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## STATE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



**BERT KEY**  
State Commander

### The Key Is Service

Comrades and Sisters,

By now everyone has returned home safe from the national convention in San Antonio, Texas. I could not be more proud of the Oregonians who represented you at the convention. They were amazing and you, too, can be proud of them. Fifty-three of your Comrades and Sisters from this great state attended the exciting, information-packed sessions. Like me, they are filled with an enthusiasm and energy to dive into the issues facing us here in our VFW communities. The calendar on the wall, and some cooler nights, say fall is just around the corner, so it is time to get into those fall activities. Your District Fall Meetings are coming soon.

Schools are in session and have begun their school year. If you have not yet done so, now is the time to get your Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen information into your schools so your local students have the opportunity to participate in these two great programs. Also, remind the school counselors about the five \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors we offer through the Edwin J. (Mac) McGlothlin Memorial Scholarship. Remember, we need to do everything we can to help our young people be successful. They are the future of this great state and republic.

Prior to the Texas trip, the Department Schools of Instruction went off, as well, and were attended by more than 400 comrades and sisters. The attendance at the SOI's was tremendous. I think everyone went home also filled with renewed enthusiasm. I thank everyone for their attendance at the various SOI's and challenge you all to now conduct your own District and Post SOI's as a way of helping to educate your members about the various aspects of the VFW and inform them of recent changes. Those of you who are in positions of leadership owe it to your members to tutor them and share with them your vision of where you would like to take your Post or District in the coming months, and your own SOI's, along with your regular communication with them, is the best way to do that.

By the time you received this newsletter, your annual members will have already gotten their second dues reminder for the upcoming year in the mail. Now is the time to look at your unpaid list and contact those who still have not responded to the first mailing. Commanders, along with your Quartermasters, need to organize your Membership Committee and get going on this. While you are at the business of recruiting and retention, also inform your potential members of the important role of our Ladies Auxiliary.

Congress is already planning the post-war budget cuts. As in the past they will try to cut a large chunk out of Veteran Benefits. Now is the time to remind your members of the importance of all of us working together to let Congress know we will not settle for balancing the budget on the backs of our veterans. A strong membership is one of the best ways of letting Congress know we mean business.

If you have not paid your dues yet, please consider sending them in as soon as you can. Your Post Membership Committees working hard to contact you, but you can do so much to help

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## James Stone receives French Legion of Honor Medal



Nearly seven decades after France was liberated from the occupying Germans during World War II, the French people have not forgotten the sacrifices by soldiers from the United States and allied nations. On Friday the 15th of April, 2011, before a standing room only crowd of more than 100 people, the French government thanked Riddle,

Oregon resident and life member of the VFW, Mr. James Stone, 87, for his efforts in winning back the European nation's freedom by awarding him the French Legion Of Honor Medal.

French Deputy Consul Corrine Pereira from the French embassy in San Francisco, California, pinned the medal on Mr. Stone.

"As young men, you and your comrades left your country, your families and friends to risk your lives in defense of our common values, Freedom, Rights and Democracy," said Perreira, who traveled from the French Embassy in San Francisco for the ceremony. "You can be sure that the people you didn't even know have not forgotten, we will never forget."

Stone grew up in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, a small town near the Canadian border. He was drafted into the Army in 1943, when he was 19 and was shipped to Europe with the 75th Infantry Division. He fought in Normandy and at the battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes region, as well as other locations in northern France, Germany and Central Europe. He served under the commands of Generals George S. Patton and Omar Bradley. Stone looks at himself not as a hero but just a soldier doing his job. The real heroes are buried in Normandy, Stone said.

Jim Willis, a Roseburg native who serves as Director of



Deputy French Consulate Corrine Pereira, from San Francisco, presents French Legion of Honor Medal to James Stone (Life Member of Winston Post 9745)

PHOTO BY LINDA EAKIN

the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, noted that 16 million men and women served the nation during World War II, with 400,000 giving their lives. Today, 30,000 World War II Veterans are left in Oregon, with their numbers dwindling every day. They are a national treasure and one of them is sitting here with us today, said Willis.

Jason Carroll, the VFW's Department Judge Advocate from Molalla, Oregon remarked that "Mr. Stone is a real American Hero." Other dignitaries attending the event were Douglas County Commissioners Susan Morgan, Joe Laurence, Sheriff John Hanlin, and State Representative Tim Freeman.

When asked why the VFW Post 2468 decided to host the ceremony, Commander Eakin said, "It was our honor to do this for one of America's greatest generation. They all deserve the honor and respect from a grateful nation," Commander Eakin said. "I wish we could do this more often." The event was held at Patrick W. Kelley Post 2468 in Roseburg, Oregon.

Mike Eakin, Commander Post 2468  
Roseburg, Oregon

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Keep Up the Good Work

Sisters,

First and foremost, I want to thank you for your hard work to make us 65% membership by August 31st so that I will be able to go to New York for the birthday celebration of the Statue of Liberty. That will be a moment that I will never forget. I know all of you are working very hard on membership and please keep up the good work. We need to keep our membership strong so that we can continue on into the future. I know that you are all doing your part. Just remember to send in your transmittals to the Department treasurer when you receive them.

