, I have asked that question of younger members and a few have said they never took the oath or even knew that there was one!

About a month ago, I posed the question on the Facebook page, ‘VFW Parliamentary Procedures and Rules Learning’: “How important is it that new members take the Members Oath of Obligation?” The responses were overwhelmingly clear. One member commented, “It is very important. It lets new members know they are joining something special and feel welcome. If that is not enough, it’s also required of the Post Commander under the Manual of Procedure. Sec. 218 (a) (1) b. 'Enforce strict observance to the laws and usages of this organ-

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ization, including Post, County Council (if applicable), District and Department Bylaws and the National Charter, National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual and all lawful orders from proper authority.”

Most Posts do swear in their new members, but this discrepancy highlights the need to ensure that every member experiences the significance of the oath. As stated in the VFW Ritual (Page 24), the oath provides a new member with a clear understanding of what is expected of them within the organization. It serves as the groundwork for their future contributions and involvement.

I recommend that Post Commanders periodically check with their members to confirm they have taken the oath. Additionally, when swearing in a new member, have the entire membership recite the oath together. This practice not only eases nerves for new members, but also offers a meaningful reminder to everyone about our shared commitment and values.

Let us continue to honor our traditions and foster a welcoming environment for all. By upholding the Members Oath of Obligation, we build a stronger, more unified VFW.

ANCHORS AWEIGH!

EAGLE STRONG.

Greg Arnold

Dept. Jr. Vice Commander

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As we move further into the 2025–2026 year, I want to take a moment to thank all our Posts and Districts for the work you do to keep your records accurate, your finances transparent, and your members informed. The Department’s success relies on each of you meeting deadlines, maintaining compliance, and continuing to improve how we manage our operations. Below are a few important updates and reminders from the Quartermaster’s office:

Audits

As a reminder, quarterly audits are due four times a year: **August 1st, November 1st, February 1st, and May 1st.** As of this publication, two quarterly audits should have been submitted — the audits for **April–May–June 2025** and **July–August–September 2025.** If you haven’t turned in your audits yet, please get them to us as soon as possible. We will be sending out reminder notifications soon for any posts that have not submitted their audits. A big thank you to everyone who has turned in their audits on time or only slightly late!

990s

After **December 31st, 2025,** the Department Quartermaster will no longer submit 990s on behalf of the posts. I will be offering a class at the **State Convention in June** on how to submit the **990-N** to the IRS. It’s a very easy process once you’ve completed the login setup.

Training

Teresa, our wonderful Webmaster, has added a link on the **VFWOR.org** website for training topic requests. I’m also including it here: [VFWOR Training Topics & Questions](#). We are excited to announce **Training Tuesdays**, which will be held on the **first and third Tuesday of each month from 7:00–8:00 PM via Zoom.** While we are still in the development phase, the goal is to provide training on the topics *you* want to learn more about. We will also cover areas that Headquarters receives frequent calls about. Expect upcoming sessions on topics such as **Scholar App reporting; navigating the National Dashboard; and how Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters can best utilize OMS.** Look for a link on the Department website.

If you have a topic in mind, let us know — we’ll find a subject matter expert to lead the training. This program isn’t limited to officers; it’s open to any **VFW member in Oregon.** Whether you currently hold, plan to hold, or are simply curious about a Post office or position, please submit your training requests!

The information for the **Midwinter Conference** and **Voice of Democracy Banquet** is available on the **VFWOR.org** website.

Thank you for your continued diligence!
See you in January at the Midwinter Conference.
Brandy Olmstead
Department Quartermaster

FROM THE DESK OF THE ADJUTANT

Headquarters Update

For anybody who has missed it, the Department of Oregon headquarters relocated from Portland to Salem in March of this year. Please send all correspondence to: **880 Liberty St. NE, Salem, OR 97301** This move, approved by the Council of Administration, has been very positive for the organization. We are now in a larger, ADA-friendly building in a better neighborhood, near the state capital, with plenty of parking.

Staff Updates

We are excited to announce that the Department of Oregon has hired a new administrative assistant for the headquarters office: **Nicole**, who joined us on **October 20th.** Nicole has already hit the ground running and is learning the ways of the VFW. While she hasn’t served herself, she comes from a family with a rich military history, including both parents serving.

Please give Nicole—or “Nicky”—a warm welcome the next time you call headquarters!



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Special thanks to: - **Anthony Barber (Post 12140)** and **Albert Little (Post 10580)** for assisting with the hiring process. Bert got us posted on indeed; Tony vetted candidates; then Tony, Bert and I conducted interviews.

Also, a big thank you to **Cathy Barber (Auxiliary 12140),** who stepped in from July 2024 on a part-time/three-quarter-time basis to assist the Department and fill the vacancy temporarily. Cathy assisted through the move and left us in June 2025 to return to her family, farm, and auxiliary duties.

Reporting Requirements & Department Dashboard

By now, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year entries should have been submitted to your districts.

- After submission, adjutants should enter the required information into the **Programs Dashboard** on **VFW.org** to ensure posts receive proper credit.
- District adjutants: winner reporting is due no later than **January 5th,** but early submission is recommended.

The **Department Dashboard** is fully operational. Nicky and I update it daily as post reporting comes in. If proof of completion hasn’t appeared after a week, send a friendly reminder email. If inspections are missing, it may be because the report is still with the state inspector.

Proof of Eligibility (POE)

Several posts have been unclear on adjutant duties. Key responsibilities include:

- **Obtain POE within 30 days** of election or appointment from all officers.
- Review POE with the **Commander** and **Quartermaster.**
- Retain POE in a file for the **term of office.**
- POE can include:
 - Authorized campaign medal
 - Proof of hostile fire or imminent danger pay
 - Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days
 - Honorable or general discharge
- A **redacted DD-214 (Copy 4)** is acceptable as long as the character of service is not redacted.
- Notify HQ if POE indicates a member may not be eligible for membership.

Note: One of the most overlooked items during inspections is maintaining a POE file for officers pursuant to **Section 216.** Contact HQ for guidance if needed.

Bylaws Review

We are starting a **full review of all post and district bylaws.** Don’t be surprised if you receive an email from **admin@vfwor.org (Nicky)** requesting your most current bylaws if HQ doesn’t have a copy.

