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Arnold Christensen, Patriot Pen state winner (sponsored by VFW Post 293 ) Londyn Stephen & Bert Little



Dept. Commander Andrea Summerlin, National VFW Auxiliary Conductor Sanra Uzell, Dept. President Debra Duggan with District winners.



Dist. 6 Commander John Duggan & Dist. 6 President Tanya Melnikoff escort Ashlyn Dalton at banquet.

ADVOCATING FOR OUR VETERANS IN WASHINGTON DC AND ATTENDING THE PARADE OF WINNERS!



Oregon delegation in front of the Capitol building.



Just a regular guy: Commander in Chief of the VFW Al Lipphardt not only allowed Oregon's Dept. Commander to sit at his desk, he even served her coffee!



Dept. Commander Andrea Summerlin and Sr. Vice Bert Little at VFW Headquarters in Washington DC.



Dept President Debra Duggan and Dept. Commander Andrea Summerlin waiting to escort Oregon VOD winner Ashlyn Dalton from District 6. Ashlyn placed 9th out of 53 entries, earning her \$3,500!



National and Dept. of Oregon leaders on stage with our Voice of Democracy winner, Ashlyn Dalton.



Dept. Commander Andrea Summerlin with National Commander in Chief Al Lipphardt.



Showing solidarity: Many VFW and Auxiliary members showed up to watch the Commander in Chief's testimony before Congress. Strength in numbers!



Meeting with Senator Jeff Merkley in his DC office. Just one of the Oregon legislators our delegation visited.



Commander in Chief of the VFW addressing Congress during 2025 Legislative Conference.



# UPDATES

## COMMANDER'S CORNER



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Greetings Comrades,

By the time this is published and emailed out to you, an Oregon delegation will have travelled to Washington DC to participate in the VFW Legislative week. Anthony Barber, National Legislative Committee Member, has planned a busy schedule to meet with our representatives on Capitol Hill and advocate for veteran issues. In addition, the Voice of Democracy winners will be announced. This is the first time I will have the opportunity to attend this conference, and I am looking forward to hearing our Commander in Chief testify on behalf of our organization.

Our 2025 Mid-Winter Conference at the Portland Embassy Suites was outstanding and I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to coordinate the event. Our Voice of Democracy District winners and the Department Patriot's Pen, Londyn Stephen from District 13, were recognized. Ashlyn Dalton, a senior at Baker High School, placed first and will represent Oregon at the National event. Mid-Winter was filled with networking, training, learning, and conducting VFW business.

The Three Rivers Post (1324) in Oregon City held a celebration for their 100-year birthday in Mid-February. The event was well organized and attended by a variety of community members and dignitaries. The Post successfully arranged for a video of the event to be created, and it will be distributed soon. The highlight of the event was a plaque which was unveiled with the names of Clackamas County modern era veterans who gave their lives for the preservation of American freedom.

As you might have heard, the Department Headquarters will be moving south to 880 Liberty Street in Salem. This new location will allow for additional training space, ADA accessibility, more parking, and is near the state capital for easy access to meet our Representatives. We are planning an Open House ceremony in early June and everyone will be invited. More information will follow as plans are confirmed.

I am looking forward to finishing our year strong as we prepare for recruiting events. Our membership needs to increase, and those members must be mentored so they are invested in our organization. Information on the June convention should be published on the Department website soon. I want to personally invite each one of you to join us in Pendleton to close the 2025 program year.

Let us recognize the top recruiters in each District who are dedicated to increasing membership this program year. I hope we will see District 8 on this list next time. I am excited to see who Oregon's top recruiter will be in June!

- District 2: Claude (Mitch) Miller - 6
- District 3: Bruce Hall - 3
- District 4: Michael Malish - 3
- District 5: Michael Shults - 3
- District 6: Michael Pratt - 1
- District 7: William Travis - 4
- District 10: Dennis Guthrie - 5
- District 13: Richard Earnest - 6
- District 14: Mark Lamberty - 18\
- District 15: Anthony Barber - 24
- District 16: Paul Maidel - 6

Yours In Comradeship,

Andrea Summerlin, 2024-2025 Commander

## STATE SR. VICE COMMANDER



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The Department's offices, as you should know by now, are moving to Salem. I would like to invite you to stop by once we are on location and visit our new building.

I would like to remind all chairmen you will have to turn in your year-end reports to Department by April 5, 2025. This information is needed at National so we can keep our Non-profit status. Of course, a little friendly competition between Posts with/awards is a nice bonus.

This year has been fast and furious for Posts, Districts, and Department. With bad weather and many Posts celebrating their anniversaries, we have out done ourselves. Each Post should be proud of what you have accomplished this year. You have done training, turned in your CSR's and have started using the electronic reporting system. (This is not an easy task for some of us.) So, if you would like to help Department next year, I am starting to look for some committee members and some chairmen to help with our programs. There will be a list of what is needed that will be sent out later. Please start thinking of what you would like to help with and send it to your Department Sr. Vice Commander.

The Sportsman's show has come and gone for this year. Looking forward to next year.

This coming year we will be having basic training on our programs, reporting deadlines, OMS and CSR reporting along with any topics the posts or districts ask to be presented. We are off to a great start from what I have seen from the reports being done this year. I am looking forward to working with you next year.

Bert Little, Sr. Vice Commander

## STATE JUDGE ADVOCATE



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### A FEW WORDS ABOUT ELECTIONS:

March is the month that all Posts should hold their initial officer nominations, followed by the election of Post officers in April. This makes sense when you consider that it gives the membership time to consider their nominations prior to the elections in April. After the nominations the Commander should communicate to all the Post membership who the nominees are. It may be that a member skipped the initial nominations in March, but it gives the opportunity to nominate a member, or themselves, at the April meeting. I say this so everyone does not assume that the initial nominations are carved in stone. Each elected officer position can have more than one nominee going into the election.

