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STATE COMMANDER



KEN KRAFT

Looking Forward

Comrades, it has been an honor to serve as your Department Commander for the 2017-2018 year. I am thankful for the opportunities to serve alongside so many outstanding Comrades and Auxiliary patriots.

We serve in communities across Oregon alongside our Auxiliary to help Veterans and their families through the programs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. No other Organization Does More for Veterans, their families or Communities. I wanted to take the last newsletter opportunity to thank each and every member throughout the Department of Oregon for ALL your many hours, service and sacrifices on behalf of our common goals and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

As a Department, we have achieved many of our goals and succeeded in many of our missions. Unfortunately, we've had to say goodbye to some unforgettable Comrades who helped us all become the Department we are today. Although the year isn't completed until midnight June 30th we have several more missions to complete and carry forward.

I encourage all members and posts to continue serving within their communities and reaching out to our veterans and their families. Make those door to door visits and phone calls and do your best to leave no one behind.

I look forward to our upcoming Department Convention this June at Kah-Nee-Tah. I hope to see you all taking part. It's a time to congratulate the current Comrades and to encourage and welcome all our new members and incoming leadership. I look forward to seeing all our new Post, District and Department Leadership and I wish each a successful year ahead.

I was fortunate to have an outstanding team of Post, District, Department, Committee Chairs and HQs fully engaged and working to serve with distinction. Lastly, I want to thank my Chief of Staff, Jason Carroll, for all of his time, service, mentoring and leadership throughout this year. I look forward to the conversations and missions ahead.

Be Safe.

Ken Kraft

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER



RICK HIGGINS

Reaching 100% First

I hope this Spring weather finds everyone in good health and ready to welcome the warmer days.

I first want to congratulate the Department of Oregon for being the first to reach 100% membership at the National Level and presently the only Department to do so. Thank you to all of the Posts, Districts and the

membership team for your hard work.

For those that haven't heard, the State of Oregon's Voice of Democracy winner placed 2nd Nationally and received a \$16,000 scholarship award. We are very happy for Phillip Dunagan and his family. Also, congratulations to Faith Palma and her family for a 13th place Nationally and a \$1,000 scholarship award. Thank you for all of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary members that work so hard to make these programs successful.

For Post and Districts that have attained the distinction of All-State and or All-American status, congratulations!! There is still some time for those wanting to reach this goal to make it. Good Luck!

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for the good wishes and prayers for healing after breaking my leg in March. I'm on the mend and anxious for the coming year.

I look forward to see everyone at State Convention in June!

Yours in comradeship,

Rick Higgins



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER



JOHN WRINKLE

Action Corps Weekly

Congratulations to all our Posts and Districts that are 100%. The Department is "All American" and you can be very proud that your hard work and dedication in sustaining our membership helped us get there! Without membership growth, an organization that is dedicated to protecting and sustaining all

veterans and the currently serving in time of need would perish.

The VFW National organization encourages all members, including the Auxiliary and our families, to subscribe to the Action Corps Weekly. This weekly email update provides information on important legislative issues that directly affect our Armed Forces and veterans, so we can then immediately contact our nationally elected Congressmen/women and Senators and ask them to support or oppose congressional bills that pertain to our benefits. It also lets us know what the VFW National Legislative Committee is doing to try to protect our rights as veterans and to stand up for those who are currently serving our country. As your VFW National Legislative Committee member, I see firsthand how our efforts are helping all veterans and those who are currently serving our country. We must be vigilant because of the finite amount of funds available and the many competing interests that believe they deserve a piece of the pie. It is easy for our national representatives to overlook what we earned when we stood up and served our country in its time of need.

I look forward to visiting with many of you at the Department convention at Warm Springs Ka-Nee-Ta Spa and Resort. Be sure to stop me to share any concerns or just to catch up. I will be seeking your support as it is my intention to run for the office of Senior Vice Commander during the 2018-19 year.

Fair winds and following seas,

John R. Wrinkle



March 22, 2018. Post 2468 Commander Joe Wouters and Quartermaster Mike Eakin present a Certificate of Appreciation to Jeremy Smith, Manager of the Roseburg Walmart store for his several years of dedication to Veterans of Douglas County and to VFW Post 2468. Under Jeremy's tenure the local VFW Post has received a grant from this store the past 5 years. Jeremy has also allowed our Post to conduct membership and Buddy Poppy drives each of those 5 years. The wall behind Jeremy is an HONOR WALL brought about a year ago by a recommendation by then Commander Eakin. Walmart has been and continues to be a staunch supporter to Veterans and their families.

Email Announcement
 Department email has changed!
 Please use:
orvfwHQ@gmail.com
 Thank you!

Updates

Welcome Joseph Davis



Joseph E. Davis Director of Public Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., is our National Representative for the 97th Department of Oregon Convention.

Joseph E. Davis (Joe Davis) joined the staff of the VFW Washington Office as its Director of Public Affairs in April 2004. His duties include serving as national spokesman for the nearly 1.7 million total-member organization on issues ranging from

national security and foreign affairs to the proper care and treatment of veterans, service members and their families. He also oversees communications and publications functions at the VFW National Headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

Davis enlisted in the Air Force in March 1976 and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant when selected to attend Air Force Officer Training School. He would retire in the rank of Major in April 2000 with an overseas deployment history that included assignments with U.S. Central Command in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait from 1990-91; the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia from 1992-93; and U.S. European Command in Operation Support Hope in Rwanda, Zaire and Uganda in 1994.

He is a three-time Chief of Public Affairs at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, S.C., Luke AFB, Ariz., and Hickam AFB, Hawaii; was the Acting Chief of Media for Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.; and prior to his military retirement he was the Deputy Chief of Public Affairs for the operational arm of what is now the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Prior to accepting his current position with the VFW, he was the Director of Communications for the regional headquarters of Goodwill Industries.

Davis earned a bachelor's degree in business administration (marketing) from Christopher Newport University, Va., and a master's degree in business administration and management from Webster University, Mo. Among his awards and decorations are the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars.

He joined the VFW following his service in Somalia and is a Life Member of VFW Post 3391 in American Samoa. He is also a member of the Air Force Association, the Military Officers Association of America, National Rifle Association and Phi Sigma Kappa fraternal organization.

He and his wife, Mary, reside in Old Town Alexandria, Va.

JUDGE ADVOCATE



GEORGE E. CARROLL

you want it to say; but what it really says. Too often we think that we know what is in the book and or what we want it to say. We all have taken an oath to be loyal to the By-Laws and Ritual of this order. Do not try to read things into or omit things to make it easy on yourself. The By-Laws are written for the betterment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. We need to also remember this when working with other organizations and make sure that the Veterans of Foreign Wars does not come up short. We need to work with and in the community; however, we also need to guard the interest of this organization. When we raise money, make sure that it is spent for what it was raised for.