#### SONYA SALLEE Auxiliary President

Well, the SOI's are completed and I hope that you enjoyed and learned something from the programs. The most important thing about those schools is that you get something out of them when you are there to take back to your Auxiliaries and help them be successful. We will be starting our district meetings soon and I hope to see many of you there. We will continue to talk about the programs and find out what is happening with your districts.

Sisters, please don't forget your money for Cancer Aid and Research. Please try to make your "Step Up" donation, but at least make your \$2 per member. Also, remember your money for the hospital and National Home. To help you with your Youth program, send in some money to the Department

treasurer for the Junior Girls units that we have in the state.

Remember that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and make sure that you get the word out about the cancer grants and insurance for all your sisters. Many times you don't get a lot of money from them, but every little bit helps.

If your Auxiliary has any extra money in your funds, please send in a donation to the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and the Young American Creative Art for the awards that are presented to them at the Department level. Make sure all your checks go to the Department treasurer and mark on them what program you would like your money to go for. These are all great programs and there are truly some amazing children that go through these programs. While I am speaking of that, please make sure that you get your meal and hotel reservations in for the Mid-Winter Conference. I am always totally amazed at the speeches and that these are totally amazing kids.

I hope to see many of you on my travels and keep working the programs and continue keeping this organization the great one that it is. I am proud to be your Department president this year and I hope that I am doing a good job for you. If you have any questions or concerns please call me or any of the line officers and they will make sure they will get the information out to you. Our phone numbers are in the roster.

Loyally,  
Sonya Sallee  
Department President



## Recruiter Classes

Recruiter classes will be held at the following locations on the dates and times as indicated. Any members in good standing are welcome to attend the classes as well as Auxiliary members.

Oct 25	Post 4108	Redmond	0900
Oct 26	Post 922	Pendleton	0900
Oct 27	Post 3048	Baker City	0900

# For the Record

## COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR MESSAGE

We are off to a great start for the year. The community service reports are coming in and I appreciate recognizing what a great job the Posts are doing. The outstanding questions and thoughts heard at our School of Instructions give us much to look forward to as we march toward becoming integral partners in our communities.

I am planning on getting more detail to you next quarter regarding reporting and I will provide a tally of how each Post is doing. This information will be hot-off-the-press from the National Convention.

I want to thank Jason Carroll for the great job he has done in his tenure as Community Service Chair. He has developed great tools and remains committed to our investment in this endeavor. I'm looking forward to working with you and wish you great success with your community service programs.

Bert Logan  
Community Service Chair

## DEPARTMENT SURGEON MESSAGE

Comrades,  
I would like to thank all who supported me in my run for Department Surgeon. For those who were not at the Convention, it was a very close race in which every vote counted.

The time is at hand to work on membership. To make the Commander's goal we all need to work at getting all eligible comrades to join. All annual members can also be of great help by getting your dues in early. This will not only help keep membership up; but will get the dues paid before the holidays at the end of the year when money is even tighter. Or even better yet, go life and save your self some money in the long run.

Does your post have anyone who can do CPR? I would like to encourage you to check with your local fire department or Red Cross and set up training for the Post and Auxiliary. Some will give the class at no charge. It has been a long time since most of us had any first aid training and could use a refresher. The life that may be saved may be your own.

George E. Carroll  
Department Surgeon

## STATE JUDGE ADVOCATE MESSAGE

### Resigning Is Not the Remedy

By Bert Logan

I've had a number of inquiries about the succession of command for Commander, Senior-Vice Commander, Junior-Vice Commander and Quartermaster; when one of these elected positions has been vacated due to resignation. The process is pretty straight forward. It's outlined in the 2011 Congressional Charter By-Laws and Manual of Procedures Sec. 220 (page 15) in the By-Laws and section 220 in the Manual of Procedure (page 73).

Two things were common to the inquiries I received: The resignation was due to the elected officer's disagreement with the motions that were approved and the direction perceived (I don't like it, so I'm resigning) and the refusal of the next-in-line officer to assume the next level of command (I don't want to be Commander).

We need to remind ourselves of the preamble that begins our Post meetings: *Comrades... we are assembled again to transact business of mutual benefit... do not let petty jealousies or trivial personality influence our deliberation. Let us uphold always the obligation of unselfish comradeship and loyalty to our organization and to the government of the United States.*

There are many circumstances of comrades being elected to a leadership position with no intention of ascension. Because of this, the void of a resignation is compounded by the unwillingness of the next-in-line to step up. This sends a poor message regarding our commitment to our pledge.

We must look at our election as an officer as an honor and recognition of merit. Be proud, honor your commitment, and provide the support and comradeship as duly decided according to the By-Laws of your organization.

It is my honor to serve you as Judge Advocate and I look forward to providing positive resolutions to your inquiries. Do the right thing.