Another thing to think about is the succession of officers in line for the Post Commander, this is the Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice Commander positions. Post Commanders should be looking at these two positions as his or her eventual successors. And those who take on these positions should realize this as well and seek the training required to take on the eventual role as Commander. There are plenty of training resources

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## DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT



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Good morning everyone!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Mid-Winter Conference in Portland, OR at the Embassy Suites.

I would like to congratulate the Scholarship Chairman, Pam Seelye for a job well done. She kept it light and fun. The District winners were all amazing! They are our future, and the future is looking great.

It was wonderful to have our National Conductor, Sandra Uzell as our National representative. I hope all that were there had a chance to visit with her. She was a very enjoyable guest. Sandra was impressed with the Floor Team and most impressed with the way our Auxiliaries work so well together.

I want to thank Valorie Wrinkle and Cookie Little for taking the bull by the horns and getting lunch ordered in for us when the hotel restaurant was not open on Saturday. It is amazing what we accomplish with communication and working together. Thank you all for being patient with the process.

Thank you also to all the Auxiliaries that answered our urgent call when we needed funds to pay the caterer's bill for the annual "National Guard Youth Ball." At our C of A Meeting on Sunday morning we voted to add that program and the Run2Remember to the Veterans and Family Support Program. By doing this we hope to avoid a last-minute rush to gather donations needed to support these events. It is amazing how strong we are when we all work together.

Please continue to reach out to the members who have not paid. We would like to be at 100% as a Department prior to May 1. Treasurers, if you have members in your auxiliary that have not paid their dues, please contact them. Ask them if we can help them meet their obligations. If you need help doing this, please reach out to the Membership Chairman Sonya Sallee or any of the Line Officers. We are here to help your auxiliary be successful.

We have two months left to get our Program reports into the Chairmen, so please have your Auxiliaries turn in their reports.



## STATE JUDGE ADVOCATE Cont.

on the VFW National website about being a Jr. Vice and Sr. Vice Commanders, but also the mentorship that the Post Commander or Past Post Commanders can give, that is probably the best resource out there!

Consult the National Bylaws, Article II, Sections 215, 216, 217, 218, and 221 prior to nominations held in March and the related Manual of Procedure sections as well. Whether you have experience in Post elections or not, this is a good way to understand how Post elections are conducted.

Anchors Aweigh!



**UPDATES**

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Hello Fellow VFW and Auxiliary Members:

The VA has added presumptive cancers to Gulf War and Post 9-11 Veterans. To qualify, veteran must have served in a qualifying location, have a diagnosis, and have a condition that was not diagnosed prior to service.

Bladder Cancer	Acute and Chronic Leukemias
Ureter Cancer	Multiple Myelomas
Related Genitourinary cancers	Myelodysplastic Syndromes
	Myelofibrosis
Effective Date: 2 January 2025	Effective Date: 10 January 2025

Rudisill Decision (Supreme Court Decision)

Background: Veterans with multiple periods of qualifying service (and contributed to) the Montgomery GI Bill (MBIB-AD) and also qualified for the Post 9-11 GI bill (Chapter 33) were required to relinquish (waive) their MBIB-AD to use their entitlement to Chapter 33 Benefits. Veterans who used part (or all) of their MBIB-AD were prohibited from using Chapter 33.

Due to the Rudisill Decision, veterans who have qualifying service and entitlement to both MBIB-AD And Chapter 33 can use both benefits.

If a veteran was forced to relinquish (waive) their MBIB-AD benefit may now qualify for up to 48 months of additional GI Bill benefit.

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/>

New Post Service Officer Guide is available on <https://vfw.org/nvs>

Project Healing Waters

<https://projecthealingwaters.org/location/portland-and-vancouver/>

Free Tai Chi/Qigong:

<https://www.va.gov/portland-health-care/programs/whole-health/active-movement-classes/#tai-chiqigong>

MOVE:

<https://www.va.gov/portland-health-care/programs/whole-health/move-weight-management/>

Cooking Classes:

<https://www.va.gov/portland-health-care/programs/whole-health/nutrition-classes/#healthy-teaching-kitchen-htk>

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**VFW NATIONAL HOME REPORT**



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**NATIONAL HOME**

It is February, it is mighty cold in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Some days their high temperature does not get above zero degrees. They are having a lot of snow right now.

June 28, 2025, the day of The National Homes 100th year anniversary, the temperature will probably be warm, if not downright hot. No matter what the temperature is, we will be thrilled to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the VFW National Home.

It will be an exciting time with so many events for all the family to enjoy. There will be carnival rides, food trucks, a car show and even a beer tent. Also live entertainment by The Bronk Brothers who was Michigan's 2024 Country Hall of Fame inductees. To top everything else, the celebration will conclude with a laser light show that everyone can enjoy.

Please come and join this celebration to honor our veterans and their families. The festival will be held at the National Home campus in Eaton Rapids, Michigan between 11 am and 4 pm on the 28th.

This event is an acknowledgement for our veterans and military families for their sacrifices for our freedoms. If you know a military or veteran family who needs help, encourage them to contact us at 800-313-4200 or [help@vfwnationalhome.org](mailto:help@vfwnationalhome.org).

So, save the date and come and enjoy the festivities with me and our fellow veterans.



Left: Michael Malish manning the VFW National Home booth at Oregon's Mid-Winter Conference.



Above: National Commander in Chief Al Lipphardt with National President Brenda Bryant and the 2024-2025 Department Commanders and Presidents. Circled are our own Department of Oregon Commander Andrea Summerlin and Department President Debra Duggan.

**THE NATIONAL VFW AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OREGON EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS!**

The National organization sent out a list of Posts in Oregon celebrating significant anniversaries between the months of February and April of 2025. Apparently February was a very good month for the Department of Oregon!

