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## STATE COMMANDER



JOHN WRINKLE

### Membership and Recruiting

Comrades, the last few months have flown by very quickly. Our Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year entries are now in for judging. I am wishing you the best for your Posts and District entrants.

I am looking forward to our Midwinter conference and Banquet at the Valley River Inn, February 1, 2020. Look for room rates, menus and dates in the this issue.

Our Commander in Chief, William “Doc” Schmitz, has sent all Department Commanders an email asking us to get to work on membership. At this point we are behind by 4,000+ members. It is our responsibility to work our retention lists and reinvigorate these members, so they stay with our organization. I am especially asking you to look at all your 80+ year-old continuous members and seriously consider paying their dues this year. Please contact them first to check on their health and see if they have any needs. There are many reasons for helping them with dues: To thank them for their service to our country (many of them are Korean Veterans who were under appreciated); their retirement monies have suffered inflation over the years and a step up will be greatly appreciated by them; they have been paying dues and supporting your Post for many years; it will help your Post with retention numbers; and last but not least, honoring them is the right thing to do.

As a reminder, I am also asking you to hold at least one recruiting event this year. Our line officers are committed to helping you with recruiting. Call me and I will set up a team to help you. Do not think that your recruiting event needs to be a large event. We believe that getting out in front of your Bi-Mart, Wal-Mart or other store in your community will go a long way with growing your Post. You can also make it a Poppy distribution event. Remember, veteran ball caps are a great way to attract veterans to your table. Call me if you need hats. All hat sale profits are tracked by our State Quartermaster and the money will be used to help you with membership. Our State Adjutant/Quartermaster Cheryl Campos has also set up a form for the Posts to verify their membership drive.

Team Oregon can and will get it done!

John R. Wrinkle

## National Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief to attend Mid-Winter!



Hal J. Roesch II  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of the United States

Hal J. Roesch II was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 24, 2019, at the 120th VFW National Convention in Orlando, Fla. Hal served in the United States Air Force from 1982 to 2002.

Hal earned his VFW eligibility by serving in Operations Desert Shield/Storm and Southern Watch. Hal is the recipient of the Meritorious Service medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Achievement medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars, as well as numerous other medals and awards.

He joined the VFW in 1991 at Post 3034 in Sumter, S.C., later transferring to Post 4542 in Spring Lake, N.C., then to Post 3219 in Phoebus, Va., where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as VFW Department of Virginia Commander from 2008 to 2009, in which he achieved All-American status and the designation of a Triple Crown Commander. On the national level, he served on the Council of Administration from 2010 to 2012, and as the Inspector General from 2016 to 2017.

Hal is currently a financial advisor with First Command Financial Planning. He received his Associate of Arts in avionics system technology from the Community College of the Air Force. He is a life member of Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, American Legion, Military Order of the Cootie, and the VFW National Home for Children.

He has one daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Jason Tricker, and two grandsons, Max and Owen. Hal is married to his beautiful bride, Beth, and they reside in Hampton, Va.

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



JANIE WILLS

### Midwinter and Elections

Sisters and Brothers,  
Wishing you the best New Year. Thank you for all your hard work and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming months.

Our current membership is at 92.52%.. We still need 402 members to be 100% plus. You will need to notify any members who have not paid their dues by

December 31st, 2019, that their membership has lapsed. We need to grow our organization if we are to continue to help our veterans and their families.

Midwinter is approaching, and I hope you are planning on attending. It will be held February 1st and 2nd at River Valley Inn, Eugene, Oregon. Information for motel and food for the banquet is available on our Oregon website.

Please check and see if you have sent reports to ALL programs. We are required by National to be 100% in reporting for our programs.

Elections will be coming in April. Please take time to consider becoming an officer in your auxiliary.

This year we have openings for guard and conductor/ conductress. If you are interested, information for running is available on our website.

Loyally,  
Janie Wills

## CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

### Klamath Falls WWII Veteran recalls Pearl Harbor attack

By BECCA ROBBINS H&N Staff Writer Dec 8, 2019  
(Used by permission.)

On the 78th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor naval station, Klamath Falls World War II veteran Anthony Alonzo said he appreciates the chance to remember that day.

“It’s right to keep remembering,” he said. “We have a habit of waving our flags and then in two months we forget again.”

Klamath Falls commemorated the anniversary of the attack that spurred the United States’ entry into World War II with a Ceremony of Remembrance at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post 1383 Saturday morning.

As Alonzo began talking after the ceremony, people gathered around to listen to what the 97-year-old had to say, recounting his time as an opera singer in San Francisco and his opportunity to sing for President Nixon. He also spoke of his proximity to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

#### Planes overhead

He said he joined the Army in October of 1941 and was stationed in Honolulu. He remembers hearing planes over the barracks and wondering what was going on. At the time he didn’t realize they were Japanese planes.

“I was present when Japanese planes came through a ridge that was open and a couple of us guys said, ‘Wait a minute — weren’t those Japanese — what the hell are Japanese planes doing here?’” Alonzo said. “The beginning of Pearl Harbor.”

“Suddenly you hear this roar of planes and you — ‘What the hell — oh pardon me — what the hell is that?’ We didn’t realize they were Japanese planes. But after, we realized what had happened.”

#### Symbolic presence

During Saturday’s Ceremony of Remembrance, a table in the front of the room sat adorned with symbols representing prisoners of war or those missing in action. “This table is

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# Updates

## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER



GEORGE CARROLL

### Young Vets

I hope that all had a good Christmas and that all are safe. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Midwinter Conference.

As we travel around the State we are asked the same question: How do we get the young veterans in and how do we get them involved? While I do not have a magic wand I do know that if we do not ask

them we will not get them to sign up. If we do not welcome them into the Post and Post activities, they will not stay. We all have to be able to hear what they have to say and not dismiss them because that is not how we have done things in the past. We may need to change how we do some things. That does not mean that we have to forget the past; but I bet that we are doing things different than it was done 75 years ago. If you want the young veterans to come to meetings you might want to make sure that there is something for the family to do while the meeting is going on. Remember, when your kids were young and you did not want to just leave them at home. Some Posts are having success getting the kids working on projects of their own. So it can work.

