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STATE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



TYLER MARRIOTT
State Commander

Changing of the guard

We are quickly approaching our annual "Changing of the Guard" within the Department of Oregon. It has been a very interesting and educational year for me as your State Commander. I honor the time I have served in this position. My goal has always been to uphold the ideals and principles of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and to make those decisions based on what was right, regardless

of what it could do personally for me.

Although this year is almost over there is still a lot of work that needs to be done, specifically in Membership. The National organization needs the membership in order to continue to hold a listening ear from the lawmakers who ultimately actually DO protect our rights. It was my honor to sit in Congress in February and be part of the Congressional Hearing on Veterans' Affairs. I was inspired to know that the 400-600 VFW members present represented 1.5 million veterans around the nation and the world. However, how much bigger voice could we carry if our numbers were more in line with reality? There are currently 21.9 million veterans in the US; 1.5 million Women Veterans alone!

Although we are still the largest, best organized and most powerful combat veterans' organization, the VFW is in jeopardy unless each and every one of us goes out and tells our neighbors, friends and family WHY we exist to begin with. The VFW PROTECTS VETERANS' RIGHTS. Pure and simple. THAT is what we do!

Yes we have a lot of "other" things that we are involved in, including the scholarship programs, community service, etc. However, the REASON we are here is to protect our rights as veterans. We can ONLY do that via membership to show the lawmakers WE care. If WE don't care.....THEY won't care!

By the time you read this we will be only weeks away from the State Convention. I ask you to give your support to Bert Key, Larry Alexander and the rest of the Department Team. YOU are the heart of the Department. YOU are the boots on the ground. YOU have the most impact in your own local community.

Once again, I thank you for allowing me the high honor of serving as your State Commander.

Tyler Marriott
State Commander, 2010-2011



Home Depot/ Home Team, National Guardsmen and VFW post volunteers teamed up recently to construct a new fence at the Roseburg Post.

Roseburg partnership yields new fence

Patrick W. Kelley Post 2468 in Roseburg Oregon is the proud owner of a new fence, thanks to a partnership between Home Depot and Charlie Co, 1/186th Infantry of the Oregon National Guard. Post Commander Mike Eakin said that the old fence was in dire need of refurbishing or replacement. The Commander and Post Chaplain William Johnson contacted the local Home Depot store and requested a donation to assist with the project. Commander Eakin, skeptical of any help due to the sluggish economy in Southern Oregon, was elated to find that the Home Depot store was able to grant the VFW Post a \$2,000 gift card. Besides the monetary donation, Home Depot also provided much of the labor to install the new fence. This project became a partnership between Home Depot/Home Team, the Oregon National Guard and Post 2468 volunteers.

In the first phase of the project, 10 National Guard troops removed the old fence. Then, volunteers from Home Depot/Home Team, Post 2468 and Charlie Co. volunteers worked together to install the new fence. The dismantling and installation of the new fence was accomplished in three days. Without these wonderful volunteers, Commander Eakin said, they would

still be working on the project. "We were time compressed because of a medal ceremony to be conducted at our post on April 15th. The project was completed two days before the ceremony."

The usual time frame for a donation of this size is three to four weeks, said a spokesperson from Home Depot. Spurred by the need for rapid completion of the project, full completion took only 10 days. Everyone at Patrick W. Kelley Post 2468 is very happy with the partnership and cooperation between Home Depot, Charlie Co. and VFW members. It shows that community involvement and patriotism is alive and well in Southern Oregon.



New Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans committee forming



By Dennis Pratt

Last fall Department Commander Tyler Marriott nominated me as the Oregon Representative to the National Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans' Committee. Recently we decided that Oregon should have its own Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans' Committee, and I have been asked to spearhead its formation over the coming months.

The Oregon Committee's mission and goals will mirror the mission and goals of the National Committee, which are to help integrate Iraq/Afghanistan veterans into the VFW, develop plans to enhance the VFW's appeal to these veterans, make them feel welcome when they come aboard, and involve them in the activities of the post and the VFW.

The Committee's most important goal is to gain insight and an understanding of the unique needs and aspirations of these veterans and their families, and to develop programs within the VFW to meet these needs. The Committee's mission will be to provide Iraq/Afghanistan veterans with representation and a voice within the VFW. This Committee will be unique in that it will be a virtual committee formed online, through e-mails from interested VFW members, not through the usual appointment of representatives at the Post, District and Department levels. Ideas will be discussed online and put together to form a workable plan.

If you are a veteran of these conflicts and would like to help, please e-mail me at IAVCOregonVFW@gmail.com.



Robert A. (Bob) Crider

National dignitary to visit Oregon VFW's convention

Oregon VFW will welcome convention guest Robert A. Crider, in charge of Member Dues Processing at VFW National Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri since 1999. Prior to this appointment he served as assistant director of Membership, 1991-1999. Crider served in the United States Navy from

1965 to 1969. As a Navy Hospital Corpsman, he served in Southeast Asia, assigned to Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines. During his service he received the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Crider graduated summa cum laude from Park University, Parkville, Missouri, where he earned his B.S. degree in financial management. He was employed by Norwest

Financial Corporation in California for 17 years prior to his employment with the VFW.