Congratulations to the following:

VFW POST NUMBER	DATE ESTABLISHED	CHARTER CITY	ANNIVERSARY
Three Rivers Post 1324	February 17, 1925	Oregon City	100th
Peninsula Pep Post 1325	February 18, 1925	Portland	100th
Sandy Post 4273	February 14, 1975	Sandy	50th
Scappoose Post 4362	February 23, 1975	Scappoose	50th



## AUXILIARY UPDATES

### DEPARTMENT SECRETARY



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**Hello to all my brothers and sisters of the VFW Auxiliary!** As I write this, I am thinking about Spring being right around the corner (although Mother Nature can't seem to make up her mind as to what season we are in right now!) and I realize that it is time to think about Auxiliary and District elections! I apologize for the length of this article, but you will see from reading the rest of this article that there are several items of business that need to be taken care of at your Spring meetings!

**Districts:** The Spring District Conventions will be here sooner than you think! Except for one being held in May, these meetings are held in April and will include elections of District officers. Auxiliary Secretaries should be prepared to submit a District Delegate form to the District Secretary prior to your District meeting or your Auxiliary will not have a vote at your District Convention. (See Auxiliaries section below for more information on District Delegates.)

**Auxiliaries: Election of Delegates to the District Convention:** Auxiliaries must elect one delegate and one alternate for every 15 members in good standing (or fraction thereof) of your Auxiliary **at the time of election**. If you will be attending your District Convention and want to be considered as a delegate, ask someone to nominate you, or nominate yourself!

**Election of Delegates to the Department Convention:** Auxiliaries must elect one delegate and one alternate for every 15 members in good standing (or fraction thereof) of your Auxiliary at the time of election. This has to be done no less than thirty (30) calendar days before the Department Convention, so Department has given a deadline of April 30 to have your delegates submitted. If you plan to attend the Department Convention in Pendleton, let your Auxiliary know that you would like to be a delegate so someone can nominate you, or nominate yourself!

**Election of Delegates to the National Convention: Per Section 305 of the National Bylaws, delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the last regular meeting in April.** Auxiliaries must elect one delegate and one alternate for every thirty-five (35) members in good standing (or fraction thereof) of your Auxiliary in good standing on March 31, 2025. If you plan to attend the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, let your Auxiliary know that you would like to be a delegate.

**Election of Auxiliary Officers:** Per Section 804B of the 2025 Bylaws, officers shall be nominated and elected at a regular business meeting in April. Are you ready to serve your Auxiliary in some capacity? If you have questions about the duties of any office, refer to your Podium Edition, Section 810 through Section 823. Page 18 through 23 of the yellow pages has even more information regarding the offices of Treasurer and Trustee. You can also find additional information on all offices in the "Building on the Auxiliary Foundation – Guidebook 1." This book is available in MALTA for download and/or printing. And don't be afraid to ask anyone in the Department line if you have questions about serving!

**Auxiliary Secretaries:** Following election of officers, input the Installation information in MALTA (see Officers/Installation tab in Shortcuts.) Also send a copy of the Installation form to me so I can use the information to create the Roster for 2025-2026. Please send me the long form so I have all the necessary information. If for some reason you are unable to input the information in MALTA yourself, let me know when you send me the Installation form and I will do the input for you.

In closing, thank you for all you do for our veterans, their families and our organization and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I hope to see you at the Department Convention in Pendleton June 18 through August 22, 2025 and at the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio August 9 through August 13, 2025.



### EXTENSION/REVITALIZATION & CHIEF OF STAFF



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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Spring is in the air and on some days the weather breathes Spring. We had some chilly and then wet weather while in Washington DC last week for the Washington Legislative Conference. The four days spent on Capitol Hill were fruitful, I hope.

This is the last month for reporting your Mentoring hours. Reports are due to me by April 5th. I will take them by email, or snail mail. Everyone should have at least one mentoring moment in their auxiliary.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> we restarted our Virtual Training Series. We discussed Trustees and their responsibilities. The series was repeated on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a pdf of the Power Point, let Valorie know and she will send it to you.

Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> we will continue our Trustee training and Auxiliary Suspensions. I want to discuss Suspensions because they can become the revitalization of an Auxiliary that is faltering. Suspensions are not a punishment, but an opportunity to breathe life into your Auxiliary.

Remember, I am here for you if you are having difficulties getting your audits done, having a quorum, or keeping and/or getting new officers. Reach out for assistance.

*"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn. -Benjamin Franklin*

### LEGISLATIVE CHAIR



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It is time to celebrate two recent wins on the Legislative front:

**S.141 Senator Elizabeth Dole 21<sup>st</sup> Century Veterans Health Care Improvement Act**, becoming law Jan 2, 2025.

**S.815 Hello Girls Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2024** that passed the senate September 24, 2024. These women struggled for over 60 years to achieve Veteran benefits and recognition as soldiers for their service as telephone operators of the Army Signal Corps in WWI. Finally, they are awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

Our State Legislative Session began January 21 and will reside for 160 days. Did you know that in even years the session is only 30 days long, but 160 for the odd? Both have the potential to extend for 5 days with a two-thirds vote. To the point: there is significant potential for positive legislative results for our Veterans and their families this year.

Recall that our Oregon VFW Representatives testified at the Capitol on Sept 23, 2024, to support state legislation paralleling the federally introduced H.R. 1139 GUARD VA Benefits Act 2023-2024. On February 3, our leadership sent communications to Oregon's Senate and House Veterans Committees to support the introduction and processing of such a bill and awareness to oppose S.1789/H.R. 1822 PLUS for Veterans Act. Preserving Lawful Utilization of Services also analogously referred to as "Please Let Us Steal". My interpretation of the PLUS Act is that although it poses to support the filing of VA claims for Veterans, and penalize those for directly/indirectly soliciting, contracting for, charging or receiving unauthorized compensations like the GUARD; it does legalize any agent/attorney to charge fees to process the claim. Hence the veteran will pay for the service and have less compensation. The GUARD Act focuses on the utilization of non-profit VSO entities to support and file and penalizing the claims sharks.

Let's take advantage of the 160-day legislative session and get this clear in Oregon, while at the Federal level as well by letters, emails, phone calls, petitions and town halls.