## STATE CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

The office of Post Chaplain, we feel, has too long been neglected in recognition of its scope of responsibility and, especially as it entails a one-on-one involvement... to outreach into homes, personal retirement, "assisted living" facilities, and hospitals. To that end, we have carefully noted the "Community Service Reports" submitted by the Posts. Last year we began recognizing these Posts that appeared to have been especially outstanding in their community outreach.

We also began this year to give recognition to those Posts' chaplains who have been nominated by their commanders as having served their Post and community veterans in outstanding ways. We hope to be able to continue to do so.

Towards that end, we have compiled, edited and published a handbook, focusing on the duties and functions of the chaplaincy, with additional information and resources perhaps not available before in one compilation. This handbook has been reviewed and approved by our national VFW chaplain, who has also contributed it its material. He ordered a large number to be available at the VFW national convention. We hope that each post and district will make copies of the handbook available to their own chaplains.

It reaffirms, for example, that the Post chaplain "shall be the Chairman of the Visitation Committee of the Post" and give details of duties and guidelines for the ethical, moral and spiritual responsibilities of your chaplains. As such, it is his/her privilege to serve both your post and community.

We would also like to remind commanders that if you believe your chaplain is exemplary in his/her service, recognize that service by nominating them as a candidate for the Department "Chaplain of the Year" award. This nomination should be made prior to May 15, 2012 and sent to the State chaplain.

Thank you,  
Harley O. Youngblood, Oregon State VFW Chaplain

## VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

### Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?

Comrades and Sisters;

School is about to start or has started in some places and it is time to be working on getting the information to youth about the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. "Voice of Democracy" Program. There is just a little more than 60 days before the November 1 deadline for all the applications to be at a Post for judging. Remember the theme for this year is "Is There Pride in Serving in our Military?"

Please make sure at your post that you send one (1) good entry for every fifteen (15) entries, or partial thereof that you receive, to District when you finish you're judging. If an entry is not usable or is disqualified from judging, it is still counted as an entry for quantity purposes on how many you can send to District. Who you judge to be your third place speech could be the District winner if you received 31 total entries.

Don't forget there are home-schooled children and private-schooled children that are also eligible to enter; all they need to be is in the grade classification of 9,10,11, or 12. This is the opening shot for these young people to get to a possible \$30,000 Scholarship, which the State winner will compete for. It also provides an opportunity to win prize money at the Post and District level if they win or place.

The State Winner will be named at the Voice of Democracy Banquet to be held in Wilsonville at the Holiday Inn on the evening of 11 February 2012.

All donations are gratefully accepted at Department Headquarters to help increase the funds given to the final 16 entries competing to be the State Winner. So please donate generously so we can show our appreciation for the young people of our state.

If you have any questions about the program or need an application see your local VFW Post commander or Voice of Democracy chairman.

Respectfully; Ron Jagodnik  
VFW State VOD Chairman

## President's Message

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with the team effort by sending in your dues before they contact you. As I travel around I find most members do not have ready access to a membership application when they run into a prospective member. So, on the last page of this newsletter you will find a blank application in full color. As soon as you get through reading your copy of VFW NEWS, walk/run on over to the neighbor you think is a VFW qualified veteran and sign him/her up. If each of you will do that we will quickly enhance our clout when talking to our Congressional/Legislative leaders. Thank you ever so much for all you do to help our great veterans. THE KEY IS SERVICE!

Bert W. Key, State Commander 2011-2012

### WE'D LIKE TO THANK

the members of the Department of Oregon who have supported us and elected us to the office of District 17 National Council Member. It will be an honor to serve in this position and we will strive to maintain the high standards set for us. We were proud to be installed at the national convention in San Antonio. Loyally, Merle and Judy Jackson, District 17 Council Members

THANK YOU!



## Voice of Democracy Holiday Inn in Wilsonville, February 11, 2012 BANQUET TICKETS

TICKETS ON SALE NOVEMBER 1, 2011

If you are on a special diet, please let Department know so we can notify the banquet service.

**If you plan to sit as a group, all money and names must be sent in together.**

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

**Tables seat 8. TICKET DEADLINE: Jan. 30, 2012**

### LUNCH:

**BUFFET containing the following:** Italian Lunch Buffet: Tossed green salad, Focaccia bread seasoned with fresh herbs, Mediterranean Chicken, Pasta, House Marinara or House Alfredo Sauce. - \$15

**Each meal - lunch & dinner - includes coffee, water & Iced Tea**

### DINNER: (Choose one)

**Pork Medallions - \$25.50**

**London Broil - \$25.50**

Both include: Salad, dinner rolls and butter, seasonal steamed vegetables, rice or potato, chef's choice of dessert and coffee.

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Deadline for ordering tickets is Jan. 30, 2012 - No refunds after this date.

PICK UP BANQUET TICKETS SATURDAY AT THE CONFERENCE.

# Announcements

## Submissions for the Nov - Dec issue are due by Oct 27.

**Send LAVFW articles to Aux. Dept Sec'y by Oct. 20**

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**Please send your submissions to: cecampos63@aol.com**



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## A LETTER OF THANKS

Dear PDCs and Fellow Veterans,

How thrilled and surprised I was at the Post 4248 breakfast this past Sunday (7 August) to be called to the front of the room by the Post Commander Dale Guldenzopf and PDC George Carl Anderson, along with District 3 Commander Tom McNeal, where I was awarded a beautiful plaque in honor of my many years of service to Veterans and their families.