Crider first joined the VFW in 1972 at VFW Post 9223 in Arlington, California and later transferred to VFW Post 1744 in San Bernardino, California in 1979. In that Post, he served two consecutive terms as Post Commander, 1986-1987 and 1987-1988.

At the District level, he has served as Chief of Staff, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Commander. As Commander of District 3, Department of California, during the 1991-1992 membership year, he distinguished himself by achieving All State District Commander and All American District Commander awards.

He also served the Department of California as an Area Chairman for the POW/MIA Committee and for the Americanism Committee, and as Vice Chairman for the Community Activities Committee. He was also selected to serve a term as Captain of the Department of California's Color Guard during the 1990-1991 year.

At the VFW National level, Crider has earned the distinction of being selected as a National aide-de-camp, Recruiting Class and as a National Deputy Chief of Staff.

Bob and his wife Deborah left California in 1991 and now reside in Kansas City, Missouri.

For the Record



Bowling Tournament Results

The Ralph Hess 63rd Annual State Bowling Tournament was held at Lava Lanes in Bend, OR, over two week-ends, March 26-27 and April 2-3. Participation Statistics: 13 Teams of four bowlers, 26 Doubles Teams, 52 Singles bowlers, 17 Mixed Doubles; 69 bowlers participated, including women for Mixed Doubles.

Following is a list of all who Placed in the tournament (a copy of the Detailed Standing Sheets for each event can be found on the Tournament Director's local post website at www.medfordvfw.org)

Description	Place	First	Last	Prize
Singles	1	Carol	Robinson	\$84.00
	2	Doyal	Davis	\$71.00
	3	GEORGE	HUTCHBY	\$61.00
	4	Ken	Steele	\$53.00
	5	Bob	Robinson	\$43.00
	5	HOWARD	WHITSON	\$43.00
	7	Steve	Tindall Sr	\$34.00
	8	Jere	Smith	\$27.00
Doubles	1	GEORGE	HUTCHBY	\$59.00
	1	Rick	Hardwick	\$59.00
	2	Bob	Robinson	\$49.00
	2	Carol	Robinson	\$49.00
	3	John	Thurman	\$40.00
	3	Ron	Ladd	\$40.00
	4	Darren	Ofsthun	\$33.00
	4	Steve	Tindall Sr	\$33.00
	5	ROBERT	BAUGH SR	\$27.00
	5	Ron	Cogburn	\$27.00
Mixed	1	SAM	WALKER	\$63.00
	1	Merry	Walker	\$63.00
	2	Ron	Siebert	\$45.00
	2	Claudia	Siebert	\$45.00
	3	Larry	Curry	\$28.00
3	Fay	Curry	\$28.00	

Description	Place	First	Last	Prize
Teams	1	David	Luther	\$43.00
	1	ROBERT	BAUGH SR	\$43.00
	1	James	Levings	\$43.00
	1	Ron	Cogburn	\$43.00
	2	CHARLIE	BERGSENG	\$35.00
	2	Mike	Denmark	\$35.00
	2	Jere	Smith	\$35.00
	2	Tenos	Pete	\$35.00
	3	SAM	WALKER	\$26.00
	3	Larry	Curry	\$26.00
All Events	3	David	Boner	\$26.00
	3	Ernie	Manfull	\$26.00
	1	Carol	Robinson	\$30.00
	2	GEORGE	HUTCHBY	\$24.00
	3	Ron	Ladd	\$19.00
	4	Ron	Cogburn	\$15.00
5	JAMES	HANLEY	\$10.00	
6	Bob	Robinson	\$6.00	

As Tournament Director, I wish to thank all participants and family members for their involvement. While there were not as many teams as in past years, I feel that the tournament was a huge success.

I am waiting on a bid from Florence; I will contact all team captains about the bid via phone or e-mail.

James Hanley, Tournament Director
2552 Thorn Oak Dr #80 • Medford, OR 97501
Cell: 541-840-1301 • hanley25@hotmail.com

ROSTER CHANGES

Post 4184
Quartermaster Address Change:
Robert Taylor
1550 NW 11th St Apt 114
Hermiston, OR 97838

Post 4307
Adj- Mark Blake
605 W 3rd St
Wallowa, OR 97885
Phone: 541-886-0142

District 16 & Post 10626
Commander's email:
onesgtusmc@hotmail.com

Post 9744
Meeting Day Changed to 2nd
Wednesday of the month

Post 9745
Meeting Day is:
1st Wednesday of the month



2011 Convention Meal Program

Newport, Oregon, 23,24,25 June 2011

Convention Meal Program for 2011 will cost \$70.00 ** (Exception – 40 & Over cost is \$67.00). This includes 3 Lunches and 1 Banquet Meal. This price includes the 17% gratuity charged by Shilo at Newport.

Meal Tickets will be available for pick-up during registration at Convention Lunch each day, Thursday through Saturday, will be Chef's Choice.

BANQUET MENU:

- (1) Parmesan encrusted True Cod with Beurre Blanc or
- (2) Tri-Tip Beef

All entrees served with Chef's choice of accompaniments, Fresh Bread and Butter
Coffee/Decaf/Hot or Iced Tea
Chef's choice of dessert

Individual prices for meals will be: Lunch \$16.00 and Banquet \$28.00.