## AUXILIARY UPDATES

### DEPARTMENT JR. VICE PRESIDENT



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Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

Welcome to March. With Spring in the air, temperatures at a balmy 60 degrees, I am sitting here waiting for the other winter boot to drop. Yes, it seems too good to be true and I am bracing for another round of winter weather before Spring truly arrives.

No matter what the weather decides to do, March 31<sup>st</sup> marks the end of the Auxiliary program year. The program chairmen of your Auxiliaries should receive their respective year-end reports to fill out for the Department chairmen. Please fill these out and return them to the Department chairmen **NO LATER THAN APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**.

As we roll through March, please start thinking about elections coming up in April. It is time to start considering whether running for or holding an Auxiliary office is right for you. We really need people to step up and take an active role in our Auxiliaries. Please reach out to any officer with questions that you may have about what they do. Being an officer is a lot of fun and gives you a chance to have a more hands-on opportunity within your organization. It can give you a chance to help guide your Auxiliary in the coming year.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, online registration begins for the National Convention taking place in Columbus, Ohio August 9<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>. Early bird registration is only \$25. Look online on the National website under MALTA to register. Going to National Convention is not only fun but I have learned so much in the past. If you can go, I highly recommend you do so.

Our Department Convention will be held in Pendleton, Oregon on June 18<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please think of attending as it is so exciting, and it is so great to seeing all of our Sisters and Brothers from around the state. You can find information about Convention on the Department Auxiliary website at, [www.vfwauxor.org](http://www.vfwauxor.org) or the Department VFW site at, [www.vfwor.org](http://www.vfwor.org).

### AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR



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Wow! I can't believe it is March already. This has been a great year for the VFW Auxiliary in Oregon. Everyone has come together to work on our programs making them the best that we can. Our members have promoted, encouraged and actively done so much for our veterans, communities and children.

This year's winner of the Patriot's Pen is Londyn Stephen sponsored by Post 293 out of District 13. The winner of the Voice of Democracy is Ashlyn Dalton sponsored by Post 3048 from District 6. Congratulations to these two ladies. I want to congratulate all the District winners. You are winners every one of you. Congratulations. Your future looks so very bright.

For scholarships we only have one application deadline left for this year and that is the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest & 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for these entries. These entries are due to the local **VFW Auxiliaries** by March 31st and then to the **VFW Auxiliary Department Chairman** by April 15<sup>th</sup>. These contests are open to any student in grades 9-12 by March 31, 2024.

Don't forget your year-end reports. Your report is due to me on or before April 5<sup>th</sup>. I cannot encourage you enough to get this report in on time. This is a time for you to showcase your wonderful accomplishments for the year. I am looking forward to seeing all that you have done.

*Editors note: Since this article was written, Ashlyn traveled to Washington DC for the Parade of Winners and took 9th place, winning \$3,500! Quite an achievement when you are competing with 52 other students!*



Voice of Democracy winner Ashlyn Dalton from District 6.

### TREASURER'S NOTES & MEMBERSHIP



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#### TREASURER'S NOTES:

Oh, my goodness, here it is the end of February. It's getting closer and closer to spring and elections and then soon the Department Convention. This year has gone so fast, and it has been a pleasure working as your Department Treasurer. Every year I learn a lot, because you ask me some great questions that make me look things up and learn more every year. We have had some changes in the department and remember you can call or email me at any time.

Please remember, your March audit needs to be in early, if your December and March audits aren't into the Department by the end of April, you can be put on suspension and your auxiliary will not be able to vote at the Department convention. I have had auxiliaries bring their audits to convention so that they can vote so please make sure that you have gotten all your audits into me.

I had quite a few auxiliaries that didn't send in their bank statements to me in December with their audits. I only ask for a bank statement once a year and I only need to have the December audit. If you remember not sending me a statement in December, please send me a copy of your March statement so that I can compare it to your audit.

We still have some things that could really use some donations for, so if you have some money that you need to get out of your funds, you could send it to Department for some of our programs. We need more money for the Patriotic Art program. Remember that program is our program, and we need to support it. We also need to send some more to Run2Remember, it is one of the programs that we need to donate money for, it is a great program, and it helps our veterans a lot so please send some money to the Department so that we are helping our veterans and students. We need to get a little more money in both programs so please at your next meeting please talk about sending some money to those great programs.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

We are drawing closer and closer to the end of another year for this organization. We are still working on this program and with spring coming up it would be a great time to think about having some recruiting booths. I know a lot of towns that have bazaars and spring flings and that would be a great place to bring more people into the VFWA. Every day when I go to the mailbox and I find new applications for membership and I do a happy dance, it shows that there are some members that are out there getting more members for their auxiliary.

At this time, we are at 96.64% and we need 187 to become 100%+. It's so amazing how many new members have joined us this year. Out of our 36 auxiliaries, 19 of them were 100%+ and that is over half of the auxiliaries in the department. Out of the auxiliaries that haven't made it to 100% most of them have less than 10 members to make their goal. If some of those members are older, a dues angel might be the best thing that could happen for them.

I have another incentive to tempt you with this month. I want to see more auxiliaries attain the goal of 100% so for the next 5 auxiliaries that attain their 100% goal, I will be giving you a monetary prize for your auxiliary for you to use on one of your programs. So, I will be keeping an eye on the numbers and when your auxiliary hits 100% I will send out a check.

I had a little contest in November and December for the auxiliary member that got the most new members for their auxiliary during that time. Well, I don't know how many people read my article, but I only gave out 1 award for this contest and it was to Caitlyn Hacker who got in 2 new members. She was very surprised at her \$50 check.

I am doing something at my auxiliary for the members that haven't paid their dues yet this year. I am going to send them one more letter and let them know that they are now members not in good standing. I am going to inform them that we have been paying their dues for a few years, and we haven't heard from them about wanting to continue. I am going to try to find out from them how old they are since I don't have a birth date on most of them. I will also inform them that we will not be paying their dues anymore and that their membership will lapse at the end of this year. I am hoping to hear from a few of them and find out information about them. Hopefully, they will get back with me and we will be 100% this year.