When a vote is called for, know what the vote is on and what is going to happen if the vote passes or what will happen if the vote does not pass. Make sure everyone understands what the vote is on and what their vote will mean. At District, State and National, votes are by Delegate Strength. Those elected Delegates have a say in how they want the vote to be cast. The Commander is then instructed on how to vote. If you are not an elected Delegate you do not have a vote. This means that you need to go to the Post meetings and make sure that you are nominated and elected as a Delegate for the District, State or National Conventions. I know that it is easier to just blow it off and not hold the elections but it is in the By-Laws and needs to be done. Some Officers will have a vote of their own, in addition to the Post Delegates. Read the By-Laws and understand who has their own vote and who does not, and find out if the Commander, Senior Vice Commander or the Junior Vice Commander is going to cast the post Delegates. Remember you need other Post Delegates there to get the plus one. Again, I say read the By-Law and make sure that everyone there knows how the vote will be taken. It is a lot better to know who has a vote and who will be casting the votes before you ever get to convention.

In Comradeship,
George E. Carroll

Prepare for Elections

Greetings to all. I would like to congratulate all of those who have been elected or appointed to a Post or District Office. I would ask that you go to the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure along with the State By-Law and Manual of Procedure to make sure that you know what they say. This is not what

STATE SURGEON



DENNIS PRATT

Applying Continuous Improvement at the Post level

Continuous Improvement is an ongoing effort to improve your post's services or programs. It seeks incremental improvement over time because your processes are constantly evaluated and improved in the light of their effectiveness. According to the Institute of Quality

Assurance, continuous improvement is defined as a "gradual never-ending change which is focused on increasing the effectiveness and/or efficiency of an organization to fulfill its policy and objectives. Put simply, it means getting better all the time."

Since a National or State Commander only has one year to make a difference, their primary focus is what you do this year. They are content with your post just "getting by." For example, you need to turn in a community service report to Department showing hours and donations every year, however, it does not need to show an increase from last year's report, and it can even be less, as long as it is turned in. This attitude is very understandable at the upper levels of our organization because that is in line with their objectives. However, the goals of your post should be greater in order to showcase your effectiveness in the community.

Therefore, since the VFW is not set for continuous improvement at the national level or even at the state level, it must be done at the post level. It is up to the post leadership and the post membership to strive for continuous improvement to move forward. Goals need to be made and the process of achieving these goals needs to be planned and implemented.

The most obvious program where continuous improvement can start is your membership program. Right now, if a post fails to meet 100 percent membership by June 30th of the current year, all is forgiven on July 1st when the new commander wants you to try again. If you alternate making 100 percent membership one year, then the next year you fall short, the net effect of repeating that cycle is that your post membership goes down over time. Instead, a goal of 100 percent plus 1 every year, is an example of showing continuous improvement.

This is obtainable by looking at your membership numbers for the past few years. You need to know how many continuous members you lose because they are unreachable (moved, bad phone number, etc.), or because they are disinterested. That number, plus one, is what you need to plan on recruiting every year. Of course, with an active retention program, the number of unreachable and disinterested members can be minimized year after year, putting less stress on recruiting new members.

Membership is just one example of where continuous improvement can be implemented. Another place is with your Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen contests. Your post should always be discussing ways to increase your outreach with those programs and grow them. Instead of having one entry a year, think of ways you can eventually grow the program to get a whole classroom of entries. You can even improve the programs by increasing your award amounts. This kind of philosophy can be extended to any of your post's programs. Determine where your organizational gaps occur and perform the steps required to implement the changes.

So, the post's yearly goals should not be to just get by, the post's goals should be to be better than you were last year. When this happens over time, your members will be proud of the post they belong to and your community will be eager to support your post and your programs.

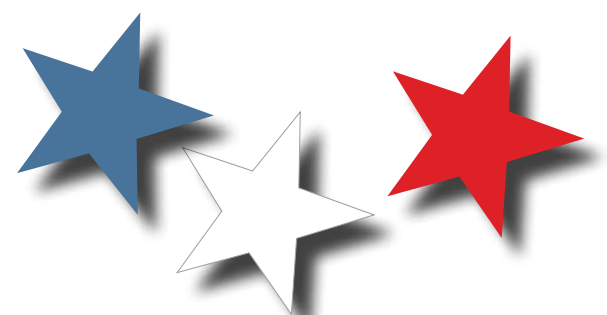
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News