As always, we all need to work on membership. I know that some Posts work on membership harder than others. While it is important that we get new members, it is also imperative that we keep our old members. That does not mean blindly paying for membership. However, most Posts have members who are not making what they once did and some retirement checks do not go as far as they once did. When was the last time someone from the Post talked to the member? I think the Post Chaplin and the membership committee should work together to do wellness checks on Post members. I am sure that you will find that not all are doing as well as you might think. I ask that you do not let them drop just because they are having a hard time. Remember needy does not mean destitute.

I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work in their community. If we do not work with the community we will dry up and go away. It is also important that you do a community service report. That is how you keep your nonprofit standing. Community Service Chairman Richard Halverson (509-282-3494) will work with you if you have trouble filling out the form. He is in the roster and his info is also on the form which can be found on the State web page VFWOR.ORG, then “Programs,” then “Community Service.” If you have not sent in anything yet, please do.

If the Commander and I have not yet gotten to your Post, I hope we will see you when we come to your town. We (the state Officers) have made it to a few Posts and are trying to make it to the rest. As I am sure you can imagine it takes us a while to get between some of the Posts and so we cannot spend as much time as we would like with each. It has been a joy to see what the Posts are doing. Thank you to all who come to visit with us.

In Comradeship, *George E. Carroll*

## VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Greetings, Comrades and Auxiliary. Hoping all is well with you and that you had a great holiday season.

The year is half over and we are way behind in our membership drive! Now is the time to start putting all our efforts into membership. Our command group “Get on Board” has been working on meeting all our posts in the state. We recently visited District 6 and stopped by Ontario Post 5452, Huntington Post 3749, Halfway Post 7847, Baker City Post 3048, Enterprise Post 4307 and Union Post 4060. It was a very successful trip and a lot of fun. We are done for 2019 but will start again in January.

We have some recruiting events coming up starting with the Eugene Sportsman Show February 1–3, Roseburg Sportsman show February 15-17, Medford Sportsman Show February 22-24, Redmond Sportsman Show March 12-15 and Albany Sportsman Show April 25-29!

As of this week we still need 3,600 members to be at 100 percent. With everyone helping we can do this! Just a reminder: Our mid winter is January 31 through February 2 and we would like to see everyone there. Now is the time to start working on your unpaid members. If you need help, please feel free to call me and we will help you with recruiting.

*Allen Anderson*

## OREGON VOD CHAIRMAN



DENNIS PRATT

### Voice of Democracy Banquet

Do Not Miss Out on the 2020 Voice of Democracy Banquet and Awards!

By-the-time you read this, Department judging of the 14 District winners will have been completed and placements decided. I wish to congratulate all Districts and their winners

for their efforts. All the speeches were outstanding and worthy of being judged 1st place. However, the tough choices were made, and their placements decided.

The only thing left to do is to come to Eugene and listen to these great speeches while eating a sliced sirloin, roast pork loin or vegetarian dinner. You can do this while attending the Voice of Democracy Banquet, Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Valley River Inn, Eugene, Oregon. If your post’s entry is also the district winner, I hope your post is able to show your winner support and have a multitude of post members in attendance to cheer them on. Get your meal choices to Department as soon as possible; the deadline is January 20th for the banquet. This is your best chance to honor our youth with their ideas on “What Makes America Great.”

It is not too late for you and/or your Post to contribute to the Department’s Voice of Democracy program. Your generous donations decide the amount of prize money given to each District winner. It will also go towards the activities the students will participate in during the day, as well as their meals. If your post has not donated yet, please get your check to Department quickly. This year, I am proud to announce, we have also increased the recognition your post or district will get if you contribute more than the minimum \$50.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

*Dennis Pratt*

### Klamath Falls WWII Veteran

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a way of symbolizing the fact there are those that are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs or MIAs. We call them brothers,” Chaplain Ben Quen said. “They are unable to be with us this day, so we remember them because of their incarceration.”

Quen outlined what each element of the display meant.

“The table set for one is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner against his oppressors. Remember. The table is round to show our everlasting concern for our missing. Remember. The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country’s call to arms. Remember. The lone candle symbolizes the frailty of a prisoner, alone, trying to stand up against his oppressors. Remember. The single red rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the life of each of the missing, as well as the loved ones and friends who keep the faith, awaiting their return. Remember.

“The red ribbon tied to the vase is a symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing. Remember. A sliced lemon on a bread plate is to remind us of their bitter faith. Remember. A pinch of salt symbolizes their family’s tears as they wait. Remember. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from their country founded as one nation under God. Remember. The glass is inverted. They cannot toast with us today. Remember. The chair is empty. They are still missing.”

*Significant day*

Karen Johnson, Col. U.S. Army retired and Commander of the VFW District 5, spoke about the significance of this anniversary.



## JULY 2020, 40<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

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



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

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

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

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

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

Thank you, Harvey.

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

“That day of infamy produced many U.S. casualties: 3,500 dead or wounded, 18 ships sunk or damaged and more than 350 aircraft destroyed,” Johnson said. “Today, though a great many survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor and those who fought in World War II are no longer with us, we will always remember their contribution through service and their devotion to duty.”

Despite that terrible day in Hawaii in 1941, one of the highlights, Alonzo said, was all of the wonderful people he met while he served in the military until 1946.



# Updates

## Share your news

**Submissions for  
Feb-March VFW News  
due by February 21 , 2020**

VFW prefers to receive photos and articles by e-mail. Text should be unformatted and attached in a Word document; digital photos or scans of conventional photos (resolution of 300 dpi if possible) should be sent separately as jpeg attachments. Original photos yield better output than photocopies of photos.

Please avoid pdfs for text.