I, along with PDC Johnny Baugh (deceased), initiated the "Willie and Joe" Award many years ago and to receive one myself was totally unexpected. In my 67 years of membership in the VFW, I have deeply valued what we stand for. The many good comrades at every level from Post to National, were sufficient awards. I can never thank you enough for this great honor.

Although my health prevents me from being very active, I shall always be a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and will always support your good work and ideals.

In Comradeship,

Patrick L. Jordan PDC (1985-86)

## REQUEST FOR E-MAIL ADDRESSES

### Attention: Members, Post Officers and Chairmen

As the VFW organization moves into the 21st century, E-mail addresses are becoming a quick and less expensive way to communicate and be kept up to date.

For those who would like to join us and receive the VFW News electronically please complete form and mail or e-mail to us, so we can get them in our database. E-mail your information to [oregonvfwnews@aol.com](mailto:oregonvfwnews@aol.com) or mail this form to:

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# Ladies Auxiliary

## Ladies Auxiliary Reports

### CANCER AID & RESEARCH

Stepping Up to the Challenge

Wow! What a great start to the year for Cancer Aid & Research. Auxiliary sisters are wasting no time in getting out there and raising money for our Cancer Aid & Research program. I want to say "Congratulations!" to Linn Auxiliary #584 who has already met their Platinum level incentive goal of \$7 or more per member and a GIGANTIC "Congratulations!" to Columbia River Auxiliary #1909 who has surpassed both their Platinum level incentive goal AND their STEP UP Challenge goal. Well done, ladies! Will your Auxiliary be the next to meet their goals?

October is just around the corner. As most of you know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is an excellent time to have a health official come in and speak to your Auxiliary and also a perfect time to get out and hold a cancer program project where you can bring awareness of our program to the public. High school sports are in full swing – maybe your Auxiliary can hold a project at one of the volleyball or football games in your area. It is a great time to raise awareness and money!

I hope by now that you are participating in a Step Up Challenge of some sort. Remember, you can challenge your Posts to raise money, too. If they do choose to support the program, have them issue the money through the Auxiliary so that you get credit towards your goals. However, please let me know if a Post does participate, as I would like to recognize them, as well. With that said, "Thank you" to Columbia River Post #1909 for their participation in our program and helping their Auxiliary reach their goals.

Auxiliaries and sisters, don't forget to purchase your quilt blocks for the cancer quilt that will be presented to President Sonya at her convention. We want to see as many Auxiliaries and sisters as possible present on the quilt. Quilt blocks can be purchased through me. Also, we are beginning to sell raffle tickets on a beautiful flag case donated by Annette Jordan. You can get your tickets from the Department Representatives at your District meetings. The drawing will be at the Department convention and tickets will be sold until then.

If you haven't sent in your \$2 per member, please do so soon. As a result of those Auxiliaries who sent their money in early, President Sonya was able to present a check at the national convention for \$12,500! Oregon had the second biggest check presented and it was because of all of you. We are 25% of the way to reaching our \$50,000 goal. Don't stop now ladies, continue to Step Up and Rope for a Cure!

~ Paula Bell, (AKA "Baldy") Cancer Aid & Research

### HOSPITAL

Dear Sisters,

Thank you to everyone who attended one of the Schools of Instruction and showed interest in doing hospital work. I have a goal this year to get lots of members who have never been to a hospital to visit one. I am sure each one of you has a talent to offer. If you don't, just going and visiting is very nice. Each person there appreciates the company.

Don't forget to get your \$1 per member in early for the hospitals. This money is used by our VAVS reps to purchase needed items. What you do and donate matters!

Thanks for all your hard work!

~ Linda Rose

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

This is our time to ensure that Veterans receive their entitlements by "Stepping Up and Leaving No Veteran Behind." We need to watch the newspapers, TV, and radio for information of bills in legislation. If you see something, then write, call, email or fax your opinions to senators and representatives; especially those of the Joint Senate Veterans Affairs Committee (SAVS) and the House Veterans Affairs Committee (HVAC). We need to keep aware of this information. Thank you for your help and remember our Veterans.

~ Marcia Read, Legislative Chairman

### MEMBERSHIP ROUND-UP

Dear Sisters,

Thank you to everyone who attended one of the Schools of Instruction and showed interest in doing hospital work. I have a goal this year to get lots of members who have never been to a hospital to visit one. I am sure each one of you has a talent to offer. If you don't, just going and visiting is very nice. Each person there appreciates the company.

Don't forget to get your \$1.00 per member in early for the hospitals. This money is used by our VAVS reps to purchase needed items. What you do and donate, matters!

Thanks for all your hard work!