Legacy Life Members in Oregon

Post	First Name/MI	Last Name	Legacy Level	Post	First Name/MI	Last Name	Legacy Level
180	Scott	Gill	Gold	3965	Steven M	Boosinger	Gold
180	Val G	Shaul	Bronze	3973	Rodney W	Wymore	Silver
180	Maynard C	Smith	Bronze*	3973	Jeffrey D	Knight	Gold
180	Tyler E	Marriott	Gold	3973	Jason F	Griswold	Gold
293	Mark D	Chapman	Gold	3973	Roscoe V	Dorsett	Bronze*
293	James I	Bell	Bronze	3973	George E	Carroll	Gold
584	Melvin L	Chaput	Gold	3973	Jason	Carroll	Gold
584	James M	Willis	Bronze	3973	Stephen G	Morris	Bronze
661	Kerry A	Wymetalek	Gold	3973	Ronald W	Jagodnik	Gold
661	Greg	Terhune	Gold	3973	Ernest H	Winterton	Bronze
922	Nicholas R	Van Kirk	Gold	4015	Leonard	Schorzmann	Bronze
922	Judith A	Burger	Gold	4015	Richard G	Lightfoot	Bronze*
922	James F	Hand	Gold*	4015	George P	Edmonston	Bronze
922	Richard E	Halverson	Gold	4015	Randall E	Savage	Bronze
1324	James G	McDonald	Gold	4015	Leonard D.	Braithwait, Jr.	Bronze
1324	Maurice A	Deets	Bronze	4015	Billy Wayne	Miller	Bronze
1324	Shawn P	Dachtler	Bronze	4015	Leon L	Blanchard	Bronze
1324	Dale K	Miller	Bronze	4015	Alvin A	Tesky	Bronze
1324	John A	Baranek	Gold	4015	Stanley L	Beecroft	Bronze
1324	John S	Morell, Jr.	Bronze	4015	Donald R	Cooke	Bronze
1324	Arthur E	Kimball	Gold	4015	Lester E	Beecroft	Bronze*
1324	David M	Kidd	Bronze	4015	Seth J	Forquer	Bronze*
1324	William M	Trumble	Bronze	4015	Hubert M	Mardock	Bronze
1324	D J.	Ruger	Gold	4039	John R	Clark	Bronze*
1324	Neil E	Birch	Bronze	4039	Donald L	Fertgus	Silver
1324	Robert W	Black	Bronze*	4039	Richard L	Colson	Silver
1324	Charles E	Chamberlin	Bronze	4039	Jack L	Gradle	Bronze
1324	Larry W	Moseley	Bronze	4039	Leonard M	Hecker	Bronze
1324	Edward L	Gresham	Gold	4039	Rick L	Higgins	Gold
1325	James H	Mc Gee, Jr	Gold	4039	Bryce L	Watson	Bronze
1383	Ronald E	Ballard	Gold	4039	Melvin L	Northcutt	Bronze*
1383	Roger A	Pattee	Gold	4039	Bill E	Beer	Bronze
1383	Karen H	Johnson	Gold	4039	Vernon A	Beard	Silver
1383	Duane G	Whitehead	Gold	4039	Camren J	Baker	Bronze
1442	Albert A	Reijonen	Bronze	4039	Richard A	Leppin	Bronze
1442	Gordon K	Hillesland	Gold	4039	David W	Hendrick	Bronze
1442	Daniel W	Wakefield	Gold *	4108	Dan S	Tureck	Gold
1643	Byron J	Smith	Gold	4108	Dennis G	Guthrie	Gold
1643	Matthew R	Walker	Gold	4108	Charles E	Chester, Jr	Gold
1909	Linda K	Kelly	Silver	4108	Harold G	Davidson	Gold *
1909	Roger A	Ege	Gold	4108	Gary D	Pitman	Silver*
1909	Michal D	Tolleshaug	Gold	4108	John R	Wrinkle	Gold
2468	Earl T	McAloney	Gold	4116	Charles A	Prudhon	Silver
2624	Robert R	May	Bronze	4116	James M	Poling	Silver
2624	David A	Teem, Sr	Gold	4116	Thomas A	Lazette	Bronze
2666	Daniel F	Fink	Bronze	4211	Lee K	Saddler	Bronze
2666	Michael R	Premi	Bronze	4217	Raymond C	Tsumpti, Jr	Gold
2666	Roger D	Pack	Bronze	4248	Thomas R	Mc Neal	Bronze*
2666	Dennis C	Marsh	Gold	4248	Gregory L	Drais	Gold
2666	Dale S	Yee	Bronze	4248	Dale N	Guldenzopf	Gold
2666	Peter J	Pringle	Bronze	4273	William H	Miller	Gold
2666	Larry R	Tomb	Bronze	4273	Robert L	Anderson	Bronze*
2666	Andrew L	Eason	Bronze	4273	Terry E	Boyer	Silver*
2666	Don R	Bowen	Bronze	4273	Bert W	Key	Gold
2928	Michael C	Tribble	Silver	4273	Marcus	Walters	Bronze
2928	Christopher A	Long	Bronze	4273	Allen P	Anderson	Gold
3156	Andrea D	Summerlin	Gold	4362	Jerry	Peal	Bronze
3203	Dennis R	Pratt	Bronze	5452	Harvey	Hatfield, Jr	Silver
3232	Rex L	Ruck	Gold	5452	Gary M	Good	Bronze
3232	Phillip M	Jarvis	Gold	6057	Janile L	Yost	Silver
3232	Fred M	Burns	Bronze	6057	Robert G	Sigleer	Bronze
3232	James W	Gerth	Bronze	7384	Norman M	Henshen	Silver
3232	Robert B	Woerner	Silver	9448	Stanley G	Ritari	Bronze
3232	Harold D	Morgan, Sr.	Bronze	9448	John C	Johann	Gold
3232	David R	Snyder	Bronze	9448	Thomas G	Laing	Gold
3232	John E	McBride	Bronze	9448	Richard L	Eubank	Gold
3232	Frederick T	Kolbeck	Gold	10580	Albert A	Little	Bronze
3232	Gordon	Rhodes	Bronze	10580	E L	Dunn	Bronze
3232	Dennis R	Marsh	Silver	10626	Juan M	Palacios	Bronze
3232	Thomas S	Benedict	Bronze	10626	Cheryl E	Campos	Gold
3232	Kennith E	Smith	Gold	10626	Thomas G	Clayton	Bronze
3232	Robert J	Jackson	Bronze	12140	Donald L	Reed	Silver
3232	Harley O	Youngblood	Bronze*	12140	Boyd C	Yaden	Bronze
3232	Allen R	Ransom	Bronze	12140	Anthony L	Barber	Bronze
3232	Anthony V	Cavarno	Bronze	12140	Raymond L	Mack, Jr.	Bronze
3232	Merritt C	Mosby	Bronze*	12140	Robert M	Bragg	Bronze
3232	Paul L	Gargis	Gold	12140	Kenneth L	Kraft	Gold
3232	James W	Swant	Bronze	12140	Beau D	Mcneff	Bronze
3232	Bruce D	Andrade	Bronze	15038	Courtland J	Rawson	Gold
3232	Thomas F	Spayd	Gold	15038	Donald C	Sopher	Bronze*
3232	Robert F	Brown	Gold				
3232	Nicole A	Buckley	Bronze				
3232	Bruce W	Smith	Bronze				
3232	Gerald F	Hernandez	Silver				
3440	Larry D	Langenberg	Gold				
3452	Lawrence J	Howard	Bronze				
3452	Harvey A	Pitcher	Gold				
3452	Shaun D	Benson	Bronze				
3452	Ernie	Doyle	Gold				
3452	Arthur V	Mauer	Bronze				
3594	Jon W	Parks	Bronze				
3957	Lawrence R	Alexander	Gold				
3965	James E	Manson	Gold				
3965	John P	Stanks	Gold				
3965	James E	Matthews	Silver				
3965	Jess M	Wise, Jr	Gold *				

Posts with 5 or more Legacy Members

1324	15
1383	4
2666	9
3232	26
3965	5
3973	9
4015	13
4039	13
4108	6
12140	7

Bronze 90
Silver 18
Gold 68
Total 176

* Deceased Member

*** In Memorium Member

News

Leave your Mark for the Future Become a Legacy Life Member

What is a Legacy Life Member?

Being a Legacy Life member is another level of the VFW Life Membership program. It is intended to give our life members a way to leave a lasting legacy to the VFW. Future generations will know you, not only for the sacrifices you made as a veteran, but for the contribution you made as a member. That's a legacy to be proud of. When you become a Legacy Life Member, you are helping us strengthen the VFW where NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

There are three levels of Legacy Life Membership available: Gold, Silver, or Bronze. Each level offers generous benefits reserved exclusively for Legacy Life Members. Once your Legacy Life Membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department and the organization. You can feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are helping not only today's veterans, but the veterans of tomorrow. The best thing is that you will always be a member of your Post — even after you're gone.

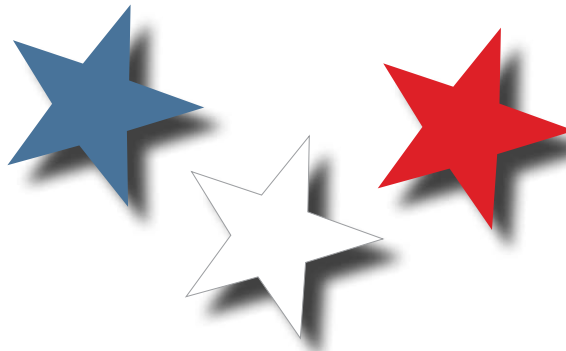
Now Legacy Life memberships can be purchased for deceased life members. This is a great way to honor our past life members and keep them on the rolls of your Post. This program is also offered in a payment plan as well. If you are a Life Member and are interested in this program, simply fill out the form below. Contact Department Headquarters with questions 503-255-5808



**Mike Beyerlin Post 9448,
District 13 would like your support
for State Surgeon 2018-2019**



**Allen Anderson Post 4273,
District 15 would like your support
for State Surgeon 2018-2019.**



Roster Changes

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Post 7847

Meeting time change from 7:30 to 6:00PM

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District 6 QM Brett Reinert
email: brettreinert01@gmail.com