PDC/PDP Breakfast = \$13.00.

**40/Over Lunch = \$12.00.

DEADLINE IS JUNE 5, 2011. No tickets will be sold via mail after this date.

If you are on a special diet, please let Wade Woolard know so we can notify banquet services.

If you plan to sit as a group at the Banquet, all monies and names must be sent in together.

SEND THIS PORTION WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

Indicate how many: Cod _____ Tri-Tip Beef _____ Lunch _____

40&Over _____ (Auxiliary members who have been members for 40 years or more)

PDC/PDP Breakfast _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

Regular Meal Package \$70.00 -- Meal Package with 40 & Over Lunch \$67.00

NAME _____ PHONE# _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES _____

DISTRICT # _____ POST/AUX # _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO VFW CONVENTION AND SEND TO:

Wade Woolard
5335 Main St #230, Springfield, OR 97478

If any questions please call Wade Woolard at 541-726-5883,
or email oregonconvention@comcast.net



2011 Convention Hotel Information

2011 Convention Hotel rooms are available now. Rates are \$79.00 plus room tax, King or Double Queen room. Call the Newport Shilo Hotel at 541-265-7701 for reservations. Let them know you are with the VFW. Do not wait until the last minute — CALL EARLY. We can only block so many rooms and after June 5, 2011, you will have to pay the regular price.

If you have any problems or special conditions please contact Wade Woolard or Jacque Hobwood at 541-726-5883 or email: oregonconvention@comcast.net

2011 VFW/Auxiliary Convention Meal Program

The Convention Meal Program for 2011 will be \$70.00 regular and \$67.00 for 40/Over.

This will include the gratuity charged by the hotel and will include the lunches for Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the Banquet Meal Friday evening.

PDC/PDP Breakfast, Friday Morning, will be \$13.00. Meal Program reservation forms are available now from Wade or Jacque and in this edition of *Oregon VFW News*.

Announcements

Submissions for the July - Aug issue are due by June 29

Send LAVFW articles to Aux. Dept Sec'y by June 26

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

Please send your submissions to: cecampos@aol.com



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STATE JUDGE ADVOCATE MESSAGE

Focus on 100% membership

By Jason Carroll

As you read this, Spring District meetings are completed and District and Post Officers have been elected for the ensuing year. Your reports are either in or in their final stages and we have started on a new Community Service year with Posts focused on Memorial Day activities. Buddy Poppy distribution will be included in your Memorial Day activities. I urge every Post to make a little extra effort on Buddy Poppy distribution and dedicate a portion of the proceeds for a donation to the Department Service Office.

Congratulations to the 27 Post and 3 District Commanders and their members who have made 100% or better on membership. We still have a couple of months to work on membership and that should be the focus of every Post and District Commander that is not at 100% on membership. Remember that 100% just means your Post or District is just the same size it was last year. If your Post or District is less than 100% you are shrinking. Department is within striking distance of making 100% for the second consecutive year, but it will require some work by all the Posts throughout the State.

I had a great time representing Department at Districts 12 and 13 this Spring. It is always encouraging to see the dedicated comrades who make the Posts and Districts work and we all know that it is the Posts that make the VFW what it is. It was particularly gratifying to see improvements to a couple of old Post homes. The parking lot and fresh coat of paint at Creswell Post 4039, and the parking lot, new fence and flag poles at Patrick W. Kelley Post 2468 in Roseburg show what innovative Post leaders and dedicated members can accomplish with limited resources.

Post should elect delegates to the Department Convention in accordance with National By-Laws Sec. 222 and MOP Sec. 222 (b).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention in June.



White Uniform Shirts for Sale

1 EA Size L w/VFW Life Member Patch & American Flag- \$33.00

1EA Size L No Patches- \$25.00

Call George Anderson if interested or questions: 971-404-7905



Looking For A Few Good Troopers

The Columbia-Willamette Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division Association wants you if you served with or were attached to the 1st Cavalry Division at any time. Our Association has been active in Oregon and Southwest Washington for 8 years.

June 6-10, 2012, our Chapter will host the 65th Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion, in Portland, Oregon.

Veterans from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf/Iraq Wars be attending. There will be privates, generals, and recipients of the Medal of Honor.

June 6: The Souvenir Shop and the Reunion Room will open for the duration of the Reunion.

June 7: Welcoming Mixer, Kids Mixer, and Sweet Heart Dance.

June 8: The War Era Luncheons: WW II Veterans, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam War Veterans and the Gulf/Iraq War Veterans.

June 9: Ladies Tea, Unit Lunches (5th Cav, 7th Cav, 8th Cav, 9th Cav, 12th Cav, Artillery, Engineers, HQ & Special Troops, LRRP/Ranger, and Silver Wings), followed by the Reunion Banquet

June 10: Group Breakfast or the LRRP/Ranger Breakfast

For more information go to <http://www.1cda.org>

\$20 will get you a life membership in the 1st Cavalry Division Association, a 1-year subscription to "Saber" (the 1st Cav paper), and a 1-year membership with the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of the 1st Cav Div Assoc.

We need new members and volunteers for the Reunion.

You might meet someone you served with 45 years ago.