**Please send your submissions to:  
ADMIN@orvfwhq.comcastbiz.net**



## GET ON BOARD! There is room for one more

Comrades, your leadership team is actively visiting your Posts. We have completed six weekends of travel through some of the Department's Districts. We are committed to an additional eight weekends traveling through the State to visit with you. The Districts and Posts we have visited are:

- District 7 – Posts Medford 1833, Grants Pass 2301, Rogue River 4116 and Shady Cove 6881.
- District 4 – Posts Coquille 965, Brookings 966, Myrtle Point 2928, North Bend 3182, Bandon 3440 and Powers 6102.
- District 9 – Posts Newport 2624, Waldport 3156, Florence 3232 and Toledo 4227.
- District 3 – Posts Portland 1325, Portland 1442 and Portland 4248.
- District 2 – Posts St. Helens 1440, Bay City 2848, Clatskanie 2994, Scappoose 4362, Warrenton 10580 and Seaside12123.
- District 6 – Posts La Grande 2990, Baker City 3048, Huntington 3749, Union 4060, Enterprise 4307, Ontario 5452 and Halfway 7847.

It is our intent to allow you to meet with your leadership and discuss issues occurring in your Posts or ask questions. It also allows us to share our budget concerns with you. Primarily,

we need each Post to seriously look at retention, reinstates and new member recruiting to meet our minimum of 100% membership in your Posts. We budget 16,000 members to maintain and care for Department's building, office and supplies, insurances, security, utilities and more importantly, pay the salaries for our two employees; State Adjutant/ Quartermaster Cheryl Campos and Administrative Assistant Linda Wilkes. There are also expenses related to Conferences and Conventions that need to be considered. Not to mention that we would like to see as many Posts as possible achieve All-State and/or All-American status.

It has been and will continue to be a pleasure meeting with you in your Posts. We wanted to let you know that we genuinely care about you and your Posts. A special thank you goes out to Brookings Post 966 members and to Auxiliary Member Bonnie Brenner for the warm welcome, photos, binder and special treats to make sure we could make it up the road! In addition, it was great for me to visit with Marine Comrade Louis Neubecker. It is great to see him up and about.

We have taken many photos and hope to include more of them in our newsletter. On a personal note, I feel that you are all necessary, valuable members and we are taking steps to ensure you feel that you are reconnected to your Department.

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



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Department of Oregon Membership 2019 - 2020  
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Department Total				Department Percentage			
		2019	2020			2019	2020
		15,374	11,990			105.81%	77.98%
		2019	2020			2019	2020
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #5			
1440	St. Helens	65*	52	1383	Klamath Falls	722*	585
1909	Rainier	59	48	4070	Lakeview	79	62
2848	Bay City	107*	95	6147	Malin	19*	12
2994	Clatskanie	35*	36*	TOTAL		820*	659
*4362	Scappoose	66	58	DISTRICT #6			
10580	Warrenton	225*	90	2990	La Grande	65*	48
12123	Seaside	74*	36	3048	Baker City	142	118
		631*	415	3749	Huntington	15*	14
DISTRICT #3				4060	Union	104	96
1325	Peninsula/Pep	126*	90	4307	Enterprise	151*	140
1442	Jasper C Lent	201*	180	5452	Ontario	115*	105
4248	Sellwood Brk.	410*	343	7847	Halfway	74*	67
TOTAL						667*	588
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #7			
965	Coquille	21*	20	1833	Medford	378*	317
966	Brookings	77	70	2302	Grants Pass	144*	118
2928	Myrtle Point	50	46	4116	Rogue River	274*	250
3182	North Bend	67*	66	6881	Shady Cove	63*	51
3440	Bandon	210*	183	9670	Jacksonville	34*	28
4439	Gold Beach	42	37			893*	764
6102	Powers	32	24	DISTRICT #8			
		499*	446	922	Pendleton	276*	247
DISTRICT #5				2471	The Dalles	68*	58
1383	Klamath Falls	722*	724*	3597	John Day	28*	25
4070	Lakeview	79	79*	567	Milton Freewater	27	20
6147	Malin	19*	20*	4750	Hermiston	153*	132
		820*	823*			552*	482
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #12			
965	Coquille	21*	19	2468	Roseburg	304*	237
966	Brookings	77	66	3970	Sutherlin	276*	132
2928	Myrtle Point	50	45	7752	Myrtle Creek	163*	105
3182	North Bend	67*	62	9745	Winston	165	144
3440	Bandon	210*	137			908*	618
4439	Gold Beach	42	36	DISTRICT #13			
6102	Powers	32	24	293	Eugene	339*	221
		499*	419	3473	Cottage Grove	213*	140
DISTRICT #5				3965	Springfield	607*	493
1383	Klamath Falls	722*	724*	4039	Creswell	177*	86
4070	Lakeview	79	79*	4166	Marcola	46*	15
6147	Malin	19*	20*	7384	Coburg	73*	38
		820*	823*	9448	Veneta	235*	147
DISTRICT #4				10639	Junction City	30*	18
965	Coquille	21*	19			1720*	1158
966	Brookings	77	66	DISTRICT #14			
2928	Myrtle Point	50	45	584	Albany	384*	337
3182	North Bend	67*	62	661	Salem	389	317
3440	Bandon	210*	137	2105	Harrisburg	35	28
4439	Gold Beach	42	36	3203	Dallas	137*	111
6102	Powers	32	24	3437	Sweet Home	200*	175
		499*	419	3957	Monroe	38*	44*
DISTRICT #5				4065	Jefferson	33	28
1383	Klamath Falls	722*	724*	5638	Stayton	81*	76
4070	Lakeview	79	79*			1297*	1116
6147	Malin	19*	20*	DISTRICT #15			
		820*	823*	180	Gresham	288*	185
DISTRICT #4				1324	Oregon City	282*	228
965	Coquille	21*	19	3973	Molalla	438*	276
966	Brookings	77	66	4273	Sandy	617*	410
2928	Myrtle Point	50	45	6057	Canby	99*	72
3182	North Bend	67*	62	12140	Lake Oswego	389*	105
3440	Bandon	210*	137			2113*	1114
4439	Gold Beach	42	36	DISTRICT #16			
6102	Powers	32	24	2666	Hillsboro	288*	225
		499*	419	3452	Tualatin	179	156
DISTRICT #5				4015	Newberg	163*	150
1383	Klamath Falls	722*	724*	4211	Willamina	78*	70
4070	Lakeview	79	79*	4617	Beaverton	85	67
6147	Malin	19*	20*	0626	Dayton	206*	132
		820*	823*			977*	800
DISTRICT #4				MEMBERS AT LARGE			
965	Coquille	21*	19	1534		1297	
966	Brookings	77	66	*100% POSTS			
2928	Myrtle Point	50	45				
3182	North Bend	67*	62				
3440	Bandon	210*	137				
4439	Gold Beach	42	36				
6102	Powers	32	24				
		499*	419				

RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!