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District 6

QM Brett Reinert(3048)

2804 Washington, Baker City 97814

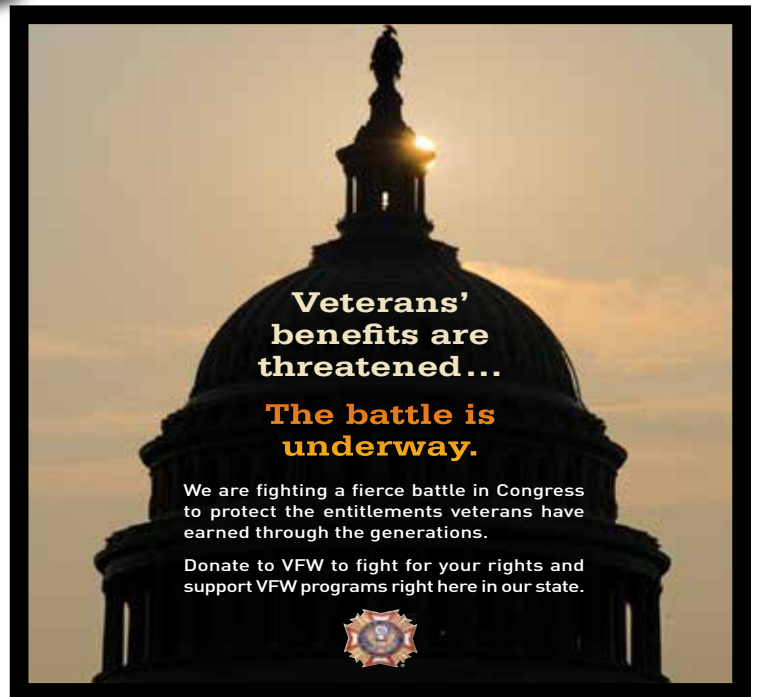
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Post 10639

Meeting change to 4th Wed. of the month at

6:30 PM



LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE FORM

Life Member No. _____

Social Security No. _____

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

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Bronze \$400
 Silver \$800
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 Expiration Date: Month _____ Year _____
 Upon my demise make a One-Time Endowment or continue the Annual Endowment
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Signature _____ Date _____

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5. Choose the endowment:
 - a. One-time Endowment payment: Upon your death, the principle amount of your Legacy will be paid in equal amounts to your Post, Department and the National organization, as applicable.
 - b. Annual Endowment: the Legacy level payment will continue annually after your death.
6. Sign your full name.
7. Enclose check, money order or credit card information for payment.
8. Mail this card, a check, money order or credit card information to:

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Statistics

Department of Oregon Membership 2017 - 2018

as of 5/2/2018



Department Total	2017	2018	Department Percentage	2017	2018
	14,255	14,473	99.20%		101.52%
DISTRICT #2	2017	2018	DISTRICT #6	2017	2018
1440 St. Helens	56*	58*	2990 La Grande	69*	69*
1909 Rainier	69	63	3048 Baker City	150	166*
2848 Bay City	113	107	3749 Huntington	20	21*
2994 Clatskanie	35*	35*	4060 Union	115	109
4362 Scappoose	67	73*	4307 Enterprise	170*	171*
10580 Warrenton	43	66*	5452 Ontario	124	124*
12123 Seaside	39	67*	7847 Halfway	82*	75
	422	469*		730	735*
DISTRICT #3	2017	2018	DISTRICT #7	2017	2018
1325 Peninsula/Pep	124*	106	1833 Medford	355	372*
1442 Jasper C Lent	244*	226	2302 Grants Pass	142*	128
4248 Sellwood Brk.	474	428	4116 Rogue River	300*	270
	842	760	6881 Shady Cove	39*	42*
			9670 Jacksonville	25	24
				861	836
DISTRICT #4	2017	2018	DISTRICT #8	2017	2018
965 Coquille	22	23*	922 Pendleton	315*	275
966 Brookings	89	83	2471 The Dalles	78*	74
2928 Myrtle Point	53	55*	3597 John Day	30*	30*
3182 North Bend	74	74*	567 Milton Freewater	40*	26
3440 Bandon	200*	210*	4750 Hermiston	185*	170
4439 Gold Beach	51*	49		647*	575
6102 Powers	36*	36*			
	525	530*			
DISTRICT #5	2017	2018	DISTRICT #9	2017	2018
1383 Klamath Falls	711	718*	732 Siletz	27*	27*
4070 Lakeview	74*	79*	2624 Newport	116*	124*
6147 Malin	20*	16	3156 Waldport	40*	51*
	805	813*	3232 Florence	315*	327*
			3594 Reedsport	40	35
			4227 Toledo	32*	36*
				570*	600*
			DISTRICT #10	2017	2018
			1412 Prineville	127*	129*
			1643 Bend	294	299*
			4108 Redmond	647*	663*
			4217 Warm Springs	37*	30
			7242 La Pine	66*	58
			8138 Sisters	50*	48
			12141 Madras	57*	72*
				1278	1299*
			DISTRICT #12	2017	2018
			2468 Roseburg	270	299*
			3970 Sutherlin	164	195*
			7752 Myrtle Creek	112	132*
			9745 Winston	188	203*
				734	829*
			DISTRICT #13	2017	2018
			293 Eugene	284	286*
			3473 Cottage Grove	180*	182*
			3965 Springfield	539*	548*
			4039 Creswell	105*	106*
			4166 Marcola	33*	33*
			7384 Coburg	51*	51*
			9448 Veneta	123*	131*
			10639 Junction City	23	20
				1361	1357*
DISTRICT #14	2017	2018	DISTRICT #15	2017	2018
584 Albany	360	367*	180 Gresham	233*	237*
661 Salem	342	382*	1324 Oregon City	274*	263
2105 Harrisburg	36*	34	3973 Molalla	427*	431*
3203 Dallas	124*	127*	4273 Sandy	416*	473*
3437 Sweet Home	222	203	6057 Canby	100*	92
3957 Monroe	37	32	12140 Lake Oswego	336*	339*
4065 Jefferson	36	32		1786*	1835*
5638 Stayton	75	78*			
			DISTRICT #16	2017	2018
			2666 Hillsboro	275*	279*
			3452 Tualatin	154	156*
			4015 Newberg	177	173
			4211 Willamina	74	79*
			4617 Beaverton	89	94*
			10626 Dayton	178*	192*
				947	973*
			MEMBERS AT LARGE	2017	2018
				1515	1607*
			*100% POSTS		

New Membership Guidelines

Our last Membership Focus email talked about the proper procedures for decessing a member of your Post. This week, we're going to take a look at the 2017-2018 VFW National Membership Program and go over some important details of the All-American contest.

You can always find the current version of the VFW Membership Program online by logging into www.vfw.org, scrolling down to VFW Training & Support, and then clicking on the Membership Recruiting & Retention link. On that page you will find the 2017-18 VFW National Membership Program, as well as other valuable resources.