Key points:

- Several posts indicated bylaws were under review by the CIC, but were sitting in inboxes.
- VFW National is allowing us to submit bylaws signed since 2023 for review.
- While not required, reviewing bylaws older than 10 years ensures operations align with stated rules.
- Most bylaws include a provision that a copy be provided to all officers, which hasn’t always been happening.
- We are considering adding a **“Bylaw Date”** section to the Department Dashboard.
- If your post has never adopted bylaws and relied on National’s, now is the time to vote some in.

Resources: Post bylaw templates are available on **VFW.org** (member login). Nicky and I can provide the most updated versions.

Podium Edition

The digital version of the **2026 Veterans of Foreign Wars Podium Edition** is available on **VFW.org** (member login). A paper copy can be purchased in the **VFW Store.**

For adjutants unsure of their duties, turn to **page 75 (white section)** for a summary of responsibilities.

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Adjutant, Department of Oregon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

VOICE OF
DEMOCRACY

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

VFW

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Oregon

Banquet

Jan. 17, 2026

Seaside Convention Center

415 1st Ave
Seaside, OR 97138
[Directions](#)

DINNER

Meal Choice - Naturally Gluten Free - \$40 per person
Entrees served with blue cheese scalloped potatoes, seasonal vegetables, a house green salad and dinner rolls.

Dijon Chicken Breast

⇒ Marinated chicken breast panko breaded then grilled, served with a honey mustard dipping sauce.

OR

Roasted Pork Tenderloin

⇒ Pacific Fresh roasted pork tenderloin topped with a mushroom Demi-Glace

Vegan Option

⇒ Dijon Portobello Mushroom

Dessert

Alternate Lemon Cream Cake and Oregon Berry Cobbler

PURCHASE BANQUET TICKETS



ROOMS

\$124-\$144 plus tax
King or 2 Queen
King or 2 Queen with Kitchenette

HOTELS

Inn at Seaside
441 2nd Ave, Seaside, OR 97138
☎ : 503-738-9581
Group code: b203552
[Directions](#)

River Inn at Seaside
531 Avenue A, Seaside, OR 97138
☎ : 503-717-5744
Group code: b860966
[Directions](#)

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VFVA DEPARTMENT OF OREGON VFS CHAIRMAN REPORT



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Brothers and Sisters of Oregon VFW Auxiliaries,

This is the time of year when many of us are reaching out and volunteering with Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drives. With the Federal Shutdown, many of our veterans, service members, and military families have been affected by food insecurities and everyday uncertainties.

Today, the government is opening back up, yet there will still be some delays. No veteran, service member, or military family should ever have to choose between groceries, pet food, and other basic needs. By understanding the current **Oregon EBT/SNAP** situation, sharing trusted resources like **Oregon Food Bank** and **FIDO Pet Food Bank**, and engaging in the VFW–Humana **Uniting to Combat Hunger** campaign, our VFW Auxiliary can stand in the gap—ensuring that those who served never stand in a food line alone.

If you or someone you know is struggling with food, please reach out, use these resources, and let your VFW family walk alongside you.

The Current Situation with Oregon EBT (SNAP)

Many veterans, families, and caregivers rely on the Oregon Trail (EBT) card for SNAP food benefits, so recent national news about federal shutdowns and court decisions has understandably caused a lot of anxiety.

Here’s what’s happening **right now in Oregon**:

- The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) has confirmed that **100% of November 2025 SNAP benefits have been loaded onto EBT cards for all Oregon recipients.**
- However, federal court rulings and budget negotiations continue to create uncertainty for **future months** of SNAP across the country.

Because this situation can change quickly, veterans and families should always check **official state sources** for the most current information:

- **ODHS SNAP page:** Information on applying, renewing, and updates on federal changes.
- **Benefits help line:** 800-699-9075 (Mon–Fri, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.).
- **Find local help:** Call **211** or visit 211info.org to be connected with food, housing, and other resources anywhere in Oregon.

If your EBT benefits don’t show up when you expect them or if you receive a confusing letter, call ODHS or 211 as soon as you can. You don’t have to navigate this alone.

Food Assistance for People: Oregon Food Bank

The **Oregon Food Bank (OFB)** is one of the strongest sources of free groceries in our state and many VFW Posts and Auxiliaries partner with local pantries in the OFB network.

What Oregon Food Bank provides:

- A network of food banks and pantries offering **free food and groceries across Oregon and Southwest Washington.**
- No proof of income or documentation is required at most locations.
- Many sites also help connect people with other supports, like nutrition education and health resources.

How to get help from Oregon Food Bank:

- **Website:** oregonfoodbank.org
- Click **“Find Food”** and enter your ZIP code to see food pantries, meal sites, and distribution events near you.
- **Food Assistance Hotline / Main Line:** 503-282-0555
- **Address (Portland / Metro Services):**
[7900 NE 33rd Drive, Portland, OR 97211](https://www.oregonfoodbank.org/locations/portland)

If you’re a veteran, a family member, or a caregiver, you are welcome at OFB partner sites. You can also ask your local pantry if they’re already linked with a VFW Post or Auxiliary—or suggest a partnership if they aren’t yet.

Food Assistance for Pets: FIDO Pet Food Bank

We know that many veterans consider their pets part of the family. When money is tight, it’s heartbreaking to worry about feeding your animals, too. This organization will assist you throughout Oregon.

Friends Involved in Dog Outreach (FIDO) Pet Food Bank in Oregon City helps keep pets and people together by providing pet food to households in need, including veterans.

FIDO Pet Food Bank details:

- **Name:** Friends Involved in Dog Outreach (FIDO) – Pet Food Bank
- **Physical address:** 14186 Fir St, Oregon City, OR 97045
- **Phone:** 503-655-FOOD (3663)
- **Website:** fidoanimeals.org

Hours & how it works (check their site for updates before you go):

- **Pet Food Bank day:**
 - Open the **3rd Saturday of each month** from **9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**
 - Be in line by **1:45 p.m.** to receive assistance. fidoanimeals.org
- **Emergency help:**
 - **Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., by appointment only** (call 503-655-3663).
- New clients are asked to fill out a short Pet Food Bank application. There is a **specific application for veterans**, recognizing the unique needs of those who’ve served. fidoanimeals.org

Encourage any veteran who’s skipping meals to feed their pet—or considering giving up their animal—to reach out to FIDO instead. Help is there.