Any auxiliary or district that has made it to 100% and haven't gotten their bracelets, we will be handing them out at the District meetings and at Convention. I would certainly like to give out a few more of these, they are really pretty, and they were a different idea. Hope to see you at the district meetings.



## IN THE NEWS

### FROM THE MARCH/APRIL EDITION OF THE VFW MAGAZINE



#### THE VFW HONORS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

As part of Women's History Month, the VFW dedicated part of the March/April VFW Magazine to articles from and about women veterans. Department of Oregon Commander Andrea Summerlin was honored to have her article included. (See article below:)

"As the first female commander in our Department's 103-year history, the responsibility is not lost on me that I am a role model. My mentor, John Wrinkle, (past Department Commander and National Council member) was a visionary leader. He created the Department's Women's Veterans Committee, and I was the first Chair. The Committee is now chaired by a dynamic and energetic leader, and she is doing outreach, surveys, meetings, has created a resource guide and so much more. Despite us being in the 21st century, the majority of women are still primarily responsible for child care and household duties. Having child care for meetings would be helpful as well as having meetings at convenient times. Not all women will be like I was, seeking out the VFW, and that is why it's so important to spread our message to others. Ignore the naysayers and be a part of the team."



Above: VFW members (from left) Debra Anderson (Past Quartermaster General of the VFW), Stephanie Butler, Mary Spencer and VFW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Carol Whitmore

#### **Recognize Vietnam War Veterans on March 29**

March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. It marks the day in 1973 when all U.S. ground troops departed Vietnam. Only U.S. embassy personnel and support staff remained in South Vietnam until the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975. This day is set aside for Americans to recognize every Vietnam War veteran to include those who are still unaccounted for. From February 1961 to May 1975, more than 3.4 million Americans served in support of US military operations in Vietnam and Southeast Asia. More than 58,000 gave their lives, and nearly 1,580 service men remain unaccounted for, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Department Convention— Pendleton Convention Center 1601 Westgate, Pendleton, OR 97801 June 18 to June 22, 2025**

The hotels are the Oxford Suites (541-276-6000), the Pendleton MotoLodge (541-612-0790), and the New Pendleton Inn.

**Tentative Convention Schedule:** (a detailed schedule will be provided in the Convention book distributed at Convention.)

**Wednesday, June 18, 2025:** VFW Registration from 2 pm to 5 pm at VFW Post 922, 1221 SE Court Place, Pendleton. The Outgoing Council of Administration for the VFW and the Auxiliary will be held at VFW Post 922, at 7 pm.

**Thursday, June 19, 2025:** VFW Registration from 7 am to 9 am at the Pendleton Convention Center, then from 10:30 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 5 pm. The Joint Opening will be held at 9 am, followed by Business sessions for the VFW and the Auxiliary. Joint Memorial Practice will be at 4:30 pm. The Joint Memorial Service will be held at the Convention Center at 7 pm, followed by a casual "Fun Night" at VFW Post 922.

**Friday, June 20, 2025:** VFW Registration from 7 am to 9 am and from 1 pm to 5 pm. VFW Business Session from 8 am to 10 am, followed by Training sessions. The Auxiliary business session will begin at 9 am. There will be an Awards banquet at 5:30 pm, followed by Patriotic Music & Dance from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Coyote Joe and Country singer Cale Moon will perform. Tickets for the banquet and for the dance will be available online soon. The cost is \$25 for VFW & Auxiliary members and \$35 for non-members.

The MOC will have a "midnight" scratch from 10 pm to 12 am at VFW Post 922, Pendleton.

**Saturday, June 21, 2025:** VFW Registration from 7 am to 9 am with a training session from 8 am to 9:30 am, followed by a business session. There will also be afternoon training sessions. The Auxiliary business session will be from 9 to 3. Elections will be held and there will be a Joint Installation at 6 pm, followed by a joint reception.

**Sunday, June 22, 2025:** The Incoming Council of Administration meetings for the VFW and Auxiliary will be held at the Convention Center starting at 9 am.

**In addition to the banquet on Saturday, Lunch will be available at the Convention Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. You can pre-purchase all meals online as soon as the information is placed on the Department website.**

**Please note: The above is not intended to be a comprehensive schedule of events. A more detailed schedule will be available as plans are finalized. Keep checking the websites at [vfwor.org](http://vfwor.org) and [vfwauxor.org](http://vfwauxor.org) for more information.**

**Past Department Commanders and Past Department Presidents are invited to breakfast at 7 am on Friday, June 20 at the Convention Center. Contact Dennis Guthrie for more information. This is invitation only, reservations required.**

#### **National Convention— Columbus, Ohio**

**August 9 to August 13, 2025**

**Check the National Website at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) for more information.**



## IN THE NEWS

### NOTICE OF CANDIDACY FOR DEPARTMENT JR. VICE COMMANDER—2025-2026

My name is Joseph (Joe) Steller, and I am a candidate for the position of Department Jr. Vice Commander for 2025-2026. I made the decision to run for this position after learning that our current Judge Advocate, Greg Arnold, had decided not to continue in the line. After talking to the current Department Line officers, I feel that I can be an asset to this Department.

I was an ABF in the Navy. Yes, I was a grape. I qualified for the VFW during the Persian Gulf War. I joined the VFW in 2015, and I am a life member of Art Horsell Deschutes Post 4108 in Redmond. I have held several positions at the Post level, including Commander where I made All State. From there I became the District 10 All-American Commander. This year, I stepped down to allow someone else to be District Commander and I took on the role of District 10 Quartermaster.

The Department is in a state of change. I know that by working with the Line Officers and the Council Members, we will emerge from this change stronger and more united. Coming from an era between Vietnam and the Sandbox, I have a unique perspective to see how things have been run in the past and how things can improve in the future. I am asking for your support in allowing me to be an instrumental part of this change.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.  
Your comrade,

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## HOT OFF THE PRESS!