For some background, the All-American contest has been one of the VFW's longest-running incentives to recognize our Posts, Districts, and Departments that go above and beyond to further the mission of the VFW by increasing membership and taking part in VFW programs. Every year at the National Convention, All-American Commanders are recognized for their achievements.

This year's requirements differ from those in previous years, so please refer to the 2017-2018 VFW National Membership Program for the specific details. I will go over them here:

For a Post to make All-American, they must:

- Have more than 50 members on July 1, 2018.
- Have membership greater than 100%, meaning an increase over their June 30, 2017 total (adjusted after the Life Member Amnesty period).
- Recruit new and reinstated members equal to 5% of prior year total. What this means is that if your prior year total (visible on Memstats) is 100, you must have at least 5 new and/or reinstated members this year in order to be considered for All-American status. If your prior year total was 250, you will need 13 new and/or reinstated members.
- Finish in the top 50 Posts in your respective division. Membership divisions are based on your prior year totals, and are published in the National Membership Program. The top

50 will be based off membership percentages (Current Year Total / Prior Year Total).

• Advance an entry to the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and National Citizenship Education programs. Overseas Posts may make a \$50 donation in lieu of entry.

• Buddy Poppy: Must purchase Buddy Poppies.

• Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to National Veterans & Military Support Services, minimum of \$50.

• Appoint a Post Service Officer.

This may seem like a lot, but these are all things your Post should be doing. If your Post is among the top-performing Posts, those are the ones we will reward with All-American status.

District leadership criteria for All-American:

• Recruit new and reinstated members equal to 5% of prior year totals.

• Have membership greater than 100%.

• Finish in the top 25 Districts in your division.

• Advance entries to the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and National Citizenship Education programs. Overseas Districts may make a \$100 donation in lieu of entry.

The requirements for District All-American status are much the same as for Posts; we are looking at the aggregate performance of the District to determine All-American status.

For All-American Department leadership criteria, the requirements are:

• Membership greater than 100%

• Recruit new and reinstated members equal 5% of prior year totals.

• Establish at least one new VFW Post in the Department *OR* increase the membership of three Posts with less than 50 members to having over 50 members.

• National Legislative Service: Submit monthly NLS committee member/chairman reports to the National Legislative Service department in the Washington DC office.



• National Veterans Services: Must have a State/Department service officer submitted to National Veterans Services in the Washington DC office by July 31, 2017 as well as submitting monthly NVS committee member/chairman reports to the National Veterans Services office in Washington DC.

• Submit entries for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and National Citizenship Education programs for national judging.

• Veterans & Military Support Programs: Must complete a State/Department fundraiser with proceeds going to Veterans & Military Support Programs, Kansas City MO.

• Student Veterans of America (SVA): Must have a State/Department level SVA liaison registered with the VFW Programs department no later than July 31, 2017. Must also complete three or more SVA events spanning at least two of the three semesters (fall, spring, and summer) and submit activity reports to the VFW Programs Department.

You will note that this year, the All-American contest contains a lot of specifics about VFW program participation. This is part of the work our Posts, Districts, and Departments are here to do, furthering the overall VFW mission. If you have questions about these programs or requirements, you can contact us directly at the Membership Department and we will be happy to answer any questions and address any concerns you may have.

Every year, it is our honor as the VFW Membership Department to administer this program and to recognize those in the VFW who truly go above and beyond, exceeding the standard and raising the bar for what it means to live up to the VFW motto and show that NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

As always, the National Headquarters is here to provide support, training, materials, and anything else you need to reach these goals. We're just an email or a phone call away.

In addition, under the Membership Recruiting and Retention page - <http://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/membership-recruiting-and-retention> - you can find training videos, webinars, as well as downloadable forms, brochures, and posters. If you need it, we will most likely have it available on the website for you or you can order it from the Membership Department.