VFW + Humana: A Strong Partnership for Food Security

For more than a decade, the **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)** and **Humana** have worked together to support veterans’ health and social needs, including food security.

In 2018, they launched the **Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH)** campaign in partnership with **Feeding America®**, focused on reducing hunger among veterans, military families, and communities across the country.

Over the years, the campaign has grown and evolved:

- By 2024, Uniting to Combat Hunger had helped provide **more than 5.6 million meals** to food-insecure families nationwide.
- Recently, VFW and Humana expanded the effort into the broader **“Uniting for Veterans”** program, which addresses **both hunger and homelessness**, and has now provided **more than 6.4 million meals** and hundreds of nights of housing for veterans and their families.

Through this partnership, local Posts and Auxiliaries are encouraged and empowered to run food drives, partner with community organizations, and directly support veterans who are facing food insecurity.

The Uniting to Combat Hunger Campaign & Grants

The **Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH)** initiative remains a key part of VFW Foundation’s work, even as it expands under the Uniting for Veterans umbrella.

Some key features of the campaign and related grants:

- **VFW Foundation UTCH / Uniting for Veterans Grants:**
 - Matching grants (often up to **\$1,500**) for VFW Posts and Auxiliaries that donate money, food, or supplies to local food banks, pantries, or homeless relief organizations.
- **Partnership with Feeding America®:**
 - Ensures UTCH efforts are linked to a national network of food banks, making every donated dollar and can of food go further.
- **Focus on suicide prevention and health:**
 - VFW highlights that food insecurity and homelessness are serious risk factors for suicide and other health issues—especially among veterans—making this campaign a direct investment in veteran well-being.

Participating in UTCH/Uniting for Veterans doesn’t just fight hunger; it also strengthens local partnerships, raises the VFW’s visibility in the community, and connects veterans to resources they may not know exist.

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How Our Auxiliary & Community Members Can Take Action

Here are concrete ways our VFW Auxiliary, Posts, and community partners can step up right now:

1. Share Food Resources Widely

- Make sure veterans and families know about:
 - **Oregon Food Bank** – oregonfoodbank.org • 503-282-0555
 - **FIDO Pet Food Bank** – fidoanimeals.org • 503-655-FOOD (3663)
 - **211info** – Dial **2-1-1**, text your ZIP code to **898211**, or visit 211info.org for help finding nearby food resources and SNAP assistance.

2. Host Food & Pet Food Drives

- Coordinate a food drive at your Post or in partnership with local businesses.
- Include **pet food** in your collections and deliver it to FIDO or a local animal food pantry.

3. Connect with UTCH / Uniting for Veterans Grants

- When your Post or Auxiliary donates to organizations like Oregon Food Bank or FIDO, explore whether you qualify for a **matching grant** through the VFW Foundation’s Uniting to Combat Hunger / Uniting for Veterans program.

4. Volunteer Together

- Organize Auxiliary volunteer days at Oregon Food Bank warehouses or local pantries.

- Invite Humana representatives or community partners to join you and help highlight veteran-specific resources.

5. Check In on Each Other

- Sometimes, veterans won’t say they’re skipping meals. Regularly check in with members, widows/widowers, and caregivers.
- Remind them there is **no shame** in reaching out for help—these programs exist because our nation values their service.

This is just a few bits of information I gathered. I know there are many organizations out there ready to help in your communities.

If you have any questions or additional information to share, please contact me and I will do my best to spread the word.

This is too long for our website, but the information is important and relevant. Please share with your Posts and Auxiliaries.

Thank You,

Tracy Bogard

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TREASURER’S NOTES



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Well, we’re getting closer to the end of this year and doing fairly well with our obligations and donations. If your auxiliary hasn’t done this yet, please talk about this at your next meeting and get your money into the Department. If you haven’t written up any standing rules, please get some written up. It will certainly help your treasurer if you have them written up so that they can pay some of your obligations without having to wait for a meeting to make sure you put your bond in your standing rules. Write it out so that the treasurer can send in the bond for 1.5% of what you have in your accounts. If you have \$20,000.00 in your account, then you should bond your auxiliary for \$30,000.00 so you will probably get all or most of your money back from the bonding company.

As the treasurer, I am hoping that you have all sent out a second dues notice for your members that haven’t paid their dues. Remind them that if they

don’t get them paid by December 31, 2025, they will no longer be a member in good standing. Have your auxiliary look at the names that are still on your list and think about paying the dues on the people that you vote to pay.

Remember, we have many programs that really need your help—our hospitals and scholarships are coming up soon. It would be nice to have some more money to give the winners and show that we appreciate their hard work. We also have the Military Ball coming up and we will need money for that soon. I know that it sounds like all I am doing is begging for money, but some of our funds are really low right now and they need some help.

Please make sure when you turn in your applications to me, they are totally filled out so that it takes less time to get them processed and the members can become members faster. I got one not too long ago and the recruiter wasn’t written on the form or even the auxiliary number or town. When I looked a little further, there were no signatures on the investigating committee either. This is valuable information, so please take just a little while to take a look at the form before you send it in.

I hope many of you get online and get on my Zoom meeting to learn about the things that are coming down from National. I will probably have a few more classes next week or the week after as we have some people that are out of town this week, so reach out to me and we will schedule more. If you don’t get the information, you will have some problems at the beginning of the year.

Have a great month and hope to see you on Zoom. I am enjoying my classes so far.



Please join us in welcoming **Nicole Bornstedt (aka “Nicky”)** to the VFW Department of Oregon Headquarters as our new **Administrative Assistant**.

Nicole comes from a proud military family—both of her parents served in the U.S. Air Force and both grandfathers fought in World War II, serving on the European and Pacific fronts. She has always held deep respect for the military and is honored to now support our veterans and members through her work with the Department.

In her free time, Nicole enjoys exploring various art mediums, including watercolor, markers, and digital painting. One of her favorite subjects to depict and study is dinosaurs.

If you call Department Headquarters and hear an unfamiliar voice, it’s likely Nicole assisting you. Please update your contacts to reflect that Nicole now holds the email address **admin@vfwor.org**, previously used by Cathy Barber.

We are thrilled to have Nicole join our team and look forward to the positive contributions she will bring to our organization.

Welcome,
Nicole!