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Ladies Auxiliary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Alice Hand
Department President

\$1,000 cool cash within our reach

Now it is time for another article for the VFW News. It seems that I just finished the last article.

I am going to speak to the new Auxiliary members and the not-so-new Auxiliary members. There is a great deal to learn about The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary. Sometimes it can be confusing for all of us. That is why we have resources. The resources are the Bylaws and the Ritual. As you join an Auxiliary, the first two things you should receive after the Obligation, is a copy of the Bylaws and Ritual. Become familiar with these books. They are your bibles. There is lots of information in them. If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask someone. If you don't understand what is going on, ask if there can be a quick recess so that there can be a School of Instruction. This can be done under the Good of the Order.

Last but definitely not least, ask if someone can be a mentor for you. You won't find this term in the Bylaws or the Ritual, but I believe that everyone knows what a mentor is and what she does. Let me tell you that she is a great help. She will be someone who has been in the Auxiliary for some time and is familiar with what we do and how to interpret the Bylaws and Rituals.

Ladies, a new member coming into your Auxiliary needs all the help you can give her. When she walks into the meeting room, please do not wait for her to come to you. You welcome her and include her in the activities. Make her feel like she has become a very important person (which she is, since she just joined the VFW Auxiliary) and that she is welcome.

Above all don't forget to explain what our committees are about. Explain that the most important thing on our agendas is the Veterans and their families. We Volunteer and then Volunteer some more.

In closing I want to remind everyone that if this Department is going to be 100% by June 30th we are going to have to get out and work for it. Recruit ladies, it is fun to bring in new members. National will pay any Department that reaches 103% by the end of June 2011, \$1000. It is within our reach, so let's GO FOR IT!

Loyally,
~Alice Hand, Department President



40-Plus Luncheon

If you have been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for 40 years or more, please join us for a special luncheon on Saturday June 25, 2011 at convention.

Your dues are \$1.00 a year. Come join in the fun.



National Auxiliary rep to join Newport convention festivities

Get ready to meet and welcome Sandra Flynn, of Callicoon, New York. She is coming our way to attend the Oregon VFW convention in June. Sandra current serves the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as the 2010-2011 National Auxiliary Director for the Hospital & VAVS program.

She joined H. Russell Kenyon Auxiliary #5808 on the eligibility of her father, Paul, who served in the United States Army. She has served in several capacities for the organization including Auxiliary, District and State President. On the National level she has served as Color Bearer #1, Director for the Hospital & VAVS programs and Eastern Conference Chairman for the Hospital & VAVS and VFW-PAC programs.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, crocheting, needlepoint, sewing and crafts. She is President of Northeastern Pena Association of Preoperative Room Nurses, Newsletter Editor of Wayne-Pike Region and Antique Automobile Club of America.



SANDRA FLYNN
National Auxiliary
Hospital & VAVS Director
Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States

Ladies Auxiliary Reports

HOSPITAL REPORT

Well, another year is coming to an end and again you sisters have done an outstanding job with your hospital program. I know that the VAVS Reps appreciate everything you do for our hospitalized Veterans and all the donations you send.

I was able to visit each one this year and was so impressed with everything the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary are able to do for our Veterans.

I was able to visit with some of the patients and learned how we make a difference during their stay and how much they appreciate us. This is made possible by your dedication to this program and to the care of our Veterans.

Please continue to make your donations both monetary and materialistic to our hospitals. With the many budget cuts our hospitals are facing, our donations make a large difference. If you have some extra time I know that volunteers are needed at each of our hospitals and if you cannot be at a VA hospital then your local hospital or nursing homes are always in need of help.

Again I THANK YOU all for making this an outstanding program and because of each of you we are 100% in participation this year.

~ Iona Kline, Hospital Chairman

LEGISLATION

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries in the State of Oregon for getting reports in early. We hope we have 100% this year! New Legislators and Senators should already be aware of our Veteran issues and concerns. Please check the VFW website www.vfw.org for updates on Veterans issues and Capitol Hill contacts. In contacting your legislator, emphasize areas of interest such as VA Healthcare, VA benefits and compensation, or POW/MIA. Remember to thank them for their time and assistance.

~ Marcia Read, Legislative Chairman

YOUTH ACTIVITIES/ PATRIOTIC ART

Thank you to all for your support of our Youth programs this year. There has been good reporting of the year-end reports. Everyone did the best they could and I'm sure next year will be even better.

BOY am I glad that I didn't have to judge the art this year. We sure have some talented youth in our state. In my book they are all winners, don't let them give up their great efforts for this program. Sisters, encourage them to keep up the good work.

We had 11 wonderful pieces of artwork this year and the judges really had a tough job choosing just one 1st place winner. All that being said, the winner is Sami Sibbald, sponsored by Willamette Auxiliary 293. 2nd place is Evelyn Sanchez, sponsored by Crater Lake Auxiliary 1833. 3rd place is Codie Shaw, sponsored by Springfield Auxiliary 3965. Sami's art will go to National and the rest will be at our convention in Newport in June. This has been a fun and rewarding year to work with our youth. See you all in June.