~ Iona Kline, Membership Chairman

### VAVS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

To all Comrades and Sisters coming from VASORCC, White City VFWA office. We will be having our Christmas Gift Shop on Dec 1st and 2nd. We are in need of many different items for our Veterans to give to their loved ones, such as (new only) mid teens boys' and girls' items, 16 and 17 teenagers, small ceramics (no heavy glass items, please) jewelry, backpacks, cosmetics kits w/items, artist supplies and candles and candle warmers. No giant size toys, please as they are difficult to wrap. Kids markers, color books and jump ropes. Last year's gift shop was a great success due to: American Legion, DAR, Disabled American Veterans, Elks, VSC, Purple Heart, VFW and all Auxiliaries. Thank you in advance.

~ Pat Wright and her deputies, VAVS Representative

### VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

Auxiliaries, this is a reminder that you can order your own Buddy Poppies if your Post does not. You may order them through the VFW Department Headquarters. Soon it will be November 11th – now is the time to start making plans for your Buddy Poppy programs. Ask your local businesses in your community for their support. Get your displays ready to put in stores. Put information in your local newspapers and radio stations. Make sure all know your dates and times for your promotions. For more information and ideas you can go online at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org). You can get a chairman's guide. Please remember that Buddy Poppy proceeds represent no profit to any VFW unit. All money contributed by the public for Buddy Poppies is used for members of the Armed Forces, Veterans welfare, or for the well-being of needy dependents, widows and orphans of a Veteran. So let us round-up our community and our Veterans and show them that we care.

~ Rose Marie Allyn

Veterans & Family Support Chairman

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Sisters,

Well we are done with the Department Schools of Instructions. Now we take all our information back to our Auxiliaries. Once again the theme for the Voice of Democracy is: "Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?" 9th-12th grades are eligible. The theme for the Patriot's Pen is: "Are You Proud of Your Country?" 6th-8th grades.

Mid-winter is February 11, 2012 at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn.

Ladies, the only thing we have to report to the Post side of these programs are that we participated and how much money we spent on the program. The hours and mileage will go on another report at a later time.

Please send any donations to these programs from the Auxiliary, to Judy Jackson Department Treasurer.

If you have any questions concerning these programs please call me.

~ Catherine Lindsay, Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen

### CHIEF OF STAFF MESSAGE



By **CAROLYN EGE**

Chief of Staff

## Please Read at Your Next Meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary Department of Oregon has a long history of service to our Veterans and their families, as well as service to our communities. We are all very proud of the work we do to assist our Veterans, offering aid to their families, and supporting our youth by giving

scholarships to students and artists. However, we are now losing the members and the Auxiliary leadership that we need in order to continue this rewarding work.

I am trying to find the reasons for our loss of membership. Some reasons are easy, we lose members every year to death and these Sisters are not replaced with new members, but we are also losing members because they no longer want to attend meetings, and this is where I am looking for ways to renew their interest in the work we do to help our Veterans and their families.

Do you think moving your meeting time or location would help? Are there conflicts among your members? Could these conflicts be resolved by meeting and discussing the problems? Is transportation an issue for some of your members? Do you have members who cannot pay their dues? (The relief fund can be used to help them.) Have your officers been in office for years? Are they looking for help?

I am asking you to read this article to your members at your next meeting; you could discuss the problems that may be occurring in your own Auxiliary, jot down your ideas and any suggestions that might help with these issues.

I would appreciate any ideas or suggestions that you may have to improve our attendance at meetings.

Please contact me with your ideas.