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WEBSITE UPDATES

Our website is undergoing some major updates. On the public side, refinement and reorganization is slowly happening. Adding in a local events page was exciting and it is great to add in events for our veterans and families to enjoy.

Next up, a new and updated "about" page that will engage readers. It is my hope to have that page redesigned and up in a few weeks. On the “Members Only” side, our site is a little less exciting, but the goal is to make it more useful for members. There have been some updates like the searchable Department By-laws page and a form to request a website update in case members have a request.

The most exciting new area is a hip *pocket training* area that is currently under construction. We are looking for training materials/classes from posts or members that can be used as source materials to set up a digital repository of training topics. Each topic will have links to national materials in addition to FAQs on each topic and any prepared lessons that folks are willing to share. Having the knowledge in an organized, ready-to-use format should be a game changer for SOIs.

The following are the current topics under development:

- ◆ Action Core
- ◆ All American Tips
- ◆ Community Service
- ◆ Conventions
- ◆ Document Organization
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By: Theresa Dearman

NATIONAL HOME

Is the National Home infested with COOTIES? I would say yes, big time. The Cooties and AUX have been around for a long time. It is hard to get rid of them. The Cooties have supplied a firehouse and two fire trucks for the protection of the National Home.

In the past, the Fire Chief from Eadon Rapids came out and trained the older teens on how to be firemen. The training did work out great. The young firefighters had put out three fires. About two years ago, the Fire Marshal of Michigan put a stop to the teens from manning the fire trucks and said they were too young. The firetrucks are now manned by volunteer firefighters.

The Cooties also bought a pickup truck for the National Home, which is used for maintenance. This year, they bought a plow attachment to be fitted to the maintenance truck to help keep the streets clear of snow and ice after a snow-storm. I was told that this was a much-needed unit.

So, as you can see, the National Home is infested with the much-loved COOTIES.

By Michael Malish



The Oregon House at the VFW National Home. All VFW and Auxiliary members should have a sense of accomplishment for funding/maintaining this home.

Proudly sponsored by the VFW Department of Oregon and its Auxiliary.

Take a virtual tour of the Oregon house at the VFW National Home!

Built in 1957
1,620 Square Feet
3 Bed, 1.5 Bath

More information can be found at:

<https://vfwnationalhome.org/about-us/community/homes/oregon/>

From the National Home Facebook Page (8/15/25):

This week, we’re thrilled to shine a spotlight on the charming Oregon house! 🏡 ✨ Built in 1957, this lovely 3-bedroom home has been cherished by many families over the years. One of its most delightful features is the sunroom, perfect for relaxing and enjoying the sunshine! A heartfelt thank you to the VFW Department of Oregon and their amazing Auxiliary for their generous support! Your kindness is what keeps this house a warm and welcoming space, ensuring it continues to be a haven for all who enter. Here’s to many more joyful memories to come! 🎉 ❤️



Pictured Above: A snapshot of the new “Events” page on the vfwor.org website!

UPDATES

MILITARY WOMEN MEMORIAL
Sharing HER Story

The Military Women's Memorial (MWM) launched an online campaign several years ago to capture the experiences and history of over three million servicewomen who have served in the US Armed Forces since the American Revolution. From the earliest days of the nation, women have been serving alongside men to gain and preserve liberty, but it was difficult to find them in our history books.

The MWM has created a new website, an easier online registration portal, and eliminated the fee for registering a woman veteran. They are the only historical repository in our country, which documents the experiences of women in the military. Located at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, a visit to the MWM includes an education center, interactive exhibitions, stories from women veterans, and engaging events.

If you know of a servicewoman or woman veteran, please take advantage of the free registration to ensure HER story joins the thousands of individual stories that make up their register. More information can be found at: <https://womensmemorial.org/>

By: Andrea D. Summerlin, Women Veterans Committee Chair



AMERICANISM

Many of us that served in the military might think we know what Americanism is. We think it is a love for the United States and of the country’s values. The VFW describes Americanism as “an unfailing love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideas; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty and posterity (all future generations of people).”

The Americanism Program does the following:

- ◊ Promotes patriotism by celebrating America’s Patriotic Days
- ◊ Teaches respect and proper care for the U.S. Flag
- ◊ Brings attention to Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action by hosting POW/MIA ceremonies to both educate the public and honor those special veterans
- ◊ Recognizes the nation's top classroom elementary, junior high, and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America’s history and traditions effectively
- ◊ Promotes the American Flag 13 Folds program

As veterans, we should promote and participate in Americanism every day of every year. There are many things a Post, a District and an individual can do to promote Americanism. Here are just a few ideas, but I know you can think of many more:

- ◊ Fly the American Flag every day at your Post Home or at your private home
- ◊ Present Flags to different organizations or if you see a tattered flag, donate a new one
- ◊ Hold flag etiquette sessions with various other organizations
- ◊ Furnish Color Guards for Civic Programs, athletic events, and Memorial Services
- ◊ Remember Memorial Day, Independence Day, Patriot’s Day, POW/MIA Recognition Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Loyalty Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and other Memorial Military days

As the youth are the next generation, we should strive to ensure the youth of tomorrow are proud of our country. According to a recent Harvard poll, only 41% of today’s youth (ages 18-29) state they are proud to be American. Almost a third (29%) say they are embarrassed to be an American. Let’s work together to ensure today’s youth will have the same love of America that we all did when we were young.

By: Andrea D. Summerlin, Committee Chair



ALBANY VETERANS DAY PARADE

There will be photos and a story in the next newsletter from the Albany Veterans Day parade and the Women Veterans Float. I have been planning this event for many months and believe it will be a fun day!

A group of incredible women veterans are coming together to raise awareness that women have served with honor, just like our male counterparts. This is a chance to represent, connect, and celebrate our shared service.