RECRUITERS

as of 12/31/2019

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

VFW TAPS

District / Post		Name /MI	Last
2	1440	Wayne M	Navolynski
2	4362	Alan W	Roy
3	4248	Steven	Maxwell
3	4248	Stephen D	Orr
6	4307	Alvin M	Meyers
7	1833	Russell E	Grimm
7	1833	Duane H	McLean
7	4116	Clarence G	Brown
7	4116	Ernest D	Lebow
8	4750	Loren E	Woodside
10	1412	Walter H	Orum
10	4108	Lloyd L	Murders
10	4217	Harrison	Davis, Sr
10	4217	Bert N	Simtustus
10	4217	Reginald	Winishut
10	12141	Carl	Smith
12	2468	Meldonl L	Gasner
12	2848	Darald L	Walker
12	9744	Lonnle R	Harrison
12	9745	Dennis G	Aaron
13	3965	James J	Arnold
13	9448	Bruce J	Malcolm
14	3437	Lorenzo S	Pike
15	1324	Richard E	Huggins
15	1324	Michael R	Pelton
15	3973	James E	Riback
15	4273	Martin J	Le Doux
16	3452	William A	Reinhardt
16	4617	Robert C	Beckett
99	15038	Joseph W	Dunagan

# Updates

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## DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

DIST.	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	OFFICERS	REMARKS
2	11-Jan	1pm	Post 12123 315 Broadway Seaside, OR 97138	Allen Anderson	11:30
3	26-Jan	1pm	Post 1442 3403 SE 87th Ave Portland OR 97266	Dennis Pratt	N/A
4	19-Jan	2pm	Post 3440 55325 Bates Rd. Bandon Oregon 97411	Ron Ballard	
5	18-Jan	1pm	Post 6147 Bloody Point 2307 Front St. Malin, OR 97632	Dennis Guthrie	
6	24-Jan	130pm	Post 3048 Baker City 2005 Valley Avenue Baker City, OR 97814	George Carroll	Noon
7	18-Jan	1pm	Post 4116 Rogue River 410 E Main st. Rogue River, OR 97537	Ron Ballard	Noon 11am vod/pp district winner
8	unknown				
9	11-Jan	1pm	Post 4227 268 Pioneer Mtn Loop Toledo OR 97391	Dennis Pratt	Noon
10	18-Jan	1pm	Post 4108 491 SW Veterans Way Redmond, OR 97756	John Wrinkle	
12	12-Jan	2pm	Post 9744 252 S Old Pacific Hwy Myrtle Creek	Allen Anderson	4:30pm VOD Banquet \$10 per person
13	18-Jan	11am	Post 293 1626 Willamette St. Eugene Oregon 97401	Dennis Pratt	Noon
14	19-Jan	2pm	Post 584 1469 Timber Street SE Albany, OR 97322	Allen Anderson	1pm
15	8-Feb	9am	ONLINE <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7959803037">https://zoom.us/j/7959803037</a> Meeting ID 795 980 3037 dial +1 720 707 2699	John Wrinkle	N/A
16	18-Jan	1pm	Post 3452 18820 SW Boones Ferry Rd. Tualatin, OR 97062	George Carroll	Noon

## Oregon Continuing Education Scholarship Application

All requirements must be met for consideration. Incomplete applications, application post-marked after the deadline, or applications received with postage due will not be accepted.

Application Deadline:  
February 15, 2020

Award Notification:  
March 31, 2020

Send completed (in FULL) to:

Department of Oregon Auxiliary  
Scholarship Prgm Chm Cathy  
Lindsay

1337 Hawthorne St.  
Sweet Home, Or. 97386

Or scan and email to:  
celindsay88@hotmail.com

Important note: if sending by postal mail, please send an email to the chairman as to the date sent.

Date member joined the VFW Auxiliary: Month/Day/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Phone Number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On separate sheets of paper, please answer the following questions and provide an essay.\*

- What is the name of the American college/university or vocational/technical school you plan to attend or are currently attending? Online school is acceptable.
- Have you been accepted? What is your intended major or course of study?
- If currently attending, please provide copy of school transcripts.
- What are your financial reasons for applying for the Continuing Education Scholarship?
- Have you been awarded Financial Aid from any other sources? Please list/specify.
- If you are an Auxiliary member – what Auxiliary activities have you participated in and what leadership positions have you held?
- If you are a spouse, daughter, son or grandchild of an Auxiliary member, please list community/school activities and leadership positions you have held.
- Write a brief essay (no more than 300 words\*) describing your commitment to your goals and how this scholarship will help you attain these goals.
- Essays longer than 300 words will not be accepted.



# Auxiliary

SR. VICE PRESIDENT



DEB WRIGHT

Young American Patriotic Art, and Veterans Service Officer. These are just a few things that we need to remember to make donations to. Even the smallest of donations makes a difference and no donation is too small.

Be sure to send your reports to the chairman. You work so hard, let us know what you are doing. If you are having trouble or are unsure about reporting call the chairman. They can help you.

Look forward to seeing everybody at the Mid-Winter in Eugene at Valley River Inn in February.

Loyally, *Debbie Wright*

DEPT. TREASURER



SONYA SALLEE

The scholarships are doing well, but the Voice of Democracy could use a little more money than we have, it would be nice to be able to give the students the same amount of money as last year. So if there is some extra money in your relief fund please send it to me and I will get this to the students.

I have one comment that I hope the Post side of the VFW reads. We give more than \$7,000 to your programs every year and I have not seen a check from any VFW post for the Auxiliaries Patriot Art program. I know that the National Commander-In-Chief is asking for the Post to help us but it's not happening, I need to see some money for this program from the Post, so please open your hearts and help us with this wonderful program.

If you have members who are in nursing Hhmes or unable to pay their dues, please get them paid soon. We are at 92% at this time and we have 400 members to go to be 100%+ so please start finding some new members to get into the auxiliary. We need the help.