~ Jessie L. Stober, Youth Activities Chairman

JUNIOR GIRLS

Springfield Jr. Girls #3965

Two of our girls, Alysha and Emily Sprague (ages 7 and 5), have had their hair cut for Locks of Love. This is Alysha's second time to donate her beautiful red hair for this worthy cause. These young girls are truly being taught the meaning of "giving from the heart" and should be admired, as well as their outstanding parents.

~ Kathleen McCoy

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Ladies, another year is drawing to a close. Many Auxiliaries are busy with our typical end of year "to do" list. This includes installing the new officers for the upcoming year, sending in your election reports and installation reports to the Department Secretary (*hint hint*), getting your delegate forms and fees in, making sure your Auxiliary is up to date with audits, and gearing up for Memorial Day Buddy Poppy distributions and other activities to honor and assist our military heroes. Some of you are also planning your trip to our Department Convention in June in Newport. If your secretary or treasurer has done an outstanding job this year, I hope you are also putting them in for Secretary or Treasurer of the Year.

However, now is the time to also start looking ahead to the new year. And what I can tell you about the new year is that there are going to be BIG changes in some of the programs. In case you missed that last sentence - THERE ARE BIG CHANGES COMING, LADIES! Because of these changes, it will be more important than ever to have Auxiliary members attend one of the Schools of Instruction to be held across the state in July and August. While change is never easy, I believe those that will be taking place over the next year will strengthen our purpose and help us refocus on what our organization is really all about. Your Department Officers and Chairmen for the upcoming year will be bringing you ideas on how to promote the programs and raise funds, as well as providing information to assist the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers with their duties for the year. There will be a Parade of Transmittals for those Auxiliaries who bring their dues to turn in to the Department Treasurer and even a prize to the Auxiliary at each School of Instruction who brings in the greatest percentage of dues (not to mention the bragging rights!). There will also be opportunities to purchase items at the Cancer and Ways & Means tables. As it stands now, the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting Schools of Instruction at the following locations:

- Molalla - July 30th
- Rogue River - August 6th
- Pendleton - August 13th

If you have not purchased your copy of the 2011 National Bylaws & Ritual, I urge you to do so now. There were numerous changes made to both. One of the most notable changes you will see in the upcoming year is that both the President and Treasurer will have to be bonded.

As always, if any of you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you all for your continuing service to our organization, to our Department and its Auxiliaries, and most especially to our Veterans and their families.

~ Paula Bell
Department Secretary

ELECT MERLE & JUDY JACKSON As National District #17 Council Members.

Proven knowledge,
leadership and experience
to serve District #17 well.
We look forward to
seeing you at convention!