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 Valorie Wrinkle at [vjwrinkle@gmail.com](mailto:vjwrinkle@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!**

### COMMANDER'S LEADERSHIP SPRING RETREAT

#### Commander's Leadership Spring Retreat

One of goals when I was elected as Commander, was to conduct some strategic planning and professional development. I scheduled two leadership retreats in Rockaway Beach where we did team building, community service, and training.

At the previous retreat in May 2024, we set Department goals, timelines, and planned for the upcoming year. The focus at this retreat was professional development and communication. Our top three goals were:

- Ensure our team understands each other's strengths
- Improve team communication and reduce conflict
- Enhance team morale and improve productivity

Prior to the weekend, we each completed a DISC Engagement Assessment. This is a personality test that helps people understand their own and others' behaviors, motivations, strengths, and limitations. Consultant (Jalene Case) who specializes in growing teams and leaders, joined us on Saturday. She reviewed the assessment and we learned each other's communication style, how to improve productivity, and identifying obstacles. We were able to better understand each other's strengths. Feedback from the session was excellent and many who attended felt it would help them in the future.

My vision is that we continue to build on what has been accomplished this year and build a better team. Each individual was provided a copy of their report, training slides, and several graphs that listed styles. Not only was the training fun and engaging, we learned more about how to improve our teamwork. It is my hope that everyone left with additional resources/tools and knowledge about themselves.



Pictured L to R: Dept Jr. Vice Floyd Leach & Brandy work on a chart; Dept Commander Andrea Summerlin with Chief of Staff Dennis Guthrie; Sr. Vice Bert Little with Adjutant/QM Brandy Olmstead.; Membership Chair Kristine Sweezy and Chaplain/Legislative Chair Tony Barber.



# POSTS AND AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

## HONORING PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT HELEN KELLY (August 1, 1938—January 14, 2025)



Helen Kelly served as Department of Oregon Auxiliary President in 2005-2006. A Life member of VFW Auxiliary 3973, Helen was loved by all that knew her, and we will miss her wise words of counsel, her sense of humor, and her love of helping veterans. A service for Helen was held in Molalla on February 15, 2025.



Above: Past Department Presidents L to R: Jessie Stober, Wanda Mosegard, Cathy Lindsay, Paula Espeland, Peggy Towery, Linda Rose, Debby Fawver and Sandy Miller. Right: Auxiliary members laying flowers for Helen.



## VFW POST 1324 IN OREGON CITY MARKS 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO VETERANS AND THEIR COMMUNITY!

100 YEARS! That is how long the VFW has resided in Oregon City. On February 17, 1925, our Post was chartered. In 2025 we marked 100 years of continuous service to Veterans and our community. The occasion was marked with an unveiling of a new bronze plaque along with the restoration of the first two plaques from 1949 when our building was opened.

The plaques were unveiled by two veterans, WWII Veteran Art Kimball & GWOT Veteran KC Johnson. Larry Kirk and Scout Troop 220 member Uriah Avery laid a wreath at the base of the plaques after the reveal. Larry Kirk and his twin Gary, who could not attend, were only 8 years old when they broke ground in 1948 for what was to become the Clackamas County Veterans Memorial Building, home of Three Rivers VFW Post 1324. It was a wonderful presentation with attendees from the Oregon City High School JROTC, the Mayor of Oregon City, and many other local community leaders. State Senator Mark Meek (@senatormarkmeek) sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem followed by the Post 1324 Rifle Salute.

VFW National Commander, Alfred "Al" Lipphardt awarded Post 1324 the CENTURY Award, which was presented by Department of Oregon Commander, Andrea Summerlin at a ceremony held at the Post on February 16, 2025.

The VFW is an amazing group of Veterans and trust me, not just all "old guys!" If you are a veteran of a foreign war, I urge you to check out their website at [www.vfw1324.org](http://www.vfw1324.org) to learn more.



Pictured Above: 100th Anniversary of VFW Post 1324. Top row from left to right: The original building plaque before restoration; Dept. Commander Andrea Summerlin presenting the Century Award from Commander in Chief Al Lipphardt to Post Commander Greg Arnold; Commander Arnold with Post Member JJ Morrell who emceed the ceremony; WWII Veteran Art Kimball and Gulf War Veteran KC Johnson unveil the plaques. Bottom row from left to right: VFW Post 1324 Rifle Squad; Larry Kirk and Uriah Avery lay a wreath; WWII veteran Art Kimball reading the 100th Anniversary plaque; Art and KC Johnson after the unveiling.

## VFW POST 10580 & AUXILIARY OBTAINS A POST HOME!

Post 10580, after years of work and a vote by the people of Warrenton and a resolution passed by the Warrenton City Commission, the local VFW Post 10580 and Auxiliary now have a building to call home. The old Hammond City Hall and later the city Library is now the VFW Post 10580 new home. There are many repairs needed to bring the building up to the current city codes but now the post and auxiliary can start working for the goal. (More to come as we progress)

Below you will find pictures of the meeting and on February 18, 2025, we sign the deed at City Hall .

Train-Share-Communicate

Bert Little (Little Bert)  
Department of Oregon Sr. Vice Commander  
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503-739-1071