At your January meeting it will be time to do your audit for the quarter. Please, if this is going to be late let me know so that I won't get worried about your auxiliary. I know that winter is one of the hardest times to get the audits done but please try to get them done as soon as you can. Also remember to send your December bank statement for me to see with the audit.

I hope to see many of you at the Mid Winter conference.  
*Sonya Sallee*

## Chaplain Report

Heartfelt condolences go out to Muriel Dunn's family and friends and to Kathy McCoy and her daughter Carmen's family and friends. Loss is not at all the happiest moments in anyone's life, but it is something that will happen to all of us. Giant hugs go to each member of each family. God loves all of us and will definitely understand the loss we feel. Draw near to Him.

I do wish all a safe and healthy 2020. Take each day as it comes and be sure to Put God first in all you do. He is our father and Jesus is our brother. So we should be able to go to them for comfort and understanding.

Take care everyone and remember to take time to breathe!

Love in Christ, *Debby Fawver*

## Donations

Greetings: Welcome to the New Year. The Auxiliary year is flying by so quickly! We need to be recruiting and working all of our programs. Make sure your Auxiliary has paid all obligations. Have you sent donations for the following? Health and Happiness, Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, Teacher,

JR. VICE PRESIDENT



VALERIE WRINKLE

Saturday night where we will honor the District winners of the Voice of Democracy contest and the State winner of the Patriot's Pen contest. I am always inspired by the intelligence and patriotism exhibited by our youth.

May your New Year be prosperous, happy and healthy!

*Valerie Wrinkle*

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

This is the time of year where we give thanks for our many blessings and try to bless others with generosity and love. One way you can bless others is by asking your Congressional leaders to abolish the "Widow's Tax." This is a cause that the VFW has behind since the beginning. If you have subscribed to the VFW Action Corps Weekly, you received an email asking you to urge your legislators to pass the FY2020 NDAA. You were encouraged to tell them that Congress has the opportunity to #FinishtheFight to #AxeWidowsTax and make military surviving spouses whole! I hope you did just that. I know I did, and I reported it for my Auxiliary under Legislative. Have you?

The next "big thing" is the Mid-Winter Conference and banquet where we honor our District winners of the Voice of Democracy contest and the State winner of the Patriot's Pen contest. It is also the mid-year point of our program year. I have been receiving Legislative reports from some of you, but there are an awful lot that have not reported. If you haven't sent any reports, your President will be receiving a phone call or letter from me within the next month. This is such an important program for anyone who believes they should advocate for veterans, and isn't that why the Auxiliary was formed in the first place? I bet if you just think about it, you have done something for this program. If you registered to vote, encouraged someone else to register to vote, read the VFW Action Corps Weekly, shared the information on that report with your Auxiliary or someone else, if you contacted a legislator for any reason, it counts under the Legislative program. Please do not wait until the end of the year to let me know what you have done!

I look forward to seeing you at the Mid-Winter Conference in Eugene February 1 and 2, 2020!

*Valorie Wrinkle*

HOSPITAL/CHAPLAIN



DEBBY FAWVER

Also, not many reports are listing that the members are doing anything in the area of research and development. Please remember I supplied each auxiliary with a list of places you can go to and get the information for your members.

Each auxiliary should also be informing the members of what is written in the Hospital Guide that is provided for your use. I have received information from some auxiliaries who have been keeping track of the volunteer hours. Thanks.

I thank all the site representative for your hard work and dedication in suppling items, time and love to our fine veterans.

*Debby Fawver*

## Serving Veterans

I hope to see you all at the Mid-Winter Conference in Eugene on February 1 and 2, 2020. Rumor has it that there will be a Department Family Freedom Festival at this Conference. It will be fun to see what all the Chairmen do to show off their programs! Come and enjoy the Festival, then stay for the banquet on

## Buddy Poppy & National Home

Buddy Poppy/ VFW National Home for Children

Wow! January 2020! This year is going by so fast!

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

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

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

So you know what you should be reporting, see the year-end report below. Please review it and contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their families.

*Dianne A. Guthrie*

## 2019-2020 YEAR-END REPORT

Deadline to have to Chairman: April 5, 2020

Buddy Poppies

- Number of Buddy Poppy distributions during the year \_\_\_\_
  - Times you worked with the Post? \_\_\_\_.
  - Number of times you worked to educate within your Post/ Auxiliary about Buddy Poppies? \_\_\_\_.
  - Number of times worked to educate within the community? (Distribute, publicity, other education) \_\_\_\_.
- Tell me how if you answered yes to any of these. Please attach a sheet.
- Number of times you submitted something on Buddy Poppies to your local paper or other news or media sources? \_\_\_\_.

- How many times was it published? \_\_\_\_.
  - Did you enter a Buddy Poppy display in the Department contest? \_\_\_\_.
  - Did you use the Buddy Poppy Chairman's Manual in any way? \_\_\_\_.
- Did you use any youth groups or youth at all in your distributions? \_\_\_\_.
- Which youth group(s) if any? \_\_\_\_\_.

- How many poppies did your Auxiliary buy themselves? This does not include poppies bought from the Post. You must buy them directly from Department for credit. \_\_\_\_\_.

- From pg. 17 of National Program book, retrieve the form from [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources), complete, and submit to me no later than March 31, 2020.

VFW National Home

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

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

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

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

Please Send Monthly Reports

# Auxiliary

## Get involved in the VFW family

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

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

**Meet People / Make Friends**  
Involvement forms the basis for lifelong friendships. As you get more active you realize you “can do” and self-confidence grows.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Loyally,  
Debbie Wright

## SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR



CATHY LINDSAY

## Scholarship Report

Well, it is that time, we get to finally hear some of those Voice of Democracy essays that everyone has worked so hard on. It is such an exciting night! Thank you to those who have donated to the scholarship programs. We are about \$600 short of my goal for the Voice of Democracy so if you have not donated to the scholarship program please do so. These kids are worth it, they are our future.

**Continuing Education Scholarship**  
February is just around the corner can’t wait to read those Essays. As you know we have our own programs the Oregon Continuing Education Scholarship and National Continuing Education Scholarship. They both have the same criteria for the scholarship. Open to any Auxiliary member (who has been a member for at least one year), or spouse, son, daughter with financial need. Entrant must be at least 18 years old, complete the application and submit an essay of 300 words or less. The application must be received at Department and National Headquarters by February 15, 2020. ou will find the application online at both websites for each of the scholarships.

**Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**  
At this time, you should have been to your local schools and contacting the homeschool groups about this content. Make sure you have left your information with the schools or homeschool groups in case they have any questions for us. Again, here is the criteria for the contest;

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

*Deadlines:*  
Entries received by:  
Local Auxiliary – March 31, 2020  
Department – April 15, 2020  
National – May 5, 2020

**NEW to the program**  
Expanded Art Forms Now Accepted: The Patriotic Art Contest will now accept additional forms of art:  
Two- dimensional art:  
Three – dimensional art:

See rule on both two- and three-dimensional art in the program book.  
Department is asking each district to bring a basket to mid-winter for a fund raiser, the money will go toward the scholarship fund.

If you would like to donate to any of these programs please send your donations to Department of Oregon, Treasurer Sonya Sallee. Please earmark your checks to; Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, Oregon Continuing Education Scholarship and National Continuing Education Scholarship, Voice of Democracy or Patriot’s Pen and show the amount to each program you are donating to.

Any questions please call or email me.

Loyally,  
Catherine Lindsay

## CONDUCTRESS



DEBBIE LITTLE

## Need candidates for Guard & Conductress/Conductor

Happy New Year,  
I hope your holidays were wonderful and your New Year is spectacular. I hope to see many of you at the Mid-Winter Conference in Eugene.

If you are interested in running for a position (Guard or Conductress/Conductor) in the Department line, your opportunity to talk to everyone will be at the Mid-Winter Conference. Read through your Podium book and see what duties each osition entails. If you have questions about any of the positions talk to your current line officers. Any one of us would be happy to chat with you about it.

I hope to see you all in February in Eugene.

Loyally,  
Cookie

## Veterans and Family Support

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,  
Can you believe it is the beginning of a new year already? I have really, really enjoyed reading the reports outlining everything you are doing for our veterans and their families. During this time of year gives us so many opportunities to serve those who have undeniably served us.

We are getting close to the end of our reporting time, only three more months to report on. Unfortunately, 20 Auxiliaries have yet to submit even one report on the Veterans and Family Support Program. We need to participate in reporting 100% on all programs.

If you don’t know how to make a report, call me or email me and we will do the report(s) together. After the holidays I will start making phone calls to the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Auxiliaries that have yet to report. The Veterans and Family Support Program is a large part of who and what the VFW Auxiliary is all about.

I hope your holidays were bright and your new year will be wonderful.

Loyally,  
Cookie

## Auxiliary Chief of Staff Report

19 December 2019

Brothers and Sisters

Today we are going to talk about the NEED to always be positive about our Auxiliary and Veterans.

Remember when we’re out in the public world, people see and hear what and how we do and talk. We should be having supportive fun together as we do our work with and for our Veterans.

THIS STARTS AT HOME WITH EACH Auxiliary!!

We need to be kind to one another and encourage everyone to do what they can to support our Programs and Auxiliary. If the membership is having a good time it is much easier to get new members to want to join the Auxiliary. REMEMBER to ask people to join, too many times that’s all you have to do — ASK.

Each member is important, and everyone does whatever they can support our cause.

District Presidents, you have already made calls/contacts with your Auxiliary Presidents; it’s time to check in with them again with positive thoughts and ideas. Auxiliary Presidents, please know the commuication goes both ways.

Keep up the good work you all do and let people see how important and fun it is to BUILD for TOMORROW with ALOHA!!!!

Loyally, Jessie Stober, Chief of Staff



Updates

Post	First	MI	Last	Legacy Level
180	Val	G	Shaull	Bronze
180	Franklin	R	West	Silver
180	Scott		Gill	Gold
180	Robert	L	Dooms Jr	Silver
180	Maynard	C	Smith	Bronze
293	Mark	D	Chapman	Gold
293	Joseph	M	Rosano	Bronze
293	James	I	Bell	Bronze
584	Melvin	L	Chaput	Gold
584	James	M	Willis	Bronze
661	Leonard	V	Goss	Bronze
661	Robert	F	Osterlund	Bronze
661	Greg		Terhune	Gold
661	Kerry	A	Wymetalek	Gold
922	Judith	A	Burger	Gold
922	Richard	E	Halverson	Gold
922	James	F	Hand	Gold
922	Nicholas	R	Van Kirk	Gold
1324	D	J.	Ruger	Gold
1324	Arthur	E	Kimball	Gold
1324	Edgar		Wales	Bronze
1324	Gregory	A	Arnold	Bronze
1324	John	S	Morell Jr	Bronze
1324	Charles	E	Chamberlin	Bronze
1324	Ronald	D	Emerson	Bronze
1324	James	G	McDonald	Gold
1324	Paul	H	Harris	Bronze
1324	Neil	E	Birch	Bronze
1324	Shawn	P	Dachtler	Bronze
1324	Gerry	B	Mcateer	Bronze
1324	Steven		Prowant	Bronze
1324	Shannon	M	Arnold	Bronze
1324	Edward	L	Gresham	Gold
1324	William	M	Trumble	Bronze
1324	Dale	K	Miller	Bronze
1324	Robert	W	Black	Bronze
1324	Maurice	A	Deets	Bronze
1324	John	A	Baranek	Gold
1324	David	M	Kidd	Bronze
1324	Larry	W	Moseley	Bronze
1325	James	H	Mc Gee Jr	Gold
1383	Duane	G	Whitehead	Gold
1383	Ronald	E	Ballard	Gold
1383	Roger	A	Pattee	Gold
1383	Douglas	D	Herrera	Bronze
1383	Karen	H	Johnson	Gold
1442	Daniel	W	Wakefield	Gold
1442	Gordon	K	Hillesland	Gold
1442	Albert	A	Reijonen	Bronze
1643	Michael	P	Boehme	Gold
1643	Matthew	R	Walker	Gold
1643	Byron	J	Smith	Gold
1833	Robert	K	Penney	Silver
1833	Ralph	T	Groover	Bronze
1833	Peter	J	Pringle	Bronze
1909	Roger	A	Ege	Gold
1909	Michal	D	Tolleshaug	Gold
1909	Linda	K	Kelly	Silver
2302	Glenn	D	German	Bronze
2302	Charles	E	Delore	Bronze
2468	Michael	D	Eakin	Bronze
2468	Earl	T	McAloney	Gold
2624	David	A	Teem Sr	Gold
2624	Robert	R	May	Gold
2666	Larry	R	Tomb	Bronze
2666	Daniel	F	Fink	Bronze
2666	Roger	D	Pack	Gold
2666	Dale	S	Yee	Bronze
2666	Dennis	C	Marsh	Gold
2666	Rick	D	Johnson	Silver
2666	Michael	R	Premi	Bronze
2666	Andrew	L	Eason	Gold
2666	Don	R	Bowen	Bronze
2666	Carl	G	Anderso	Silver
3156	Andrea	D	Summerlin	Gold
3203	Dennis	R	Pratt	Bronze
3232	Dennis	R	Marsh	Silver
3232	Terry	J	Robertson	Bronze
3232	Robert	J	Jackson	Bronze
3232	Kennith	E	Smith	Gold
3232	Milton	G	Gravell	Bronze
3232	Phillip	M	Jarvis	Gold
3232	David	R	Snyder	Bronze
3232	Harley	O	Youngblood	Bronze
3232	Rex	L	Ruck	Gold
3232	Russell	E	Downs	Bronze
3232	Merritt	C	Mosby	Bronze
3232	Fred	M	Burns	Bronze
3232	Gerald	F	Hernandez	Silver
3232	Gordon		Rhodes	Bronze
3232	Gary	W	Covert	Bronze
3232	John	E	McBride	Bronze
3232	Nicole	A	Buckley	Bronze
3232	Bruce	W	Smith	Bronze
3232	Anthony	V	Cavarno	Bronze
3232	Bruce	D	Andrade	Bronze
3232	David	L	Younce	Gold
3232	Allen	R	Ransom	Bronze
3232	Robert	B	Woerner	Silver