Carolyn Ege

Chief of Staff

## Auxiliary Roster Changes

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## In Memoriam

### Let 'Er Buck Auxiliary #922

Ruth Morse

### Three Rivers Auxiliary #1324

Gertrude Saul

### Pelican Auxiliary #1383

Cline Beckhan

Juanita Hodges

Ruth Nash

Cerda Rugg

Judy Weise

### Jasper C. Lent Auxiliary #1442

Ruth Anne Jacobs

### Ponderosa Pine

Auxiliary #1643

Dolores Frank

Nadene Fahey

Naydene Sprague

### Hutchinson Rempelos

Auxiliary #3182

Irene Rosier

### Medal of Honor

Auxiliary #3440

Ruby Huitt

### Major Axel Rasmusen

Auxiliary #3452

Mary Wert

### George L. Wright

Auxiliary #4015

Deloris Eberhard

Marvene Seufert

Betty Jean Leu

Lois Finsand

### Creswell Auxiliary #4039

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Dorothy Brown

Imogene Teague

### Rogue River Auxiliary #4116

Del Evanich

Alice Look

Donna McFall

Judith Schafer

### Eagle Cap Auxiliary #4307

Kam Bryant

Cecille Lay

### Blue Mountain Auxiliary #4567

Eleanor Lytle

### Coburg Auxiliary #7384

Verna Gant

**Thank you for your service  
to our Veterans**



# Meetings, etc.

## RECRUITERS

As of 19 Aug 2011

Dist.	Post #	Recruiter	Members
15	3973	Jason Carroll	20
15	3973	Ronald W. Jagodnik	8
13	3965	Lee R. Emert	7
15	3973	Rodney W. Wymore	7
5	1383	Michael J. Reynolds	5
10	4108	John R. Wrinkle	5
4	966	Frederick L. Bremer	4
3	4248	Dale N. Guldenzopf	3
3	4248	Thomas R. Mc Neal	3
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	3
12	2468	Michael D. Eakin	3
12	3970	Gilbert R. Daniels	3
13	4039	Rick L. Higgins	3
2	1909	Harold H. Lawler	2
5	1383	Duane G. Whitehead	2
13	9448	Thomas G. Laing	2
13	9448	Richard L. Pierce	2
14	584	Glen W. Baker	2
14	584	Robert W. Gore	2
14	3437	James D. Allyn	2
15	180	Robert L. Doms	2
15	180	Franklin R. West	2
15	3973	George E. Carroll	2
15	4273	Merle D. Stewart	2
15	6057	John R. Lance	2
16	4617	Carl E. Bronson	2
16	5233	Kurt J. Carlsen	2
16	10626	Cheryl E. Campos	2
1	4227	Leonard G. Austin	1
2	1909	Roger A. Ege	1
3	907	Donald C. Parham	1
3	1325	Bruce W. Hall	1
3	1325	Michael J. Rivard	1
3	4248	Al E. Marino	1
3	4248	Scott A. Yarger	1
4	2928	Gerald G. Forty	1
4	3440	George E. Trott	1
5	1383	Terran L. Klein	1
5	1383	Jesse A. Noles	1
5	1383	Mark E. Treglia	1
5	1383	Daniel B. Williams	1
6	4060	Bryce E. Miller	1
6	7847	Terry L. Gilmore	1
7	2302	Glenn D. German	1
7	2302	Frank U. Walgamot	1
7	4116	Gary C. Lowe	1
7	4116	Charles A. Prudhon	1
8	4750	Clifford C. Hilliard	1
9	3232	Lonie E. Wright	1
9	3232	Harley O. Youngblood	1
10	4108	Harold E. Haynes	1
10	4108	Neil E. Mc Donald	1
10	4108	Lelond Parker	1
10	4108	William E. Pieters	1
11	2471	Gary D. Pratt	1
11	10637	Gary D. Pitman	1
12	3970	Darrell D. Ervin	1
12	3970	James E. Horton	1
12	3970	Clarence L. Schick	1
12	9745	James J. Osborne	1
13	3965	Kenneth E. Mc Entire	1
13	3965	William E. Meadows	1
13	3965	Danny J. Stanks	1
13	4039	Vernon A. Beard	1
13	4039	Jurgen K. Ramil	1
13	9448	Stanley G. Ritari	1
13	9448	John N. Welsh, Jr	1
14	661	Kerry A. Wymetalek	1
14	3437	Harry T. Smith	1
14	4065	Darryl Anderson	1
14	4065	Tobie D. Davie	1
15	180	Tyler E. Marriott	1
15	3973	Kenneth L. Carroll	1
15	3973	Kevin G. Cole	1
15	3973	Jason F. Griswold	1
15	4273	Bert W. Key	1
15	4273	Christopher C. Royce	1
16	2666	Lawrence D. Liesegang	1
16	2666	Kenneth b. McIntyre	1
16	4211	Kenneth A. Rober	1
16	4617	Robert W. Parrack, Jr	1
16	10626	Richard D. McJunkin	1

## GUILTY AND GOING TO PRISON

For several years now, the Department of Washington has had to deal with several issues in Posts throughout the State involving misconduct, misappropriation of funds, malfeasance and outright theft. Recently, the culmination of a case that started several years ago resulted in the indictment of a post officer for stealing thousands and thousands of dollars from several veterans organizations. A new development in the case just came to light and justice has finally been doled out and a thief will go to prison.

That VFW officer managed to gain access and sole control over every aspect of post operations, funds and property by doing all the jobs no one else wanted. When he was finally in charge of everything, answering to no one, because of his intimidation and bullying techniques, he kept everyone at bay making it easy to steal at will. He pillaged and plundered his own post and it will take years to recover from the devastation.

There is nothing new in this case as it happens all too often. Members take the eagerness and insistence of a sole member to take on more and more responsibilities in stride. With every task, some of these eager beavers take on, there's a feeling of relief because someone else will do those jobs they are tired of or just don't want the responsibility so they are off the hook. Surrendering one responsibility after another to just one person became easy and eventually assumed to be the right thing to do.

If there were times that these sole proprietors, or the post bullies, in control were questioned a tirade would erupt and the impertinence would be silenced. Eventually, more and more members realized something was wrong but had no idea what to do, so in effect they had been neutralized. By the time someone did step to the plate and insisted on action it was often too late and the damage was done. Thousands of dollars vanished, a post ravaged and pillaged while members stood by and let it happen.

It could have been prevented if members took their responsibilities seriously, divided the responsibilities and did their jobs. More than anything else the members should have followed the By-Laws. Making new rules or running things

according to one person's dictations is an invitation to those with no conscience to take whatever they want.

What troubles many is that Veterans are stealing from Veterans and they are doing it with absolutely no second thought or regret. We trust veterans, we trust our friends, we know them and we assume just being in the VFW means we are safe and need not be concerned. But that is deception, a lie we choose to believe and a path to destruction.