VFW TAPS • I July 2010 - I February 2011

DIST	POST	CITY	NAME	DIST	POST	CITY	NAME	DIST	POST	CITY	NAME
1	4227	Toledo	Gabriel Chavarria	6	3048	Baker City	Charles A. Fillebrown	13	3965	Springfield	Albert C. Juarez
1	4227	Toledo	Murphy C. Henry	6	4307	Enterprise	Clyde Ewing	13	3965	Springfield	Arthur M. Anderson
2	1440	St. Helens	Jerry L. Lemrick	6	4307	Enterprise	Elmer W. Storm	13	3965	Springfield	Charles E. Horine
2	1909	Rainier	Alvin R. Larson	6	4307	Enterprise	Fred D. Tippet	13	3965	Springfield	Donald L. Swanson
2	1909	Rainier	Dennis E. Budge	6	4307	Enterprise	George W. Cooper	13	3965	Springfield	Frank D. Patton
2	1909	Rainier	John R. Stover	6	4307	Enterprise	Henry Lowick	13	3965	Springfield	Roy L. Stone
2	1909	Rainier	Richard E. Lahti	6	4307	Enterprise	Jack O. Edwards Jr.	13	4166	Marcola	Bruce E. Bingham
2	1909	Rainier	Robert W. Parmer	6	4307	Enterprise	James F. Adams	13	10639	Junction City	Donald K. Sherman
2	1909	Rainier	William E. Stennick	6	4307	Enterprise	Kenneth J. Running	14	661	Salem	Leroy W. Burger
2	2994	Clatskanie	Donald Erickson	6	4307	Enterprise	Richard Shortridge	14	2105	Harrisburg	Billy N. Roberts
2	4362	Scappoose	William D. Shober	6	4307	Enterprise	Ross C. Downing	14	3203	Dallas	Timothy R. O'Shea
3	907	Portland	Richard C. Van Gorder	6	4307	Enterprise	Winfred J. Fowler	14	3437	Sweet Home	Clarence R. Wells
3	1325	Portland	David G. Wagner	6	5452	Ontario	Calvin W. Castleberry	14	3437	Sweet Home	Edmund J. Grace
3	1325	Portland	Herbert R. Giles	6	5452	Ontario	Uel L. Alsup	14	5638	Stayton	Billy W. Hutchison
3	1442	Portland	Donald E. Van De Bogart	7	1833	Medford	Christian P. Hald	15	180	Gresham	James B. Kendrick
3	1442	Portland	James F. Higgs	7	4116	Rogue River	Rollin D. Aanrud	15	1324	Oregon City	Delbert M. Langeliers
3	4248	Portland	Herbert L. Walker	8	922	Pendleton	Walter N. Jackson	15	1324	Oregon City	Edison D. Miles
3	4248	Portland	John K. Smith	8	4567	Milton-Freewater	William A. Davis	15	1324	Oregon City	Edward T. Williams
3	4248	Portland	John R. Bartz	8	4750	Hermiston	Daniel Ogborn	15	1324	Oregon City	Leroy E. Ruddell
3	4248	Portland	Roland D. Bechtold	9	3232	Florence	Robert F. Hardesty	15	1324	Oregon City	Paul A. Xanthull
3	4248	Portland	Victor J. Hoffland	10	1412	Prineville	Seaton S. Flegel	15	3973	Molalla	Clem A. Sobczak
4	2928	Myrtle Point	James R. Howe	10	1643	Bend	Buster L. Gardner	15	3973	Molalla	Francis J. Lang
4	3440	Bandon	Edmond H. Reiten	10	1643	Bend	William S. Steidl	15	4173	Woodburn	Jack R. Ryder
4	4439	Gold Beach	Allen H. Boice	10	4108	Redmond	Phillip C. Bellefeuille	15	4273	Sandy	James A. Bureau
4	4439	Gold Beach	Arlene F. Dumond	10	4108	Redmond	Vernon E. Todd	15	4273	Sandy	Richard H. Bontty
4	4439	Gold Beach	Willard L. Emerick	10	4108	Redmond	Victor L. Wilson	16	2666	Hillsboro	Bernard J. Boyd
4	6102	Powers	James M. Robertson	11	1479	Hood River	Kenneth W.; Kirby	16	2666	Hillsboro	Edwin F. Purser
5	1383	Klamath Falls	Bobby J. Gladden	11	2471	The Dalles	Ted W. Kelm	16	4015	Newberg	Neil G. Rader
5	1383	Klamath Falls	Dale H. Bohm	12	2468	Roseburg	Eugene M. Marchando	16	4015	Newberg	Peter M. Plandunis
5	1383	Klamath Falls	James R. Kaler	12	2468	Roseburg	Jacob Wann	16	4211	Willamina	Oscar E. Frederic
5	1383	Klamath Falls	Jerry W. Maxwell	12	2468	Roseburg	James F Marr	16	5233	Forest Grove	Ralph W. Raines
5	1383	Klamath Falls	Leonard A. Howell	12	2468	Roseburg	Stephen T. Watkins	16	10626	McMinnville	George M. De Reave
5	1383	Klamath Falls	Noel W. Lane	12	3970	Sutherlin	Grant Wilson	99	15038	Members at Large	Charles M. Reed Jr.
5	1383	Klamath Falls	Paul M. Finnegan	12	7752	Myrtle Creek	Frank Dieckgraeff	99	15038	Members at Large	Ervan H. Spencer
5	1383	Klamath Falls	Walter W. Fortheringham	13	293	Eugene	Frank L. Mehuron	99	15038	Members at Large	George W. Pierce
6	2990	La Grande	Basil L. Botting	13	293	Eugene	Jack L. Bowers	99	15038	Members at Large	Harry L. Scott
6	2990	La Grande	Paul W. Nice	13	3473	Cottage Grove	Howard E. Dullely	99	15038	Members at Large	Henry B. Neuman
6	2990	La Grande	Roundy R. Plumley	13	3473	Cottage Grove	Paul S. Bean	99	15038	Members at Large	Norman O. Searheim