By Marie McCandless



UPDATES

2025–2026 WINTER DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

DIST.	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	Dept Rep	REMARKS
2	24-Jan	10:00 AM	Zoom	SVC	
3	24-Jan	12:00 PM	Post# 4248 3281 SE Riviere Dr. Milwaukie, OR 97267	SVC	
4	11-Jan	12:00 PM	Post# 3440 55352 Bates Rd Bandon, OR 97411	JA	
5	6-Dec	12:00 PM	Post # 1383 515 Klamath Ave. Klamath Falls, OR 97601	JA	Potluck 1100
6			Zoom	Surg	Will be done through Zoom due to Eastern Oregon weather
7			TBD	JA	
8			TBD	Surg	
10	10-Jan	1:00 PM	Post# 4108 491 SW Veterans Way Redmond, OR 97756	JA	
13	10-Jan	10:00 AM	Post# 293 1626 Willamette St Eugene, OR 97401-4046	JVC	
14	25-Jan	2:00 PM	Post# 3437 580 Main St Sweet Home, OR 97386	JVC	
15	21-Feb	9:00 AM	Post #4273 38975 Proctor Blvd, Sandy, OR 97055	JCV	Clackamas County Bank Bldg
16	10-Jan	1:00 PM	Post # 3452 18820 SW Boones Ferry Rd Tualatin, OR 97062	SVC	

Surgeon

Judge Advocate

Jr. Vice Commander

Sr. Vice Commander

Districts 6, 8

Districts 4,5,7,10

Districts 13,14,15

Districts 2, 3, 16

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If you have information or news you want to share about your Post, Auxiliary or membership, we want to know!
Send documents and/or pictures to:

Andrea Summerlin at asummerlin23@gmail.com

All submissions will be subject to approval by Department leadership. Include a contact number in case we have questions about your submission.

Pictures should be in .jpg format and articles can either be sent in an email or attached as a word document.

We want to hear from you!

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Honoring our legacy life members.

Legacy Life membership enables VFW Life members to leave a lasting impression on our great organization.

Three prestigious levels of Legacy Life membership are available: Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Each level offers generous benefits reserved exclusively for Legacy Life members. Once your Legacy Life membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department and the national organization. You will feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are not only helping to-day’s veterans but the veterans of tomorrow.

You may also purchase a Memorial Legacy in the name of a deceased VFW Annual or Life member to help future generations know and remember their sacrifice and contributions.

Take pride in knowing you're not only helping today's veterans, but the veterans of tomorrow. Join the prestigious ranks of VFW Legacy Life members.

Post	First Name	Middle	Last Name	Suffix	Legacy Level
180	Maynard	C	Smith*		Bronze
180	Gregorio		Abrajan		Gold
180	Edwin	D	Anderson		Bronze
180	Robert	L	Dooms	Jr.	Gold
180	Scott		Gill		Gold
180	Thomas	M	Lande		Bronze
180	Michael	L	Martin		Gold
180	Eugene	D	Melvin		Bronze
180	Val	G	Shaull		Bronze
180	Rodney	R	Short		Bronze
293	James	I	Bell*		Bronze
293	Robert	A	Dougherty*		Bronze
293	Frank	J	Blair		Gold
293	Mark	D	Chapman		Gold
293	Arnold	B	Christensen		Bronze
293	William	A	Ivanoff		Gold
293	Anthony	A	Jaques		Bronze
293	Joseph	M	Rosano		Bronze
293	Charles	A	Stolsig		Bronze
293	Adalbert	E	Toepel	Jr.	Bronze
293	Nicholas	J	Urhausen		Bronze
584	Daniel	W	Mason*		Gold
584	Melvin	L	Chaput		Gold
584	Monte	L	Holcomb		Bronze
584	James	M	Willis		Bronze
661	Herman	A	Mac Donald*		Bronze
661	Robert	F	Osterlund*		Bronze
661	Louis		Bondi		Silver
661	Leonard	V	Goss		Gold
661	Andrew		Holbert		Bronze
661	Wesley	J	Larson		Silver
661	James	J	Montes		Bronze
661	Jesus		Montes		Gold
661	Robert		Osborne		Bronze
661	Matthew	W	Price		Bronze
661	Greg		Terhune		Gold
661	Terry	Burdean	Traxler		Silver
661	Rodney	M	Ulberg		Bronze
661	Gregory	L	Warnock		Bronze
661	Jay	D	Wylie		Bronze
661	Kerry	A	Wymetalek		Gold
922	James	F	Hand*		Gold
922	Steven	J	Alderman		Gold
922	Judith	A	Burger		Gold
922	Richard	E	Halverson		Gold
922	Roger	B	Rasico		Gold
922	Clifford	R	Smith		Gold
922	Nicholas	R	Van Kirk		Gold
966	Nelson	J.	Sprague		Bronze
1324	John	A	Baranek*		Gold
1324	Robert	W	Black*		Bronze
1324	Wallace	L	Fulbright*		Bronze
1324	Gerry	B	Mcateer*		Silver
1324	Justus	P.	Mills*		Silver
1324	William	M	Trumble*		Bronze
1324	Gregory	A	Arnold		Gold
1324	Shannon	M	Arnold		Bronze
1324	Neil	E	Birch		Gold
1324	Michael		Blackwell		Bronze
1324	James	A	Boardman		Silver
1324	Waymon	A	Bonner		Bronze
1324	Shawn	P	Dachtler		Gold
1324	Maurice	A	Deets		Bronze
1324	Robert	T	Dingle	Jr.	Bronze
1324	Ronald	D	Emerson		Gold
1324	Edward	L	Gresham		Gold
1324	Paul	H	Harris		Bronze
1324	Oscar	H	Johnson	Jr.	Bronze

*Indicates Legacy Life members who have passed on.