Legacy Life Members in Oregon

Posts with 5 or more Legacy Members

3232	Florence	34
1324	Oregon City	22
4039	Creswell	14
4015	Newburg	12
2666	Hillsboro	10
3973	Molalla	11
9448	Veneta	6
12140	Lake Oswego	8
180	Gresham	5
4108	Redmond	8
4273	Sandy	7
3965	Springfield	5
3452	Tualatin	7
4248	Portland	5

Bronze 127

Silver 22

Gold 89

Total 238

\* Deceased Member

\*\*\* In Memorium Member

Post	First	MI	Last	Legacy Level
3232	Ronald	R	Tate	Bronze
3232	James	W	Gerth	Bronze
3232	Thomas	F	Spayd	Gold
3232	Vincent	R	Le Piane	Bronze
3232	Paul	L	Gargis	Gold
3232	Robert	F	Brown	Gold
3232	Frederick	T	Kolbeck	Gold
3232	Harold	D	Morgan Sr	Silver
3232	Thomas	S	Benedict	Bronze
3232	Timothy	K	Marler	Bronze
3232	James	W	Swant	Bronze
3437	Vernon	L	Holdridge	Bronze
3437	Ronald	W	Wilson	Bronze
3440	Larry	D	Langenberg	Gold
3452	Arthur	V	Mauer	Bronze
3452	Ernie		Doyle	Gold
3452	Harvey	A	Pitcher	Gold
3452	Lawrence	J	Howard	Bronze
3452	Shaun	D	Benson	Bronze
3452	Paul	A	Maidel Jr	Gold
3452	Ted	D	Gilbo	Gold
3957	David	T	Houston	Bronze
3957	Lawrence	R	Alexander	Gold
3965	James	E	Matthews	Gold
3965	Jess	M	Wise Jr	Gold
3965	John	P	Stanks	Gold
3965	James	E	Manson	Gold
3965	Steven	M	Boosinger	Gold
3970	Clifford	N	Mc Cauley	Gold
3973	George	E	Carroll	Gold
3973	Stephen	G	Morris	Bronze
3973	Kenneth	L	Carroll	Bronze
3973	Roscoe	V	Dorsett	Bronze
3973	David	H	Wallace	Bronze
3973	Jason		Carroll	Gold
3973	Ronald	W	Jagodnik	Gold
3973	Ernest	H	Winterton	Bronze
3973	Jason	F	Griswold	Gold
3973	Rodney	W	Wymore	Gold
3973	Jeffrey	D	Knight	Gold
4015	George	P	Edmonston	Bronze
4015	Leonard	D.	Braithwait Jr	Bronze
4015	Lester	E	Beecroft	Bronze
4015	Alvin	A	Tesky	Bronze
4015	Leonard		Schorzmann	Bronze
4015	Stanley	L	Beecroft	Bronze

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



# Updates

JUNE 10 through JUNE 14, 2020

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF OREGON CONVENTION BOOK AD

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

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

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

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

Thank you and we look forward to serving you!

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

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

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

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

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 81 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

College or school you are planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ACT: Composite \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME (Maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ VFW Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



# Updates

GET ON BOARD, THERE IS ROOM FOR ONE MORE!





## Updates

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# Updates

## VFW Posts cooperate to throw a great holiday bash

As the holiday season rolls around, National Guard units gather their families for a Holiday Party. However, this year, two local National Guard units are either already deployed, or getting ready to go. C-2/162 Infantry has most of its unit already deployed. The remainder, with the exception of a few rear-detachment personnel, will be headed out with D-2/162 Infantry in January. It made sense to combine the unit resources for the traditional annual get together. The event was held at Camp Withycombe.

Gresham United VFW Post 180 has adopted C-2/162, and Martin J. Ryan Post 2666 adopted D-2/162. The two posts, along with their respective Auxiliary's, sprang into action. Working closely with the Family Resource Group (FRG) of both units, the Posts united to make sure both the troops, and their families would have a party to remember.