Matt Nute
VFW Membership Department

VFW TAPS

Post/City	Name	MI Last	Dist	Post/City	Name	MI Last	Dist	Post/City	Name	MI Last
2 1440	Saint Helens	James K Woodbury	7 4116	Rogue River	Charles H Buck Jr	14 584	Albany	Wayne E Deane		
2 2994	Clatskanie	William C Kyser	7 4116	Rogue River	Ronald J Pante	14 584	Albany	Donald G Henderson		
2 2994	Clatskanie	Richard C Hoover	7 4116	Rogue River	James T Cook	14 584	Albany	Richard L Pelletier		
2 4362	Scappoose	James P Kanaly	7 4116	Rogue River	Richard R Love	14 584	Albany	Jack A Taisey		
2 4362	Scappoose	Norman Welch	7 4116	Rogue River	Denzel L Patton	14 584	Albany	Bobbie J White		
2 4362	Scappoose	Dennis L Seifert	7 9670	Jacksonville	Harry Roadman	14 661	Albany	Dean E Hittle		
2 10580	Warrenton	Benny R Cole	8 922	Pendleton	Richard J Courson	14 661	Salem	James L Hardin		
2 12123	Seaside	Bernard Paul	8 922	Pendleton	Nickola A Hicks	14 661	Salem	Gregory T Morley		
3 1325	Portland	Grant E Morrison	8 922	Pendleton	Dale T Ingle	14 661	Salem	Thomas A Britanyak		
3 1442	Portland	Hebert H Macdonald	8 922	Pendleton	Douglas D Jerome	14 661	Salem	Carlton G Conover		
3 1442	Portland	Charles R Williams	8 922	Pendleton	Jesse R Poland	14 661	Salem	Philip G Gruchalla		
3 1442	Portland	Michael M Hannigan	8 922	Pendleton	William A Zyp	14 661	Salem	Frederic W Jenkinson		
3 1442	Portland	John D Quincy	8 2471	The Dalles	Billy J Uto	14 661	Salem	Raleigh D Lyles		
3 1442	Portland	Robert E Sexton	8 3597	John Day	Benjamin F Lindley	14 661	Salem	James Brown		
3 1442	Portland	George R Veenstra	8 4567	Milton Freewater	Robert A Riddle	14 661	Salem	Kenneth T Teel		
3 1442	Portland	Daniel M Burke	8 4750	Hermiston	Allan J Basford	14 661	Salem	Richard B Lovrien		
3 1442	Portland	Daniel J Stone	8 4750	Hermiston	Jearld D Bayer	14 661	Salem	Luis Trevino Sr		
3 1442	Portland	Richard G Walters	8 4750	Hermiston	Scott M Currey	14 3437	Sweet Home	Kenneth Dolbin		
3 2848	Bay City	Mike F Arnzen	8 4750	Hermiston	Deane M Seeger	14 3437	Sweet Home	Jesse J Holling Sr		
3 2848	Bay City	Arthur E Neal	9 2624	Newport	Lewis R Moore	14 3437	Sweet Home	John H Bumbarger		
3 2848	Bay City	Clifton E Johnson	9 3156	Waldport	Marvin N Morss	14 3437	Sweet Home	Dean F Bundy		
3 2848	Bay City	Jack E Farley	9 3156	Waldport	Ray Arnold Mc Nutt	14 3437	Sweet Home	Ray T Estill		
3 2848	Bay City	Jackson D Nutt	9 3232	Florence	Keith A Miller	14 3437	Sweet Home	Wilber L Montgomery		
3 4248	Portland	Marvin L Devore	9 3594	Reedsport	Jack O Watson	14 3437	Sweet Home	Victor L Childers		
3 4248	Portland	John R Nathan	9 3594	Reedsport	Sidney C Sommers	14 3437	Sweet Home	Bernard A Kolousek		
3 4248	Portland	James E Collier	9 3594	Reedsport	James Weber	15 180	Gresham	Maynard C Smith		
3 4248	Portland	Samuel L Hale	9 4227	Toledo	Sam L Short	15 180	Portland	Arthur A Kuehmichel		
3 4248	Portland	Dennis E Henderson	10 1412	Prineville	Shelby G Mc Alister	15 1324	Oregon City	Robert W Black		
3 4248	Portland	Robert V Boughton	10 1412	Prineville	Archie R Sheppard	15 1324	Oregon City	Emil E Hentschele		
3 4248	Portland	Roland W Brown	10 1412	Prineville	Ronald D Young	15 1324	Oregon City	Louis L Phillips		
3 4248	Portland	Elmer Conrad	10 1643	Bend	Dennis R Chapman	15 3973	Molalla	John S Weigel Jr		
3 4248	Portland	Rick Hoffinger	10 1643	Bend	Earl R Rogers	15 4273	Sandy	Leonard G Gribler		
3 4248	Portland	Darrell Stephens	10 1643	Bend	Arthur D Draper	15 4273	Sandy	William E Jackson Jr		
3 4248	Portland	Archie H Delay	10 1643	Bend	Thomas C Stockton	15 4273	Sandy	Richard P Miller		
3 4248	Portland	Dallas A Dolan	10 1643	Bend	John A Fixmer	15 4273	Sandy	Alexander T Bejarano		
3 4248	Portland	Andrew L Eddins	10 1643	Bend	Alex T Rutherford	15 4273	Sandy	Billy R Hunsinger		
3 4248	Portland	Neil E Hodgkin	10 4108	Redmond	Amos R Eslinger	15 4273	Sandy	Dennis J Ketchum		
3 4248	Portland	Roland B Olsen	10 4108	Redmond	John D Davies	16 2666	Hillsboro	Raymond L Earhart		
3 4248	Portland	Jeffrey B Winter	10 4108	Redmond	Rawlins Apperson	16 2666	Hillsboro	George Gable		
4 966	Brookings	Donald E La Bonte	10 4108	Redmond	Daniel K Smith	16 2666	Hillsboro	Gerald E Owsley		
4 966	Brookings	Donald J Lynch	10 4108	Redmond	Rudolph A Yost	16 3452	Tualatin	Norman S Smith		
4 966	Brookings	William G West	10 7242	La Pine	Richard L Finch	16 4015	Newberg	Howard L Abbe		
4 2928	Myrtle Point	Kenneth E Dickey	10 7242	La Pine	Gary L Baldwin	16 4015	Newberg	Clarence R Finch		
4 2928	Myrtle Point	Jack W Fuller	10 7242	La Pine	Orlen R Walling	16 4015	Newberg	Freddy E Smith		
4 2928	Myrtle Point	Herbert H Baker	10 12141	Madras	Jack M Root	16 4015	Newberg	John G Davis		
4 3182	North Bend	Edward R Rauschert	10 12141	Madras	James C Tolley	16 4211	Willamina	harry J Gowenlock		
4 3182	North Bend	John A Thompson	12 2468	Roseburg	William J Evans	16 4617	Beaverton	Ronald Frantz		
4 3182	North Bend	Elmer E Lively	12 2468	Roseburg	Jerry C Drury	16 4617	Beaverton	Jim O Norton		
4 3182	North Bend	Harold R Amling	12 2468	Roseburg	Eugene Lewis	16 4617	Beaverton	Houston Reynolds		
4 3182	North Bend	Eugene H Mortensen	12 2468	Roseburg	Michael F Hendricks	16 4617	Beaverton	Stephen E Witman		
4 3182	North Bend	Merle A Shepherd, Jr	12 2468	Roseburg	Bill Huffman	3973	Molalla	Curtis Floyd		
4 3182	North Bend	Wesley R Geiger	12 2468	Roseburg	Richard B Spurgeon	15038		Robert E Fleming		
4 3182	North Bend	Verle E Mc Millen	12 3970	Sutherlin	Arthur W Brink	15038		Dean A Bickle		
4 3440	Bandon	Louis J Puncochar	12 3970	Sutherlin	Sherman G Reid	15038		Joe H Burgin		
4 3440	Bandon	Keith D Buckingham	12 3970	Sutherlin	Arthur B Kopp	15038		Neil C Coleman		
4 3440	Bandon	Gerald E Drumheller	12 3970	Sutherlin	Leo A Garland	15038		Stuart J Creps		
4 4439	Gold Beach	RuthlouseM Marty	12 9744	Myrtle Creek	Frank A Bartley	15038		Ormand G Dingman		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Peter J Morris	12 9744	Myrtle Creek	Chester C Wilson	15038		David O Dykes		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Charles J Pelletier	12 9744	Myrtle Creek	Stanley R Bennett	15038		Dwight J Garrison		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Leo J Avender	12 9744	Myrtle Creek	John E Longbrake	15038		Charles N Harris		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Dormand K Clark	12 9745	Winston	George E Annear	15038		Robert J La Gae		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Michael S Jenkins	12 9745	Winston	Anthony W Cox	15038		Eugene Landers		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Lyle D Jones	12 9745	Winston	Jack L Egbert	15038		Anne M Lombardi		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	James H Kline	12 9745	Winston	Darrel J Wertman	15038		George Mc Guinness		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Joseph Lemich	12 9745	Winston	Leon R Hanks	15038		Gordon B Mickelson		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Stephen A Mc Milon	12 9745	Winston	Larry E HOLLOWPETER	15038		Manuel Mora		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	William E Nidever	12 9745	Winston	George W Jones	15038		John O'Neil		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Robert V Seater	12 9745	Winston	Jack E Daykin	15038		Virgil L Olson		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Garrett Shallcross	13 293	Eugene	Ronald M Webb	15038		Peter Prlain		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Wesley W Owen	13 293	Eugene	Gerry Galbraith	15038		Arthur W Roady		
5 1383	Klamath Falls	Ronald P Hofman	13 293	Eugene	John G Muckerman	15038		Cliford Sanpei		
5 4070	Lakeview	Dean R Christensen	13 293	Eugene	Robert E Rippee	15038		William C Smith		
5 4070	Lakeview	Calvin J Dent	13 293	Eugene	Charles H Shirer	15038		Gary D Thompson		
5 4070	Lakeview	Dwayne E Down	13 293	Eugene	Alfred G Wingerd	15038		James L Waymire		
5 4070	Lakeview	Herbert C Watts	13 293	Eugene	Gary E Bechtol	15038		Amos A Wells		
6 3048	Baker City	Herbert E Nelson	13 293	Eugene	Carl E Irving	15038		Paul L Snead		
6 3048	Baker City	Robert A Pifer	13 293	Eugene	Harry W Opie	15038		George Bracken		
6 3048	Baker City	Harold R Rowett	13 293	Eugene	Daniel L Schoeler	15038		Jerry B Burk		
6 4060	Union	George Thamer	13 3473	Cottage Grove	James M Edwards	15038		Frank Coleman		
6 4060	Union	Stephen W Donnell	13 3473	Cottage Grove	John A Turriff	15038		Jack Dalton		
6 5452	Ontario	Gerald F Smith	13 3473	Cottage Grove	James C Treat	15038		Robert J De Lorme		
6 5452	Ontario	Ronald R Cornmesser	13 3965	Springfield	Robert J Warmuth	15038		Joseph L Freitas		
7 1833	Medford	Ricardo A Ratti	13 3965	Springfield	Robert S Curtis	15038		Julian V Furniss		
7 1833	Medford	Wesley R Giles	13 3965	Springfield	Howard F Davis	15038		Richard L Grady		
7 1833	Medford	Fred A Haight	13 3965	Springfield	Hans W Hoyt	15038		Richard D Grange		
7 1833	Medford	Jim V Lowe	13 3965	Springfield	Edward A Metzler	15038		David M Hickman		
7 1833	Medford	Angelo F Mendez	13 3965	Springfield	Don J Spence	15038		Edward C Horn		
7 1833	Medford	Charles N Culmer	13 3965	Springfield	Robert E Whittier	15038		Kenneth G Hoyt		
7 1833	Medford	William A Geyer	13 3965	Springfield	Francis J Adams	15038		Erwin Jost		
7 1833	Medford	Richard E Muller	13 3965	Springfield	Richard C Bitgood	15038		Larry Klang		
7 1833	Medford	James W Whalen	13 3965	Springfield	William J Moresi	15038		Ronald J Little		
7 1833	Medford	Horace G Wolfard	13 3965	Springfield	William H Anderson	15038		John L Maxwell		
7 1833	Medford	Joseph Carvalho	13 3965	Springfield	Wally B Puzio	15038		Ronald C Mc Lean		
7 1833	Medford	Dick J Goosman	13 3965	Springfield	Bobby G Trimble	15038		James Pappas		
7 1833	Medford	Dennis H West	13 3965	Springfield	Donald Crouse	15038		Harry N Rea		
7 1833	Medford	Leon N Damewood Jr	13 3965	Springfield	Melvin F Garrelts	15038		Gary E Schaible		
7 1833	Medford	Walter D Haines	13 3965	Springfield	Donald A Mainwaring	15038		Bob Trumbull		
7 1833	Medford	Robert F Kyle	13 3965	Springfield	Meredith H Polzel	15038		Howard O Wayman		
7 2302	Grants Pass	Teddy W Inman	13 3965	Springfield	Richard R Stephens	15038		William Allen		
7 2302	Grants Pass	James K Kiefer	13 3965	Springfield	Doyle W Wald	15038		Lance E Davenport		
7 2302	Grants Pass	Harold L Lusk	13 4039	Creswell	James Gleason	15038		Wm H Hedrick		
7 2302	Grants Pass	Thomas W Warwick	13 9448	Veneta	James Dunn	15038		David J Hendry		
7 2302	Grants Pass	Harold R Rippy	13 9448	Veneta	John D Inman	15038		Elwood J Hutson		
7 2302	Grants Pass	Marvin J Rego	13 10639	Junction City	Dean M Crocker	15038		William E Mc Cormick		
7 4116	Rogue River	Richard A Bates	13 10639	Junction City	Ralph R Smith	15038		William E Mc Nealy		
7 4116	Rogue River	Jimmie R Estes	14 584	Albany	Kurt L Bauer	15038		Richard G Mosby		
7 4116	Rogue River	Norman L Whitehead	14 584	Albany	Martin J Deveney	15038		Thomas Sanco		
7 4116	Rogue River	Donald W Babb	14 584	Albany	Tom C Schwab	15038		Lloyd O Young		
			14 584	Albany	Lawrence C Bartosz	15038		Glenn W Yarberry		
			14 584	Albany	Lloyd W Giles	15038		William C Shinn		

