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**STATE COMMANDER**



**KEN KRAFT**

## Thanks to Everyone

**T**hanks to Rich Halverson and all the Comrades for all their service throughout Oregon during the last year. I look forward to serving with all in the years to come.

Welcome to all the incoming Post and District officers across Oregon. We have a busy year ahead with events and community service activities already underway in all areas. Don't wait to begin reaching out to members or for fall to start your Veterans of Foreign Wars programs and activities. As Oregon's first Iraqi generation combat veteran, I have an obligation to clear a path for others to follow as I hit the trail with my Vietnam veteran mentors and heroes being there for this generation of Veterans. It is because of the service and sacrifices of the Vietnam Veterans who were treated poorly when they returned from combat that current generations of warriors have the benefits and mentors we have today.

So I want to begin the year by thanking all the Vietnam Veterans and saying: "Welcome Home." I am thankful your generation is alongside ours because there is no better friend or ally, no one understanding the life after combat and transitioning back into the community better. I reach out my hand to you and say please step up and walk the trail with the men and women returning home to our posts and communities.

Oregon has one of the busiest recruiting years in our history already underway. If you're curious or would like to learn or participate, please talk with you District Commanders and get involved.

Our Veterans of Foreign Wars programs do save lives and assist comrades and community. I'm asking every member to help recruit at least one new member or even more importantly, help keep a current member active and current on dues.

"Membership Matters." Without new and existing members our State loses its voice fighting for benefits and services and our community loses its strongest advocate for those serving in harm's way. As a Commander, I have skin in the game and will be active across Oregon serving and assisting the Department, District, Post leadership and most importantly the comrades with Veterans of Foreign Wars programs first.

It is past time to reach across the divides of petty jealousies, trivial bickering and backstabbing each other and understand it only drives new or existing members away. If your only reason for being a member is to be that thorn in the side or if you really believe being in a service organization is about yourself, you're sadly in the wrong formation.

Our mission is one of a shared service because of a shared sacrifice. It's time to recognize all our members — women and men equally and as America's true 1%. No one has sacrificed more, and no one does more for Veterans.

I hope to see you all on the front lines leading and serving across Oregon.

Be Safe.

*Ken Kraft*  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Oregon State Commander  
2017-2018

## Rex Smith Awarded Chaplain of the Year

**T**his was the first year that a National Chaplain of the Year award was given. We are proud to report that our own Rex Smith was honored with this award. Rex has been the State Chaplain for the past four years and Post Chaplain for five years. His professionalism, integrity and dedication as he serves the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is an example to all of us. Rex volunteers as a minister on call at his local hospital, Willamette Valley Medical Center, and when he is not there he and his wife, Agnes, are going to other hospitals to visit Veterans and their families. They also regularly do home visits as health and welfare checks on members or their widows.

Rex not only volunteers his time and heart, he also donates his money and resources. He has transported Veterans up to the VA Hospital and clinics in Portland, Hillsboro and Salem. He has purchased dinners, wheeled walkers, and winter clothing. Rex has also provided counseling and manual labor for local Veterans and civilians in his neighborhood. Congratulations, Rex, for always going above and beyond!



*Rex Smith, left, receiving Chaplain of the Year Award from Bert Key.*

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**



**RICK HIGGINS**

## A Busy Year Ahead

**S**ummer has finally arrived and with it the beginning of a new Veterans of Foreign War's year. A very successful Convention is over and the new officers for 2017-2018 year are installed. Congratulations to all of the newly-elected officers. I want to thank all of you for your support of my election to Senior Vice Commander.

I want to congratulate Richard Halverson for his successful year as our State Commander. It has been great working with him. As of the writing of this news article, the Department of Oregon was almost 99% and needed fewer than 200 more members to be 100%.

I look forward to working with our new State Commander, Ken Kraft, for the upcoming year. He has a very aggressive plan for the year ahead. It will be a hard driving endeavor to accomplish his mission, but I know we are up to it.

As the Voice of Democracy Chairman for this upcoming year, at Convention I gave all of the District Commanders a packet of information to be copied and handed out to all Posts in their districts. The application and theme for the Voice of Democracy Scholarship for the 2017-2018 year is now available to you for distribution to the students. Let's get a head start on this program by getting them out early.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your efforts in making this past year a very rewarding one.