These cases, such as the VFW Commander who plead guilty stealing well over \$200,000 from several veterans organizations are not uncommon. Seldom do the cases involve small amounts of money; they are stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars. These investigations can take a long time, and some cases take 2 to 4 years. Many go on stealing for years feeling secure because they

Don't take very much at any one time and feel no one will guess anything's missing.

Over time greed motivates even more brazen acts and soon larger and larger amounts vanish. These thieves get comfortable as time passes and nothing seems to be happening,

they feel they are safe and no one is wise to them. They do not realize they are on the radar, the investigation is grinding on, slowly to be sure, but as every number on the falsified reports are scrutinized, the closer they are to residing in the local jail or prison for a very long time.

Follow the By-Laws; don't create new rules to satisfy one aggressive member. Why do you think these thieves want the rules changed? It makes it easier to plunder and pillage, that's why. The By-Laws work and they know it, that's why they want them gone. Don't give away your post and don't allow it to be stolen on your watch. That's right, your watch you are responsible, every member is. We are a band of comrades serving brothers and sisters not observers watching from the sidelines while others loot our post homes then ask why. When it happens it's because we let it happen while we watched.

### MAKING NEW RULES

or running things according to one person's dictations

is an invitation to those with no conscience to take **WHATEVER THEY WANT.**



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If any problems or special conditions, please contact either:  
Wade Woolard at 541-852-7239  
or email wade39@clear.net  
or Jacque Hobwood at 541-726-5883

### 2012 VFW/AUXILIARY Convention Meal Program

**The Convention Meal Program for 2012** will cost \$76 (Exception: 40 & over cost is \$74) for the banquet and three lunches. REMEMBER, this includes the 18% gratuity charged by our host facility. Individual prices will be \$18 for lunch and \$28 for the banquet. Meal request order forms will be available at Schools of Instruction and on the Department of Oregon website: [vfworegon.org](http://vfworegon.org)

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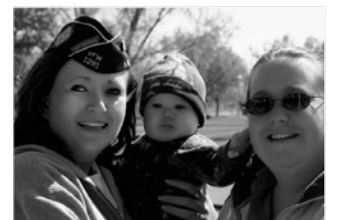
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# Looking Back • Looking Ahead

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

## ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER MESSAGE



### Veteran Employment Assistance

By JASON D. CARROLL  
Jr. Vice Commander

We have just completed the 112th National Convention. Oregon was represented by a large contingent of more than 50 VFW and Auxiliary members. It was great to meet our National leaders and visit with comrades from many States and Departments. Congratulations to All-American District 13 Commander John Stanks and the All-American Post Commanders and members.

As usual there were many proposed By-Laws amendments and resolutions considered by the Convention. The By-Law amendments that passed will take effect on 1 Oct 2011. The 2012 Podium Edition will be available later in the month. If you are interested in reviewing the amendments go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and click on "112th National Convention" icon on lower right corner of the home page. Click on "By-Laws and Resolutions" to see all proposed amendments and resolutions. Click on "Results" to get a listing the amendments and resolutions that passed and those that were rejected.

The Veterans' unemployment rate in Oregon is at an unacceptable level. This is particularly true among our younger Veterans. There are several resources available to those Veterans seeking employment and those assisting them. [www.vetjobs.com](http://www.vetjobs.com) is a VFW-

sponsored site that provides a wide range of services, including the leading military job board on the Internet, especially for jobs requiring security clearance. The employment assistance section has extensive materials on how to conduct a job search, successfully pass interviews, write resumes, write cover letters and other information. Veterans who live in Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, Polk and Yamhill counties can enroll with "Hire Oregon Veterans" at [www.hireoregonvets.com](http://www.hireoregonvets.com), phone 1-877-838-4473 and receive assessment of skills, training and experience; individual counseling; customized job search assistance and funds for short-term training and employment-related support needed to get employed. Veterans are encouraged to use these tools when seeking employment.

Jason Carroll  
State Jr. Vice Commander



By ROGER EGE  
Adjutant/Quartermaster

### Summer's Over ... It's Back to Business

We are all aware that the summer is fast winding down, and the kids, grand kids and for some, great-grandkids are back in school. Now we need to get back to the business of the Posts and Districts of the Department of Oregon. The first thing that comes to mind is outstanding Audits that were due by the end of July; if you fall into this category please get them in now.

Many of us are just back from the national convention where this year we had an excellent turnout with more than fifty(50) Post and Auxiliary members attending, with many new faces I personally do not remember seeing at a national convention before.

As many of you are probably aware, Commander Bert Key set his membership goal at eighteen thousand (18,000) members this year. In May of this year we held a recruiter's class at Post 4248 in Portland, and now on October 25th

at 0900 we will have a recruiter's class at 4108 in Redmond, on the 26th we will have a class at Post 922 in Pendleton, and finally, on the 27th we will have a class at Post 3048 in Baker City. The starting time is the same for all locations and will be taught by a national membership team member. The membership challenge this year is which District is going to have the most new and reinstated members and receive the Commander's Award for having the best recruiters in the Department of Oregon?