"Using a MAP Grant, we paid for a catered meal for everyone" said Post 180 Commander David Lowe. "We supplied a Christmas tree and all the decorations. The Gresham Elks provided Santa and gifts for the children of C-2/162"

From the other side of the Willamette River, Post 2666 and its Auxiliary supplied gifts for the kids from D-2/162, and working with Operation Homefront, they supplied a plethora of additional toys for all the kids, big and little.

"We descended on Camp Withycombe like, well, an army. Over 400 National Guard soldiers and families were fed a

great meal provided by Breck Morgan Catering. Kids got to decorate cookies, play in a bounce house, and see Santa."

Lowe said the success of the event was in no small part the relationship each Post has with the Unit Family Readiness Groups. "Working with the FRG and letting them run the event allowed us to focus on the needs of the unit. For most of these families, this will be the last Holiday Season together until they redeploy in 2021. We wanted this event to be special. We succeeded."

During the event, The Gresham Elks and Post 180 were both presented plaques honoring the commitment and support they provide to the C-2/162. Lowe said "It was an honor the accept the plaque on behalf of Post 180. It symbolizes the work we all do behind the scenes to make sure the troops, and families are cared for.





# Updates

## Local Veteran donates \$500 prize to deployed National Guard families

Last spring, Gresham Ford donated a \$500 gift certificate to the Gresham United VFW Post 180 for tires and / or service preformed at their Gresham Quick Lane Service Center.

The Gresham VFW Post held the drawing on Veterans Day, Monday 11 November 2019. The Grand Prize winner, post member Tom Bennett, donated the gift certificate to the deployed families of the Gresham Army National Guard unit, C Co. 2/162 Infantry. Bennett, a Navy Veteran, said he could not think of a better use for the prize.

Post Commander David Lowe gave the gift certificate to the unit on Monday, 18 November. The acting 1SG, SFC Tyler Brown said this donation could not have been more timely, as a struggling family needs repairs on their car. Cori Conner is a member of both the Oregon Army National

Guard (ORARNG) and the life partner of a deployed member of Company C, 2/162 Infantry ORARNG, SSG Anthony Boswell.

Conner has had numerous medical issues that has precluded her from working. When the brakes went out on her car, she felt she had nowhere to turn. SFC Brown and the FRG Brook Brennan reached out. The final bill was more than the gift certificate, so Gresham United stepped up again to pay for the balance of the repairs.

Gresham United VFW Post 180 and its sponsoring partner, Gresham Ford, are committed to helping veterans and especially the families of the deployed National Guard soldiers.

Gresham United Post VFW Post 180 supports the families of deployed soldiers with food boxes, unexpected expenses and repairs during this deployment.

David Lowe, once a member of the Florida Army National Guard knows the difficulties of deployment.

“Having been in both the Guard and Reserves,” he said, “I understand the difficulties families face on deployment.” Lowe was deployed to Iraq in 2006-2007. “A soldier cannot adequately perform their mission if they know there are problems at home. We, in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, want to take on the burden so the soldier can focus on the mission and return home safely.” Gresham United VFW Post 180 holds fund raisers throughout the coming year to meet the mission of supporting these families.”



Gresham general manager Bess Wills, and Cori Conner



Cori Conner and her children



Bess Wills, Post Commander Lowe and Cori Conner

### Voice of Democracy Banquet Tickets

Valley River Inn • Eugene, Oregon

February 1, 2020

Dinner Entrée: Choice of: Beef Sirloin  
Pork Loin (Chef Choice)  
Vegetarian (Chief Choose)

Meals include: Mixed Green salad, Warm assorted breads, Buttermilk smashed potatoes, Buttered Green Beans, roasted apples & Fruit Cup (coffee, tea & water is also included with the meal)

If you have allergies or special diet, please let department know so we can notify the banquet service.

ALL SEATS WILL BE RESERVED AND PAID FOR AT THE TIME OF ORDERING **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

If you plan to sit as a group, all money and names must be sent in together **please note if you have a big group and will take up more than one table please list who will sit at each table.**

ALL Tables will have a seating of EIGHT **TICKET DEADLINE JANUARY 22, 2020**  
(NO Tickets sold after January 22)

**Please fill out separate form for District Winner.**  
**Department pays for the District Winners and they will sit at the head table.**

Sliced Sirloin	Qty: _____	\$33.00	amount \$ _____
Roast Pork Loin	Qty: _____	\$33.00	amount \$ _____
Vegetarian	Qty: _____	\$33.00	amount \$ _____

Total Enclosed : \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ POST: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DEPARTMENT OF OREGON VFW  
WE ALSO CAN ACCEPT VISA/MASTERCARD  
(TO USE CREDIT CARD PLEASE CALL DEPARTMENT 503-255-5808)

Visa/MasterCard: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code on back \_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO: **VFW DEPARTMENT OF OREGON, 12440 NE HALSEY ST, PORTLAND, OR 97230**

**PICK UP BANQUET TICKETS SATURDAY AT THE CONFERENCE**

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## Iwo Jima 75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Flag Raising Ceremony

**Saturday, February 22, 2020  
10:00 am**

**Ackerman Middle School  
13<sup>th</sup> & S Ivy Canby, OR**

**The Canby-Aurora VFW Post/Auxiliary 6057**  
Cordially invite you to our  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony**  
held at Ackerman Gymnasium

**ALL Veterans and Families are encouraged to attend**

**Veterans Groups and Service Organizations are welcome to  
participate in the Massing of the Colors**  
Participant Staging is at 9:00 am

**Please RSVP if you will be Participating**  
Contact Martin Lackner via call or text at **503-849-8390**  
Or email: [Commander6057@gmail.com](mailto:Commander6057@gmail.com)

**Refreshments will be provided & drawing for '68 Cadillac**

# Veteran Job Fair

**Thursday, March 5**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland  
1000 NE Multnomah St.



Veterans with non-competitive hiring eligibilities, such as 30% or more disable veteran or Veteran Recruitment Appointment (VRA), are encouraged to attend:

- Visit [fedshirevets.gov](http://fedshirevets.gov) for more information on non-competitive veteran hiring authorities
- Bring a current resume, DD-214 member 4 copy and disability rating letter (if applicable)
- Be prepared to meet with hiring managers
- Positions available include: Management Associates, IT Specialists, Public Utilities Specialists, Management and Program Analysts, and many more

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