RECRUITERS

as of 4/30/18

Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members
15	12140	Kenneth L. Kraft	350
15	3973	George E. Carroll	76
10	4108	John R. Wrinkle	59
13	4039	Rick L. Higgins	53
15	3973	Jason Carroll	51
14	3203	Dennis R. Pratt	48
15	3973	Ronald W. Jagodnik	47
9	3232	James W. Swant	44
2	12123	Claude Miller	39
10	4108	Dan S. Tureck	31
10	4108	Dennis G. Guthrie	25
6	4060	Timothy W. Carper	24
15	4273	Allen P. Anderson	21
12	3970	James E. Horton	19
16	2666	Roger D. Pack	17
15	4273	Bert W. Key	14
13	9448	Kathy A. Lundeen	13
10	12141	Floyd W. Leach	13
15	3973	Rodney W. Wymore	12
3	4248	Dale N. Guldenzopf	10
16	10626	Juan M. Palacios	9
13	7384	Norman M. Henshen	9
13	3965	James E. Manson	9
5	1383	Duane G. Whitehead	9
4	3440	Joseph Q. Addair	9
5	1383	Karen H. Johnson	8
14	584	Henry L. Hamel	7
13	4039	Donald L. Fertgus	7
16	10626	Cheryl E. Campos	6
14	661	Kerry A. Wymetalek	6
10	1643	Rodney B. Upham	6
9	4227	Michael R. Petersen	6
15	4273	Marcus Walters	5
6	4060	Kenneth J. Hart	5
14	661	Greg Terhune	4
13	3965	James E. Matthews	4
13	293	Arnold B. Christensen	4
10	4108	Martin Baltazar	4
10	1643	Robert W. Cusick	4
7	6881	Gerald A. Ziemann	4
7	4116	Robert D. Wood	4
7	2302	Glenn D. German	4
6	4307	Ann M. Gosnell	4
2	10580	Albert A. Little	4
15	6057	Martin T. Lackner	3
15	1324	Paul H. Harris	3
15	1324	Robert W. Black	3
14	3437	Lorenzo S. Pike	3
14	3203	Johnathon A. Mullins	3
13	4039	Anthony A. Jaques	3
13	3965	Joe Ramp	3
13	3473	Kenneth E. Hunt	3
10	12141	Leonard L. Parsons	3
10	12141	Richard Lohman	3
10	4108	Jason E. Brock	3
10	4108	Joseph J. Steller	3
9	4227	Charles R. Ritz	3
4	6102	Daniel F. Adams	3
2	2848	James O. Henry	3
2	1440	Denver L. Peoples	3



Bert W. Key

Candidate National Junior-Vice Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Comrades,

Once again I come to you seeking your support at this Department Convention. In the past I have been privileged to have your endorsement in the various Posts, State and National level positions you have elected me to.

I have spent the last 10 years preparing myself for a run at the position of National Junior Vice-Commander. During that time I have virtually served in every position at the Post, District and Department level, except Quartermaster, and excelled in every position I have held. My commands have been All-State and All-American five times. I proudly wear the pin of the coveted Triple Crown Recipient.