While I'm on the subject of challenges, as you all should be aware, the Ladies Auxiliary has a Cancer Aid and Research program where every year they raise money to help fund research. This year their goal is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). The challenge to every Post that has an Auxiliary is to match the dollar amount your ladies raise for Cancer Aid and Research. Post 1909's Ladies raised \$500 and the Post has matched it. Will you accept the Challenge?

Roger A. Ege  
Adjutant/Quartermaster

## Veteran's Day Celebration INVITATION FROM DONAVAN J. GOFF • District 1 Commander

As fall approaches, we grow closer to the day when we celebrate and honor our veterans for their dedicated service to our country. On that note, I cordially invite all of you and your families to come to the Tillamook Air Museum on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, to enjoy an S.O.S. breakfast and a ceremony, co-hosted by VFW Posts 2848 and the staff of the Air Museum.

Breakfast will be served from 8-9:30am. The ceremony, to be held in the blimp hangar, will begin at 9:30 and conclude at about 11am. Guest speakers will be Colonel Bill Hatton, USMCR

Retired, and Kathryn Myles, a WWII WASP pilot. The ceremony will also feature performances by members of the Clan Macleay Pipe Band, the Tillamook Community Band and the Stardust Trio.

The Traveling War Museum and a representative of the Veterans History Project will be available throughout the day. This year's program honors all our heroes and is especially dedicated to our Iraq and Afghanistan veterans for their extraordinary sacrifices during the past 10 years. We hope to see you there.

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**Yes, I am an American War Veteran and I want to continue my Legacy of Service to America.**  
Please fill out the form below and mail to VFW Department of Oregon - 12440 NE Halsey Street - Portland, OR 97230-1927

### VFW Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last (Suffix - Sr., Jr., etc.)

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service:  Army  Air Force  Coast Guard  Navy  Marines  
Current Status:  Active Duty  Veteran  National Guard/Reserve

I served in:  
 Pre-World War I  Korean War 1950-54  Desert Shield/Storm  Afghanistan 2001-  
 World War II  Korea 1955 -  Bosnia/Kosovo 1995 -  Iraq 2003 -  
 WW II Occupation  Vietnam 1958-75  Global War on Terrorism - Expeditionary 2001 -  
 1945 - 55 (Europe, Korea, Japan)  Expeditionary Operations 1958 - 2003 (Thailand, Grenada, Libya, Panama, Haiti, Somalia, etc.)  
 1945 - 90 (Berlin)

Qualified recipient of:  Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire Pay  SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol - Period Covered: \_\_\_\_\_ (Required for applicants with no other qualifying service)

I would like to join the Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars as a  Annual Member (\$35.00)  Life Member\*  Life 12 Mo. Installment plan\*

**\*Life Membership Fee Schedule - Installment plan requires a \$35.00 initial payment**

Attained age on 12/31	One Time Payment	Life 12 Month Payment Plan
Through age 30	\$425.00	\$40.39
31 - 40	\$410.00	\$39.02
41 - 50	\$375.00	\$35.84
51 - 60	\$335.00	\$32.20
61 - 70	\$290.00	\$28.11
71 - 80	\$225.00	\$22.20
81 and over	\$170.00	\$17.20

**Installment Payment Plan Terms and Conditions:** The VFW Life Membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making either 11 monthly installments after an initial payment of \$35.00. The member/applicant will be issued a "Provisional Life" membership card and can elect, upon receipt of first monthly invoice, to pay via check, credit card or ACH Debit. The monthly fee (shown in the payment schedule above) includes a \$1.75 monthly service fee. The applicable Life Membership fee is to be determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the installment plan year in which the application is submitted, regardless of actual date of birth. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon completion of this agreement. No refund of any portion of current year annual dues will be made. A "Payoff amount" will be printed on each monthly invoice, allowing the member the option to pay in full at anytime during the installment plan, thereby avoiding additional service fees. If the member pays off early, no additional monies will be collected.

I attest by forwarding this application that I am a citizen of the United States, that I qualify for the VFW and that my Campaign Service was honorable, and that I have never been discharged under other than honorable conditions or I am still serving honorably in the armed forces of the United States of America. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to verify my entitlement to membership in the VFW and that if no proof can be found or provided that I am subject to discharge from the VFW without refund.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Include membership payment by check or money order (Do not send cash) or pay by credit card.

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Mail to: VFW Department of Oregon, 12440 NE Halsey St. Portland, OR 97230 For Questions?: (503) 255-5808

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## 2011-12 SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION Eugene, Molalla, Rogue River & Pendleton

Photos by Dept. Photographer - Jim McDonald



New Commanders as well as Seasoned Commanders listen and learn in the Commander class held at the Eugene SOI.



The Service Officer's Class was taught by our own Department Service Officer, Jack Zule.



Department Adjutant/Quartermaster, Roger A. Ege cleared up questions on audits, 990 taxes and many others at the Quartermasters class in Eugene.