Department of Oregon Membership 2010 - 2011

Department Total		2010	2011	As of 2/17/11		Department Percentage		2010	2011			
		15,943	15,262					100.71%	95.73%			
DISTRICT #1		2010	2011	DISTRICT #6	2010	2011	DISTRICT #10	2010	2011	DISTRICT #14	2010	2011
732 Siletz		27	28*	2990 La Grande	64	63	1412 Prineville	151	153*	584 Albany	350	420*
2848 Bay City		165	152	3048 Baker City	212	195	1643 Bend	391	379	661 Salem	320	329*
4227 Toledo		36	33	3749 Huntington	37	32	4108 Redmond	576	611*	2105 Harrisburg	44	42
5653 Lincoln City		66	61	4060 Union	151	138	4217 Warm Springs	40	35	3203 Dallas	76	79
9611 Hebo		47	45	4307 Enterprise	220	206	7242 La Pine	75	69	3437 Sweet Home	340	334
		341	319	5452 Ontario	209	193	8138 Sisters	34	34	3957 Monroe	38	35
				7847 Halfway	96	90		1286	1281*	4065 Jefferson	45	41
					989	917				5638 Stayton	67	69
											1332	1349*
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #7			DISTRICT #11			DISTRICT #15		
1440 St. Helens		65	68*	353 Ashland	28	28*	1479 Hood River	101	84	180 Gresham	176	177*
1909 Rainier		83	73	1833 Medford	399	384	2471 The Dalles	110	93	1324 Oregon City	237	214
2994 Clatskanie		40	38	2302 Grants Pass	135	124	10637 Tygh Valley	76	54	3973 Molalla	343	347*
4362 Scappoose		70	72*	4116 Rogue River	285	266		287	231	4173 Woodburn	38	28
10580 Warrenton		60	72*	5726 Central Point	92	84	DISTRICT #12			4273 Sandy	470	476*
		380	323	6184 Eagle Point	70	62	2468 Roseburg	386	368	6047 Canby	60	58
				6881 Shady Cove	35	34	3970 Sutherlin	168	157		1324	1300
DISTRICT #3				9670 Jacksonville	12	13*	3995 Drain	68	63			
907 World War		40	38		1056	995	5714 Canyonville	70	68	DISTRICT #16		
1325 Peninsula/Pep		181	150	DISTRICT #8			7752 Myrtle Creek	67	57	2666 Hillsboro	156	145
1442 Jasper C Lent		227	194	922 Pendleton	382	374	9744 Riddle	53	50	3452 Tualatin	197	164
4053 Gen Geo A White		103	88	3597 John Day	37	35	9745 Winston	248	241	4015 Newberg	264	203
4248 Sellwood Brk.		601	610*	4184 Heppner	45	41		1060	1004	4211 Willamina	107	106
		1265	1080	567 Milton Freewater	68	50	DISTRICT #13			4617 Beaverton	126	118
				4750 Hermiston	215	185	293 Eugene	341	312	5233 Forest Grove	112	79
DISTRICT #4				4943 Echo	34	35*	3473 Cottage Grove	118	118*	10626 McMinnville	203	216*
965 Coquille		24	20		781	750	3965 Springfield	583	604*		1165	1031
966 Brookings		84	83	DISTRICT #9			4039 Creswell	54	56*	MEMBERS AT LARGE	1435	1455
2928 Myrtle Point		52	46	2624 Newport	103	88	4166 Marcola	23	20			
3182 North Bend		69	61	3156 Waldport	48	40	7384 Coburg	53	50			
3440 Bandon		201	187	3232 Florence	258	218	9448 Veneta	35	71*			
4439 Gold Beach		51	48	3594 Reedsport	77	59	10639 Junction City	42	42			
6102 Powers		49	48		486	405		1249	1281*			
7488 Empire		52	51									
		582	544									
DISTRICT #5												
1383 Klamath Falls		904	912*									
4070 Lakeview		97	85									
6147 Malin		14	14*									
		1015	1011									

* 100% POSTS

Meetings, etc.

RECRUITERS

Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members	Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members	Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members	Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members
15	3973	Jason Carroll	50	15	4273	James R. Mitchell	11	15	4273	Timothy C. Wilson	6	6	3048	Gary L. Young	3
15	3973	Ronald W. Jagodnik	48	2	1440	David A. Belden	10	16	2666	Carl G. Anderson	6	7	1833	Oscar C. Willis	3
15	3973	George E. Carroll	40	8	922	Fred W. Bradbury	10	3	4248	Roy W. Duval	5	9	3232	Robert V. Mc Guire	3
3	4248	Thomas R. Mc Neal	38	8	922	John L. Cook	10	4	3440	Joseph Q. Addair	5	10	1412	Garet A. Soules	3
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	25	13	3965	Kenneth E. Mc Entrire	9	7	1833	Donald K. Thomson	5	10	4108	Johnny Corbin	3
10	4108	John R. Wrinkle	23	12	2468	Michael D. Eakin	8	7	1833	James C. Hanley	5	10	7242	James H. Fleming	3
3	4248	Gene A. Workman	21	13	3965	John P. Stanks	8	10	4108	Frank H. Kline	5	13	3965	Guido G. Trisolini	3
15	4273	Bert W. Key	19	16	10626	Cheryl E. Campos	8	12	3970	Gilbert R. Daniels	5	13	4039	Jurgen K. Ramil	3
16	10626	Juan M. Palacios	17	10	4108	Lelond Parker	7	14	584	David W. Haskell	5	14	584	Roy E. Poppleton	3
5	1383	Michael J. Reynolds	16	12	9745	Andrew W. Knutson	7	15	180	Val G. Shaull	5	14	661	Kerry A. Wymetalek	3
2	10580	Claude Miller	15	13	3965	Danny J. Stanks	7	16	3452	Paul H. Trincherro	5	14	3203	Terry Smith	3
10	1643	Robert W. Cusick	15	13	3965	Robert A. Cox	7	10	4108	Neil E. Mc Donald	4	14	3437	Lloyd M. Lovik, III	3
5	1383	Duane G. Whitehead	14	13	9448	Stanley G. Ritari	7	12	3970	James E. Horton	4	14	3437	Lorenzo S. Pike	3
14	584	Robert W. Gore	14	10	4108	Jeffrey M. Casserly	6	13	3473	Andrew G. Watkins	4	15	3973	Michael J. Countryman	3
11	10637	Gary D. Pitman	13	10	4108	William E. Pieters	6	13	9448	Michael L. Beyerlin	4	15	6057	John R. Lance	3
5	1383	Ronald E. Ballard	12	14	3437	Harry T. Smith	6	14	5638	LeRoy J. Grover	4	16	5233	Dale S. Yee	3
5	1383	Warren L. Griffith	12	15	180	Franklin R. West	6	15	3973	Jason F. Griswold	4	16	10626	Shane W. Rice	3
13	9448	Thomas G. Laing	12	15	180	Tyler E. Marriott	6	4	3440	Joel M. Moses	3				
7	4116	Charles A. Prudhon	11					5	1383	Daniel B. Williams	3				
15	1324	Neil E. Birch	11					5	1383	Jeffrey M. Hurst	3				