**MEMBERSHIP**

**RECRUITERS**

As of March 9, 2025

Dist	Post #	Recruiter	Mbrs	Dist	Post #	Recruiter	Mbrs	Dist	Post #	Recruiter	Mbrs
2	2848	Donavan J. Goff	2	10	7242	Roy Murel Chirstiansen	3	15	180	Franklin R. West	4
2	4362	David P. Sleightam	2	10	12141	Leonard P. Hellwig	1	15	180	Michael L. Martin	3
2	4362	Roger J. Antonich	1	10	12141	Michael D. Williams	1	15	180	Samantha Rose Ciaramitaro	3
2	10580	Albert A. Little	2	13	293	Arnold B. Christensen	3	15	180	Brandon M. Ferrell	2
2	10580	Floyd E. Holcom	2	13	293	Jason P. Johnson	1	15	180	James Killinger	2
2	10580	Tiffany C. Adams	1	13	2468	Ronnie D. Thomlison	5	15	180	Daniel Patterson	1
2	12123	Claude Miller	6	13	2468	David L. West	3	15	1324	Gregory A. Arnold	3
3	1325	Bruce W. Hall	3	13	3232	Richard L. Earnest	6	15	1324	Paul H. Harris	2
4	965	Brandy T. Olmstead	2	13	3473	Mary K. Sweezy	4	15	1324	John S. Morell, Jr.	1
4	966	Jerry W. Law	2	13	3965	Deven L. Fisher	2	15	1324	Maurice A. Deets	1
4	966	Thomas E. Way	1	13	3965	James E. Manson	1	15	3973	Rodney W. Wymore	6
4	2928	Michael S. Clary	1	13	9448	Kerry G. Shafer	3	15	3973	George E. Carroll	2
4	3182	Michael C. Malish	3	13	9448	Benjamin J. Bennett	1	15	3973	Andrew L. Fosket	1
4	3182	Warren C. Sublett	1	13	9448	George W. Vaughn	1	15	4273	Bert W. Key	5
4	3440	William R. Henry	2	13	9448	Kathy A. Lunden	1	15	4273	Allen P. Anderson	1
4	3440	Preston O. Wayte	1	14	584	Mark D. Lamberty	18	15	4273	David B. Lowe	1
4	3440	Robert J. Bain	1	14	584	Michael Robert Aaron	4	15	4273	Michael J. O Leary	1
5	1383	Daniel B. Williams	1	14	584	Robert W. Gore	1	15	6057	Alejandro G. Bello	2
5	1383	Duane G. Whitehead	1	14	661	Kerry Wymetalek	5	15	6057	Hubert L. Breshears	1
5	4070	Michael D. Shults	3	14	661	Gregory L. Warnock	3	15	12140	Anthony L. Barber	24
6	5452	Michael A. Pratt	1	14	661	Erick J. Wunderlich	1	15	12211	Brad J. Uaban	1
7	2302	Daniel C. Johnson	1	14	661	Louis Bondi	1	15	12211	Kevin G. Cole	1
7	9670	William G. Travis Jr	4	14	661	Matthew Decker	1	16	2666	Dale S. Yee	2
10	1412	David W. Seiffert	1	14	661	Rick A. Breen	1	16	2666	Michael G. Hyde	1
10	1643	Christopher J. Thomson	1	14	3203	John Timothy Hager	1	16	3452	Paul A. Maidel Jr	6
10	1643	Dean E. Sears	1	14	3437	Ryan P. Matteson	1	16	3452	Jason A. Potter	2
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	5	14	3957	Alex J. Mauric	1	16	4015	Daniel W. Helfrich	1
10	4108	Dan S. Tureck	4	14	4227	Andrea D. Summerlin	9	16	4211	Louis A. Rober	3
10	4108	James A. Russum	2	14	4227	Michael R. Petersen	3	16	4211	Josh D. Pixley	1
10	4108	David R. Deichler	1	14	4227	James H. Buisman	1	99	MAL	Don Clark	1
10	4108	Joseph J. Steller	1	14	4227	Rollan S. Perkins	1	99	MAL	Margaret G. Stermer-Cox	1
10	4108	Michael K. Trammel	1	14	5638	Charles William Mead	1			No Recruiter	92
10	4108	Steven D. Nicholson	1	14	5638	Charlie D. Fink	1	<b>Department Total:</b>			<b>334</b>
				15	180	William E. Watkins	4				

**LEGACY LIFE MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM**

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



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1440	2	43	55	78.18%	10	SAINT HELENS	11	11	13
2848	2	80	98	81.63%	8	BAY CITY	16	17	20
2994	2	31	27	114.81%	11	CLATSKANIE	-5	-4	-3
4362	2	68	69	98.55%	9	SCAPPOOSE	0	0	2
10580	2	87	158	55.06%	6	WARRENTON	68	69	74
12123	2	39	55	70.90%	10	SEASIDE	15	15	17
<b>Dist</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>75.32%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>123</b>
1325	3	93	109	85.32%	8	PORTLAND	14	15	18
4248	3	264	304	86.84%	4	PORTLAND	34	37	46
<b>Dist</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>86.44%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>64</b>
965	4	18	20	90.00%	11	COQUILLE	2	2	2
966	4	66	56	117.85%	10	BROOKINGS	-11	-11	-9
2928	4	46	46	100.00%	11	MYRTLE POINT	-1	0	1
3182	4	68	68	100.00%	9	NORTH BEND	-1	-1	1
3440	4	165	159	103.77%	6	BANDON	-9	-8	-3
4439	4	36	36	100.00%	11	GOLD BEACH	-1	0	1
6102	4	24	28	85.71%	11	POWERS	3	4	5
<b>Dist</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>102.42%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>-18</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-2</b>
1383	5	504	578	87.19%	3	KLAMATH FALLS	62	68	86
4070	5	54	60	90.00%	10	LAKEVIEW	5	5	7
<b>Dist</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>87.46%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>93</b>
3048	6	96	104	92.30%	8	BAKER CITY	6	7	10
4060	6	107	129	82.94%	7	UNION	19	21	25
4307	6	117	131	89.31%	7	ENTERPRISE	11	13	17
5452	6	91	101	90.09%	8	ONTARIO	8	9	12
7847	6	60	64	93.75%	10	HALFWAY	3	3	5
<b>Dist</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>89.03%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>69</b>
1833	7	250	273	91.57%	4	MEDFORD	18	20	28
2302	7	104	133	78.19%	7	GRANTS PASS	26	28	32
6881	7	55	82	67.07%	9	SHADY COVE	25	26	29
9670	7	32	29	110.34%	11	JACKSONVILLE	-4	-3	-2
<b>Dist</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>85.29%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>86</b>
922	8	190	222	85.58%	5	PENDLETON	28	30	36
2471	8	40	50	80.00%	11	THE DALLES	9	10	11
3597	8	28	33	84.84%	11	JOHN DAY	4	5	6
4567	8	20	24	83.33%	11	MILTON FREEWATER	4	4	4
<b>Dist</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>84.49%</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>
1412	10	94	92	102.17%	8	PRINEVILLE	-4	-3	0
1643	10	240	258	93.02%	4	BEND	13	15	23
4108	10	493	531	92.84%	3	REDMOND	27	33	49
7242	10	56	55	101.81%	10	LA PINE	-2	-2	0
8138	10	48	51	94.11%	10	SISTERS	2	2	4
12141	10	65	81	80.24%	9	MADRAS	14	15	18
<b>Dist</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>93.25%</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>93</b>