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1324	David	M	Kidd		Bronze
1324	Arthur	E	Kimball		Gold
1324	Michael	D.	Kloberdance		Bronze
1324	James	G	McDonald		Gold
1324	Larry	S.	Megert		Bronze
1324	Dale	K	Miller		Silver
1324	John	S	Morell	Jr.	Silver
1324	Larry	W	Moseley		Gold
1324	Steven		Prowant		Silver
1324	D	J.	Ruger		Gold
1324	Donald	D	Slack		Bronze
1324	Joseph	M	Stutzman		Bronze
1324	Edgar		Wales		Bronze
1324	Franklin	R	West		Gold
1325	James	H	Mc Gee*	Jr.	Gold
1325	Bruce	W	Hall		Gold
1325	Reid	J	Trummel		Silver
1383	Ronald	E	Ballard		Gold
1383	Karen	H	Johnson		Gold
1383	Roger	A	Pattee		Gold
1383	Phillip	C	Van Buren		Gold
1383	Duane	G	Whitehead		Gold
1643	Michael	P	Boehme*		Gold
1643	Byron	J	Smith		Gold
1833	Hugh	E	Crawford		Bronze
1833	Ralph	T	Groover		Bronze
1833	Gary	C	Lowe		Gold
1833	Jonathan	P	Lucky		Silver
1833	Robert	K	Penney		Gold
1833	Peter	J	Pringle		Bronze
1833	Oscar	C	Willis		Bronze
1833	Kenneth	D	Wilson		Bronze
2302	Robert	F	Brown		Gold
2302	Charles	E	Delore		Bronze
2302	Glenn	D	German		Silver
2302	Martin	S	Hillman	Jr.	Gold
2468	Michael	D	Eakin		Bronze
2468	Thomas	W	Janusz		Gold
2468	Earl	T	McAloney		Gold
2468	David	L	West		Bronze
2666	Carl	G	Anderson*		Silver
2666	Ellsworth	H	Bell*		Gold
2666	Don	R	Bowen		Bronze
2666	Andrew	L	Eason		Gold
2666	Daniel	F	Fink		Bronze
2666	Gerald	E	Hinz		Silver
2666	Rick	D	Johnson		Silver
2666	Dennis	C	Marsh		Gold
2666	Michael	R	Premi		Bronze
2666	Larry	R	Tomb		Bronze
2666	Dale	S	Yee		Bronze
2848	James	W	Allenbrand*		Gold
2994	Michal	D	Tolleshaug		Gold
3182	Michael	C	Malish		Gold
3203	Dennis	R	Pratt*		Silver
3203	Terry		Smith		Bronze
3203	Steven	A	Storey		Bronze
3232	Anthony	V	Cavarno*		Bronze
3232	Russell	E	Downs*		Bronze
3232	James	W	Gerth*		Bronze

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Post	First Name	Middle	Last Name	Suffix	Legacy Level
3232	Milton	G	Gravell*		Bronze
3232	Robert	J	Jackson*		Bronze
3232	Phillip	M	Jarvis*		Gold
3232	Frederick	T	Kolbeck*		Gold
3232	Vincent	R	Le Piane*		Bronze
3232	Timothy	K	Marler*		Bronze
3232	Dennis	R	Marsh*		Silver
3232	Merritt	C	Mosby*		Bronze
3232	Rex	L	Ruck*		Gold
3232	Robert	B	Woerner*		Silver
3232	Harley	O	Youngblood*		Bronze
3232	Bruce	D	Andrade		Gold
3232	Thomas	S	Benedict		Bronze
3232	Nicole	A	Buckley		Bronze
3232	Fred	M	Burns		Bronze
3232	Richard		Childs		Bronze
3232	Gary	W	Covert		Gold
3232	Paul	L	Gargis		Gold
3232	Harry		Gualco		Bronze
3232	Gerald	F	Hernandez		Silver
3232	Keith	R	Kraft		Gold
3232	John	E	McBride		Bronze
3232	Harold	D	Morgan	Sr.	Silver
3232	Daniel		Palos		Gold
3232	Charles	K	Pennington	Jr.	Bronze
3232	Terri	W	Pennington		Bronze
3232	Allen	R	Ransom		Gold
3232	Gordon		Rhodes		Bronze
3232	Terry	J	Robertson		Bronze
3232	Timothy	N	Sapp		Gold
3232	Marcus	H	Sharbowski		Gold
3232	Bruce	W	Smith		Bronze
3232	David	R	Snyder		Bronze
3232	Thomas	F	Spayd		Gold
3232	James	W	Swant		Bronze
3232	Ronald	R	Tate		Bronze
3437	Marion	M	Fritts		Bronze
3437	Vernon	L	Holdridge		Gold
3437	Daniel	C	Mcorie		Bronze
3437	Ronald	W	Wilson		Silver
3440	William	R	Henry		Bronze
3440	Larry	D	Langenberg		Bronze
3440	Donnie	G	Wise		Gold
3452	Lawrence	J	Howard*		Bronze
3452	Harvey	A	Pitcher*		Gold
3452	Shaun	D	Benson		Bronze
3452	Charles	E	Chamberlin		Bronze
3452	Joshua	A.	Colebank		Gold
3452	Joseph	L	Gamiao		Gold
3452	Ted	D	Gilbo		Gold
3452	Paul	A	Maidel	Jr.	Gold
3452	Steven	C	Marx		Silver
3452	Arthur	V	Mauer		Bronze
3452	Roger	D	Pack		Gold
3452	James	D	Robbins		Bronze
3452	Stephen	E	Rutter		Bronze
3473	Kenneth	E	Hunt		Bronze
3473	Jerry	T	Kerns		Bronze
3473	Monroe	W	Parrish		Bronze
3473	Mary	K	Sweezy		Bronze
3957	Lawrence	R	Alexander		Gold
3957	David	T	Houston		Bronze
3965	Steven	M	Boosinger*		Gold
3965	Carl	M	Pelzel*		Gold
3965	Jess	M	Wise*	Jr.	Gold
3965	Michael	L	Beyerlin		Bronze
3965	Robert	A	Cox		Gold
3965	Dan	S	Henry		Gold
3965	Norman	M	Henshen		Gold
3965	Paul		Laird	Sr.	Bronze
3965	James	E	Manson		Gold
3965	James	E	Matthews		Gold
3965	Roger	W	Piper		Gold
3965	John	P	Stanks		Gold
3973	Jason		Carroll*		Gold
3973	Roscoe	V	Dorsett*		Bronze
3973	Ronald	W	Jagodnik*		Gold
3973	David	H	Wallace*		Silver
3973	Wayne	L	Barber		Bronze
3973	George	E	Carroll		Gold