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VFW GOLF TOURNAMENT June 22, 2011



This year our VFW Golf tournament will be at the Agate Beach Golf Course in Newport, Oregon on the 22nd of June at 12 Noon. The cost will be 9 holes \$18.00, 18 Holes \$36.00, Cart rental 9 Holes \$14.00 –18 holes \$28.00. We will be charging a \$5.00 entry fee this will go towards prizes, there is a restaurant at the course so we can have lunch there. Anyone needing more information please contact Rich Halverson at 509-948-4992, or E-Mail me at RichHalverson55@msn.com

This golf tournament is open to all VFW & Ladies Auxiliary members. I hope to see you all at convention and on the golf course.

Your Golf Chairman, Rich Halverson

Looking Back • Looking Ahead

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



By **BERT KEY**

Sr. Vice Commander

Wars Edwin J. McGlothlin Memorial Scholarship, in honor of one of our great members.

It gives me great pleasure to announce those five scholarship winners for this year. They are Kourtney Vandewettering from Sheridan High School, Samantha Sutherland from Bandon High School, Kodi Clary from Mt Spokane High School, Krystal Sundin from Griswold High School, and Benn Fordice also from Griswold High School. You can all take great pride in supporting these fine young people. You can take great pride in playing an important role in assisting these young people to realize their dreams of furthering their educations. These students represent the finest academicians Oregon has to offer. I am very proud of them!

By now you have elected your post and district officers for next year and are ready to install them. I trust your elections went well and you have a good slate of officers to carry your post/district banner on to new accolades this coming year. Those of you who can should attend the Recruiting School scheduled for 10 May at Post 4248. If you have not yet done so, call Roger Ege and let him know how many of you will be attending. He needs a lunch count. This school will give you the information you need to hit the ground running on your membership programs. Do not miss it!

Convention is just around the corner. It is the time of year for rewarding those who have gone above and beyond in the furtherance of comradeship in taking care of our own. It is the time of year for recharging our batteries and preparing for another exciting and challenge filled year. It is the time of year for renewing old acquaintances. Hope to see you all at Convention! It should be a good one. *Semper Fi!*

Scholarship winners inspire pride

Comrades and Sisters,

As you know the Department awards five \$1,000 scholarships each year to children and grandchildren of our Oregon VFW and Auxiliary members. It is called the Veterans of Foreign



Members from Tualatin Post 3452, Sellwood Post 4248, and St. Helens Post 1440 meet at the VA Hospital in Portland to celebrate all patients having birthdays in April on April 13, 2011 along with Phyllis Houston's award for "Outstanding Volunteer of the Quarter". Members from the local posts volunteer at the VA hospital visiting with patients and passing out comfort items. *Photo by Tony Rizzutto.*

Phyllis Houston wins "Outstanding Volunteer of the Quarter"



2011-2012 Schools of Instruction

Schools of Instruction will be held at the following locations for the 2011 - 2012 year.

July 23	Eugene Post 293	10am	POSTS ONLY
			1626 Willamette, Eugene
July 30	Molalla Molalla Grange, 127 Grange St., Molalla	10am	Posts & Aux
Aug 6	Rogue River VFW Hall, 410 E. Main St., Rogue River	10am	Posts & Aux
Aug 13	Pendleton VFW Hall, 1221 SE Court Place, Pendleton	10am	Posts & Aux

All members are encouraged to attend one of the SOIs; they are not just for Officers.



Roger A. Ege Candidate for National Council Member ~ District 17

State Quartermaster
2007 - Present
Past State Commander
2005 - 2006
Past District Commander
1999 - 2001
Post Quartermaster
1997 - Present
Retired Chief Petty Officer -
U.S. Navy



ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER MESSAGE



By **ROGER EGE**

Adjutant/Quartermaster

to help you.

I want to thank those Post and District Quartermasters who have worked hard to improve the accuracy and timely submission of their quarterly audits, but we still have a way to go to be 100 percent.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all Quartermasters to attend one of the four (4) Schools of Instruction this year. I will have Quartermasters Manuals for those attending. This is a great place to ask your questions and get the most up to date information, and Post Adjutants are always welcome and encouraged to attend the Schools.

If any Post Commander or District Adjutant reading this has not submitted their Election Report to National or Department Headquarters, it is now past due and National will be preparing delinquent reports to Department Headquarters, directing the action to be taken.

This is the last year that the Department Convention is at the end of June; in 2012 we have the convention during the first week of June. Also next year the National Convention will be held the 3rd week of July instead of August.

Again thank you for all you have done this year, and I wish you a successful 2011 - 2012 year.

Roger A. Ege
Adjutant/Quartermaster

Get set for Schools of Instruction

Comrades,

We are rapidly coming to the close of another administrative year; with a few Posts that still have incomplete or missing audits which can affect the Post voting at the upcoming Department Convention in Newport on June 23 - 25. If you find yourself in this category and need help, please call me and I'll do everything I can

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Next time you receive a mailing from VFW or Ladies Auxiliary VFW, please don't set it aside.

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