## NATIONAL GOALS:

December 31st: 91%

January 31st: 93%

February 28th: 95%

March 31st: 98%

April 30th: 99%

May 31st: 101%

June 30th: SUCCESS!



# MEMBERSHIP

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293	13	178	273	65.20%	4	EUGENE	90	92	100
2468	13	219	226	96.90%	5	ROSEBURG	2	5	12
3232	13	266	297	89.56%	4	FLORENCE	25	28	37
3473	13	108	127	85.03%	7	COTTAGE GROVE	16	18	22
3965	13	498	553	90.05%	3	SPRINGFIELD	44	49	66
4039	13	72	111	64.86%	8	CRESWELL	37	38	41
4166	13	42	42	100.00%	11	MARCOLA	-1	0	1
9448	13	134	128	104.68%	7	VENETA	-9	-7	-3
9745	13	131	139	94.24%	7	WINSTON	5	7	11
10639	13	12	18	66.66%	11	JUNCTION CITY	6	6	6
<b>Dist</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1660</b>	<b>1914</b>	<b>86.72%</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>216</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>292</b>
584	14	339	357	94.95%	3	ALBANY	11	14	25
661	14	300	361	83.10%	3	SALEM	54	57	68
732	14	15	29	51.72%	11	SILETZ	13	14	15
3156	14	25	38	65.78%	11	WALDPORT	12	13	14
3203	14	107	116	92.24%	7	DALLAS	7	8	11
3437	14	151	164	92.07%	6	SWEET HOME	10	11	16
3957	14	34	47	72.34%	11	MONROE	12	13	14
4065	14	21	26	80.76%	11	JEFFERSON	4	5	6
4227	14	146	150	97.33%	6	TOLEDO	1	3	7
5638	14	65	71	91.54%	9	STAYTON	5	5	7
12214	14	25	28	89.28%	11	CORVALLIS	2	3	4
<b>Dist</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>1387</b>	<b>88.53%</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>131</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>187</b>
180	15	230	278	82.73%	4	GRESHAM	42	45	54
1324	15	266	295	90.16%	4	OREGON CITY	23	26	35
3973	15	246	444	55.40%	3	MOLALLA	189	194	207
4273	15	363	495	73.33%	3	SANDY	122	127	142
6057	15	58	73	79.45%	9	CANBY	14	14	16
12140	15	113	171	66.08%	6	LAKE OSWEGO	55	56	61
12211	15	36	40	90.00%	11	HOOD RIVER	3	4	5
<b>Dist</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1312</b>	<b>1796</b>	<b>73.05%</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>448</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>520</b>
2666	16	203	244	83.19%	5	HILLSBORO	36	39	46
3452	16	260	249	104.41%	4	TUALATIN	-16	-13	-6
4015	16	270	371	72.77%	3	DAYTON	94	97	108
4211	16	65	66	98.48%	10	WILLAMINA	0	0	2
<b>Dist</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>85.80%</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>113</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>151</b>
M-A-L		1953	2309	84.58%	1	PORTLAND	310	333	402
		<b>1953</b>	<b>2309</b>	<b>84.58%</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>310</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>402</b>
<b>STATE</b>		<b>10823</b>	<b>12705</b>	<b>85.18%</b>			<b>1628</b>	<b>1755</b>	<b>2136</b>

**NATIONAL GOALS:**

- December 31st: 91%
- January 31st: 93%
- February 28th: 95%
- March 31st: 98%
- April 30th: 99%
- May 31st: 101%
- June 30th: SUCCESS!



## ALL AMERICAN DASHBOARD

Dist	Post	VMS DONATION \$125	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Buddy Poppy Order	Membership	Community Service*	Day of Service Participation**
2	1440	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
2	2848	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
2	2994	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet
2	4362	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
2	10580	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
2	12123	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
3	1325	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
3	4248	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4	965	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4	966	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet
4	2928	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4	3182	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
4	3440	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet
4	4439	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
4	6102	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
5	1383	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
5	4070	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
6	3048	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
6	4060	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
6	4307	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
6	5452	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
6	7847	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
7	1833	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
7	2302	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
7	6881	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
7	9670	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
8	922	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
8	2471	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
8	3597	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
8	4567	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
10	1412	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet
10	1643	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
10	4108	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
10	7242	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
10	8138	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
10	12141	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
13	293	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
13	2468	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
13	3232	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
13	3473	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
13	3965	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
13	4039	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
13	4166	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
13	9448	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet
13	9745	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
13	10639	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
14	584	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
14	661	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
14	732	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
14	3156	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
14	3203	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
14	3437	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
14	3957	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
14	4065	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
14	4227	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
14	5638	Unmet	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
14	12214	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
15	180	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
15	1324	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
15	3973	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
15	4273	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
15	6057	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
15	12140	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	Unmet
15	12211	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
16	2666	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Unmet
16	3452	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Met	Met	Unmet
16	4015	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet
16	4211	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet	Unmet

\*Community Service is Met if Reported for the current quarter.

\*\*Day of service requires signing up at <https://todaysvfw.org/vfw-day-of-service/>

Events should be held in May.

Purple designates Post with highest percentage of membership in the Dept.

Green indicates goal met