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3973	Kenneth	L	Carroll		Gold
3973	Daniel	E	Cushman		Silver
3973	John	A	Dobbs		Silver
3973	Daun	A	Dreyer		Bronze
3973	Andrew	L	Fosket		Bronze
3973	Jason	F	Griswold		Gold
3973	Robert		Haltiner		Bronze
3973	Jeffrey	D	Knight		Gold
3973	Larry	D	Markus		Silver
3973	Michael	D	Moore		Bronze
3973	Stephen	G	Morris		Gold
3973	Jose	S	Rodriguez		Silver
3973	Mitchell		Stephens		Gold
3973	Luke	T	Weintz		Bronze
3973	Rodney	W	Wymore		Gold
4015	Lester	E	Beecroft*		Bronze
4015	Leonard	D.	Braithwait*	Jr.	Bronze
4015	Donald	R	Cooke*		Bronze
4015	Seth	J	Forquer*		Bronze
4015	Richard	G	Lightfoot*		Bronze
4015	Randall	E	Savage*		Bronze
4015	Leonard		Schorzmann*		Bronze
4015	Stanley	L	Beecroft		Bronze
4015	Leon	L	Blanchard		Bronze
4015	Cheryl	E	Campos		Gold
4015	Magno	T	Campos	Jr.	Bronze
4015	Thomas	G	Clayton		Silver
4015	Christopher		Dauterman		Gold
4015	George	P	Edmonston		Bronze
4015	Daniel	W	Helfrich		Bronze
4015	Ronald		Lafountain		Bronze
4015	Raymond	L	Mack	Jr.	Bronze
4015	Hubert	M	Mardock		Bronze
4015	Juan	M	Palacios		Gold
4015	Alvin	A	Tesky		Bronze
4039	John	R	Clark*		Bronze
4039	Michael	G	Coltharp*		Bronze
4039	Rick	L	Higgins*		Gold
4039	Alfred	R	January*		Bronze
4039	Melvin	L	Northcutt*		Bronze
4039	Camren	J	Baker		Gold
4039	Vernon	A	Beard		Gold
4039	Robert	A	Beck		Bronze
4039	Bill	E	Beer		Bronze
4039	Mathew	E	Bohman		Gold
4039	Richard	L	Colson		Silver
4039	Leonard	M	Hecker		Bronze
4039	David	W	Hendrick		Bronze
4039	James	E	Horton		Gold
4039	Richard	A	Leppin		Bronze
4039	Gene	D	Lord		Silver
4039	Steven	P	Shallenberger		Bronze
4039	Jonathan	David	Tellason		Silver
4039	Bryce	L	Watson		Bronze
4060	Edward	E	Tibbs		Bronze
4108	Harold	G	Davidson*		Gold
4108	Gary	D	Pitman*		Silver
4108	John	R	Wrinkle*		Gold
4108	Charles	E	Chester	Jr.	Gold
4108	Dennis	G	Guthrie		Gold
4108	William	E	Pieters		Gold
4108	James	A	Russum		Bronze
4108	Joseph	J	Steller		Bronze
4108	Dan	S	Tureck		Gold
4211	Lee	K	Saddler		Bronze
4227	James	H	Buisman		Gold
4227	Robert	R	May		Gold
4227	Michael	R	Petersen		Gold
4227	Charles	R	Ritz		Gold
4227	Andrea	D	Summerlin		Gold

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Post	First Name	Middle	Last Name	Suffix	Legacy Level
4227	Rodney	Scott	Terry	Sr.	Bronze
4227	Lance		White		Bronze
4248	Gregory	L	Drais*		Gold
4248	Thomas	R	Mc Neal*		Bronze
4248	Albert	A	Reijonen*		Bronze
4248	Jay	B	Agler		Bronze
4248	Dale	N	Guldenzopf		Gold
4248	William	C	Hughes		Bronze
4248	Sharon	M	Ploor		Silver
4273	Robert	L	Anderson*		Bronze
4273	Terry	E	Boyer*		Silver
4273	Tonya	M	Abregana		Bronze
4273	Allen	P	Anderson		Gold
4273	Steven		Atterberry		Gold
4273	Bert	W	Key		Gold
4273	David	B	Lowe		Gold
4273	William	H	Miller		Gold
4273	Virgil	L	Newberry		Silver
4273	Michael	J	O Leary		Bronze
4273	James	M	Ramsey		Bronze
4273	Marcus		Walters		Gold
4307	Ann	M	Gosnell		Bronze
4307	James	D	Henson		Bronze
4362	Jerry		Peal*		Bronze
4362	Roger	J	Antonich		Bronze
4362	Philip	G	Bisner		Bronze
4362	Russell	P	Clark		Bronze
4362	William	G	Crist		Gold
4362	Joshua	J	Davis		Bronze
4362	Thomas	P	Ford		Gold
4362	Steven	M	Harmon		Bronze
4362	Spencer	A	Jones		Bronze
4362	David	P	Sleightam		Bronze
4362	James	A	Walling		Gold
4362	Frank	C	Weber		Bronze
5452	Gary	M	Good*		Bronze
5452	Shannon	M	Kelly*		Bronze
5452	Donald	M	Ristow*		Gold
5452	Lary		Brown		Gold
5452	Harvey		Hatfield	Jr.	Gold
5452	Connie	R	Tanaka		Bronze
6057	Robert	G	Sigleer		Bronze
6057	Janile	L	Yost		Silver
6881	Clarence	O	Neville*		Silver
6881	Robert	D	Walsh*		Bronze
6881	Gerald	A	Zieman*		Bronze
6881	Kirk	A	Mickelsen		Bronze
6881	Larry	E	Poling		Gold
6881	Stephen	B	Waldrum		Bronze
6881	Michael	C	Walker		Bronze
7847	John	A	Duggan		Gold
7847	Michael	F	Herold		Gold
9448	Thomas	G	Laing*		Gold
9448	James	R	Clarke		Gold
9448	Donald	L	Fertgus		Gold
9448	Kathy	A	Lundeen		Silver
9448	Stanley	G	Ritari		Gold
9448	Kerry	G	Shafer		Silver
9745	Frank	C	Griffith		Silver