My qualification for the VFW comes from two years' service in Vietnam with the United States Marine Corps, one year in Bosnia-Herzegovina and one year in Afghanistan with the United States Army. Between active duty and reserve duty I was in uniform for almost 41 years. I began my military career as a Marine Private and retired from the Army at the rank of Colonel.

In addition to my military career, I am a retired high school teacher in the Oregon Public School System where I taught Social Studies and coached athletics for 31 years.

I have served on the National Council of Administration representing Oregon for 6 years, and at the same time continue to serve in various positions at the post, district, state and national levels, including these past two years as Sandy Post 4273 Commander.

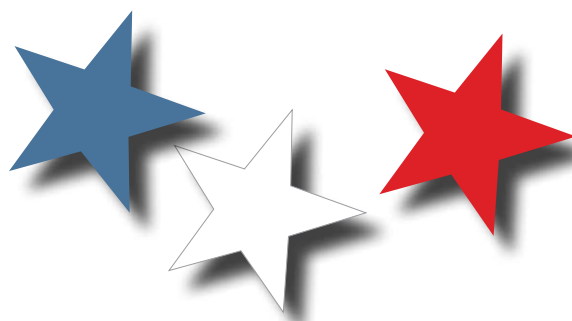
In pursuing the position of National Junior Vice-Commander for the year 2023 I have met the requirement of being endorsed by my post and district. I am the only potential candidate out there who meets that requirement.

To continue on will take your endorsement. I do not ask for your support for myself. I ask it for us as a team. If you choose to endorse my candidacy you can rest assured that I will never embarrass or disappoint you. You will get your money's worth. I cannot be out worked. Remember: Service is the key.

Oregon has not had a National Commander-in-Chief since 1946. It is our time!

"No one does more for Veterans"

Bert W. Key



Ken Kraft

Candidate National Junior-Vice Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Comrades,

My name is Ken Kraft, I am a Gold Legacy Life Member of Post 12140 in Lake Oswego. I am currently serving as the Western Conference Chairman and State Commander for Oregon. I am a 6 time All-American Commander and a candidate for the 2024 National Junior-Vice Commander position.

I am endorsed by my Post, as well as supported by my family. I am the only Oregon candidate that has been traveling the Western Conference and won Conference elections and endorsements over the last several years.

I have been leading across Oregon and the Western Conference and have the time, experience and proven stamina to lead into the future. I am asking for your support as I campaign throughout the Western Conference.

The National Junior-Vice Commander election is still several years into the future. It's a vigorous position and a candidate's age and drive considerations will be a large part of this positions ability to succeed and required for success. The National Junior-Vice Commander will be traveling continuously throughout the term and even more as the Senior-Vice and National Commander.

I am eager to assist in the fight for our Veterans and their families. I have been leading hundreds of events across Oregon over the last several years and have a proven record of high-paced, successful leadership.

I would appreciate your support at the Department Convention and at the National Convention in 2024.

Thank you for your consideration!

Yours in Comradeship

Ken Kraft

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**NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa, Warm Springs, OREGON
2018 AGENDA as of 5-10-2018**

Wednesday, June 13 th		
am- 4pm	OTS	TBD
1 pm --4pm	Registration	Wasco Registration Area
4 pm-7pm	Cigar Event (Cigars with the Capt.)	TBD
Thursday, June 14 th		
8 am--11 am	Registration	Wasco Registration Area
9 am--11:30 am	Joint Opening	Gold Ballroom
11:30	Lunch	ON YOUR OWN
1 pm--4 pm	Registration	Wasco Registration Area
1:30 pm--4 pm	Business Session	Gold Ballroom
4 pm--5 pm	Memorial Practice	Gold Ballroom
7 pm	Joint Memorial	Gold Ballroom
Friday, June 15 th		
7am	PDC/PDP Breakfast (No Host)	HeHe Butte
8 am--11am	Registration	Wasco Registration Area
9 am--11:30 am	Business Session	Gold ballroom
11:30 am	Lunch	ON YOUR OWN
1 pm--4 pm	Registration	Wasco Registration Area
1 pm--4 pm	Business Session	Gold Ballroom
	(1:30 pm Credential Report)	
	(2 pm--First Nomination of Officers)	
5 pm--6 pm	No Host Bar	Gold Ballroom
6 pm	Awards Banquet	Gold Ballroom
Saturday, June 16 th		
730 am--8:30 am	Registration	Wasco Registration Area
9 am--11 am	Business Session	Gold Ballroom
	(9:15 am Credential Report)	
	(9:30 am--Second Call Nomination of Officers)	
11:30 am	Lunch	ON YOUR OWN
12:30pm-2 pm	Commanders Instruction	Gold Ballroom
3:30 pm	Joint Installation Practice	Gold Ballroom
5:30 pm	Salmon Bake W/tribe	Salmon Bake Area
8:00 pm	Joint Installation	Gold Room
9:30 pm	Hospitality Room Open	Hospitality Room Pool Side
Sunday, June 17 th		
7:30 am	Incoming District Cmd Breakfast	Warm Springs
11 am	C/A Meeting	Warm Springs

**NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AUXILIARY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa, Warm Springs, OREGON
2018 AGENDA as of 3-14-2018**

Wednesday, June 13 th		
1 pm --4pm	Registration	Upper/Foyer
4 PM	Practice	Silver Ballroom
7 pm--9 pm	C/A Meeting	Olallie Butte + Eagle
Thursday, June 14 th		
8 am--11 am	Registration	Upper/Foyer
9 am--11:30	Joint Opening	Gold Ballroom
11:30	Lunch	OWN YOUR OWN
1 pm--3 pm	Registration	Upper Foyer
1 pm--4 pm	Business Session	Silver Ballroom
	(Presentation of Flags and Banners)	
4 pm--5pm	Memorial Practice	
7 pm	Joint Memorial	SAME AS VFW
Friday, June 15 th		
7am	PDC/PDP Breakfast (No Host)	Olallie Butte + Eagle
8 am--10am	Registration	Upper/Foyer
8am--11:30	Business Session	Silver Ballroom
	(11 am--Memorial Service)	
11:30 am	Lunch	ON YOUR OWN
1 pm -- 2pm	Registration	Upper/Foyer
1 pm--4 pm	Business Session	Silver Ballroom
5 pm--6 pm	No Host Bar	Gold Ballroom
6 pm	Awards Banquet	Gold Ballroom
Saturday, June 16 th		
8 am--9:30 am	Registration	Upper/Foyer
8 am--11 am	Business Session	
	(10 am--Nomination & Election of Officers)	
11:30 am	Lunch	ON YOUR OWN
11:00 am	40 and Over Luncheon	Olallie butte + Eagle
12:30pm-3:30 pm	Business Session	Silver Ballroom
3:30pm	Joint Installation Practice	Gold Ballroom
5:30 pm	Salmon Bake W/tribe	Salmon Bake Area
8:00 pm	Joint Installation	Gold Room
9:30 pm	Hospitality Room Open	Hospitality Room Pool Side
Sunday, June 17 th		
7:30 am	Incoming Line Officers Meeting	Olallie Butte + Eagle
8 am	Incoming District Presidents	Olallie Butte + Eagle
9 am	C/A Meeting	Olallie Butte + Eagle