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10580	Roble		Anderson*		Bronze
10580	Norman	A	Doney*		Bronze
10580	George	I	Gunn*		Bronze
10580	Charles	S	Parker*		Bronze
10580	Tiffany	C	Adams		Bronze
10580	Thomas	L	Anderson		Bronze
10580	Eugene		Bonk		Bronze
10580	E	L	Dunn		Gold
10580	Richard		Gilliam		Bronze
10580	Floyd	E	Holcom		Gold
10580	Melvin	H	Jasmin		Bronze
10580	Albert	A	Little		Gold
10580	Philip	R	Mc Curdy		Bronze
10580	Claude		Miller		Gold
12123	Louis	J	Neubecker*		Gold
12140	Donald	L	Reed*		Gold
12140	Boyd	C	Yaden*		Bronze
12140	Anthony	L	Barber		Gold
12140	Larry	C	Harmon		Bronze
12140	Kenneth	L	Kraft		Gold
12140	Gina	M	Thomas		Bronze
12141	Fred	E	Beebee*		Bronze
12141	Floyd	W	Leach*		Gold
12141	Jonathon	E	Granby		Gold
12141	Leonard	P	Hellwig		Gold
12141	Kenneth	R	Keeton		Gold
12141	Cecilia		Ledford		Bronze
12141	Richard		Lohman		Bronze
12141	Craig	L	Mc Donald		Bronze
12141	Dennis	B	Miller		Bronze
12141	Leonard	L	Parsons		Bronze
12141	Michael	D	Williams		Bronze
12211	Kevin	G	Cole		Bronze
12211	Brian	G	Hackett		Gold
15038	Thomas	A	Lazette*		Bronze
15038	Clifford	N	Mc Cauley*		Gold
15038	James	M	Poling*		Silver
15038	Donald	C	Sopher*		Bronze
15038	Daniel	W	Wakefield*		Gold
15038	Ronald	E	Beaman		Gold
15038	Roger	A	Ege		Gold
15038	Jack	L	Gradle		Bronze
15038	Gordon	K	Hillesland		Gold
15038	Linda	K	Kelly		Silver
15038	Corbin	A	Motter		Gold
15038	Mark	O	Olson		Gold
15038	Jon	W	Parks		Bronze
15038	Charles	A	Prudhon		Silver
15038	Courtland	J	Rawson		Gold
15038	David	A	Teem	Sr.	Gold
15038	Curt	M	Thomas		Gold
15038	Michael	C	Tribble		Silver



MEMBERSHIP

Well done to all of our dedicated recruiters for supporting the growth and sustainability of our organization! Thank you for your ongoing **leadership and commitment** to our mission and for spreading the impact of our work to communities in need.

You are an **inspiration** and truly represent the best of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Thank you all for helping us grow our membership by 142 members!

Post #	Recruiter	Members	District
12140	Anthony L. Barber	6	15
3232	Gary W. Covert	6	13
10580	Claude Miller	5	2
1325	Bruce W. Hall	3	3
4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	3	10
5452	Donald R. Swetland	3	6
12140	Elliott Alter	3	15
1643	Kari E. Doyle	3	10
180	Michael L. Martin	3	15

Congratulations to our top Posts for growing or maintaining your membership! We all know how hard you are working on recruiting and maintaining members.

Post #	Membership %	Current	Prior	Post Name	Division
2848	103.70%	84	81	Bay City	9
4439	102.70%	38	37	Gold Beach	11
3452	102.32	264	258	Tualatin	4
12140	101.68%	121	119	Lake Oswego	7
2994	100.00%	31	31	Clatskanie	11
10639	100.00%	13	13	Junction City	11



TAPS—IN MEMORIAM

THIS PAGE IS TO HONOR OUR AMERICAN MILITARY VETERANS WHO HAVE GONE ON BEFORE US. WHILE HISTORY MAY OVERLOOK MANY OF THE BRAVE DEEDS OF OUR GALLANT SERVICE MEN AND SERVICE WOMEN, THEIR MEMORY WILL EVER LIVE IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLE OF THE GREAT NATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

READ EACH NAME WITH PRIDE AND THANKS, FOR THEY ANSWERED THE CALL TO DUTY AND NOW THE HONOR AND GLORY IS THEIRS. THEY GAVE THEIR ALL FOR US AND THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN! TAPS ARE SOUNDING.

Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
180	Duane	R	Wright
293	Tommy	M	Isaacs
293	Lewis	D	Hookland
293	Eugene	D	Hayden
584	Oswald		Grabotin
584	Dale	E	Hall
661	Robert	L	Hammond
661	Robert	L	Vance
922	Carroll	D	English
922	James	D	Leinweber
966	Frank	H	Durham
1324	Wallace	L	Fulbright
1324	Gary	C	Schwartz
1383	James	R	Patzke
1383	Albert	B	Bensie
1383	Ronald	G	Biles
1383	Paul	F	Johnson
1412	Richard	L	Jacobson
1643	Michael	P	Boehme
1643	Glenn	A	Wrede
1833	Neal	W	Roberts
2302	Elbert	L	Bales
2468	Lawrence	H	Castro
2468	John	L	Dowd
2471	Clyde		Boddington
2666	William	H	Sparks
2666	Douglas		Mulloy
2928	Gary	G	Sullivan
3048	Robert	M	Warner
3048	Benjamin	F	Davis
3203	Brady	E	Crook
3203	Ben		Jackson
3203	Ronald	E	Gonshorowski
3203	Edward	N	Badgett
3437	Cecil	R	Kostman
3440	Richard	J	Giorgis
3452	Rudolph	J	Biglione
3452	Michael	D	Hellberg
3452	Richard		Westby
3452	Gregory	R	Lynch
3473	Melvin		Gowing
3965	Robert	C	Johnson
3973	Thomas	J	Meyer
4015	David	A	Conser

Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
4015	Richard		Garman
4015	Robert	T	Griffin
4015	Thomas	O	Barnes
4039	Robert	W	Elder
4060	Lee	E	Welter
4108	George	J	Murphy
4108	Edward	J	Jenkins
4108	Jerry	L	Wilken
4166	Gordon	E	Stephens
4227	John	K	Palmer
4248	Bob		Hoover
4248	Albert	A	Reijonen
4248	Rondell	L	Clift
4248	Jack	S	Wilson
4248	John	E	Frainey
4273	Honorato		Yacapin
4273	Paul	R	Munsell
4273	Robert	P	Hoy
4273	John		Strauss
4307	Norman	R	Lovell
4362	Henry	C	Willener
5452	Harold	L	Pearson
5452	Emanuel	G	Gonzales
5452	Donald	E	Andersen
7242	Anthony	J	Young
9745	Owen		Chappell
9745	Edwin	M	Rieger
10580	Curtis	L	Nelson
12123	Ronald	D	Danen
15038	Frederick		Bridges
15038	Melvin	H	Dittmer
15038	Jimmie	L	Whitbeck
15038	Lee	C	Fritchman
15038	Robin		Mcginnis
15038	Max	E	Thrasher
15038	William	F	Gross
15038	Alfred		Olsen
15038	Arthur	D	Case
15038	Francis		Church
15038	Leroy	S	Hanna
15038	Vernon	V	Church

“The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude.”

JEFF MILLER