Yours in Comradeship,  
*Rick Higgins, Sr. Vice Commander*

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# Updates

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER Now It's Time To Get To Work!



JOHN WRINKLE

Now that elections at the State Convention at Kah-nee-ta Resort and Spa in Warm Springs are behind us, it is time to start our new program year. State Convention is meant to invigorate, empower and give us a chance to celebrate each other's accomplishments. We now have our new leadership and it is time to get back to work!

As your 2017-18 State Junior Vice Commander, I pledge to continue working hard for you and our Veterans and their families. The support and encouragement I have received from you is humbling. You can count on me to do my utmost to be supportive of your needs and worthwhile ideas. Your calls and emails will be returned as promptly as possible.

State Commander Ken Kraft has created a tremendous opportunity for the Department of Oregon to be successful. Let's hop on board his "train" and join his membership drive. It promises to be an E-ticket ride. Membership is so important to our mission. To be less than 100% in membership would mean we are drowning and 100% membership would mean we are treading water. We want to achieve 100%-plus, with a modest increase to show we are a vibrant organization that can't be ignored as we fight for Veterans' rights.

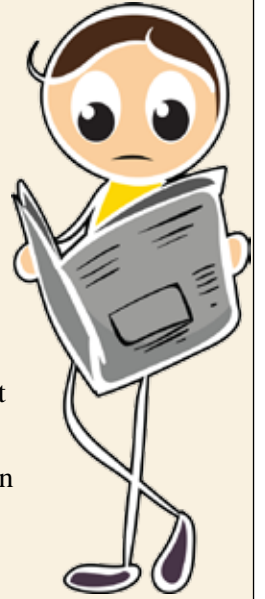
As the new year begins, I can't forget that I owe a special thank you to Junior Past State Commander Rich Halverson. At times, I felt like he was trying to put me on a weight loss program with all the work he assigned me. Of course, you can see that he failed at that effort! However, the challenges Rich presented me with allowed me to learn and grow. I enjoyed my year with him, serving all of you.

I hope to see you in New Orleans at the VFW National Convention.

Fair winds and following seas,  
John R. Wrinkle  
State Junior Vice Commander

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## Central Oregon Veteran Outreach 2017 Stand Down and Resource Fair – Bend Elks

Veterans of Foreign Wars Deschutes Post 4108 and Auxiliary, Redmond, Oregon, attended this event on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Approximately 80 at-risk veterans and homeless attended the event. Deschutes Post 4108 provided canned and dried food, shoes, clothing, toiletry items, tooth brushes and paste, sanitizers, personal feminine hygienic items, water, and McDonald's gift cards for a hot meal. In addition, we provided information on the seven VFW Posts located in the area that are available to help Veterans and their families in need, mental health information (Know the five signs), etc.

"Manning" the booth for the day was Past National Surgeon General and current Deschutes Post Commander Dennis Guthrie, State Junior Vice Commander John Wrinkle, Department Auxiliary Conductress Valorie Wrinkle, Past Auxiliary President Pixie Newcomb and Auxiliary Jr. Vice President (and U.S. Navy Veteran) Terri Stellar. Auxiliary President Randy Burger was instrumental in the planning process.

The next Stand Down is scheduled for October 11, 2017 and will be hosted by Deschutes Post 4108.

Fair winds and following seas,  
John Wrinkle  
Junior Vice Commander



Pixie Newcomb, Dennis Guthrie, Valorie Wrinkle, Terri Stellar and John Wrinkle all working hard at the Stand Down.



# Updates

## Share your news

**Submissions for  
Sep - Oct VFW News  
due by August 21, 2017**

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

Please avoid pdfs for text.

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

## Where Do You Fit in the Puzzle?

As we start a new year, I would like everyone to log on to the National website. Check to see that all of your personal information is correct. As we all know, computers are always correct; however, sometimes one of those humans hit the wrong key and your info is no longer the same as it was. Maybe you have moved or changed your phone and have not updated your info with National. If there is an error, please fix it.

If you are an officer, it will be up to you to make sure your Post and District do all that they can to have a successful year. If you are not an officer, it is still up to you to make sure to help the Officers complete the mission. The Officers cannot do everything without the help of the members. You need to find the part of the big puzzle that you can do. Not everyone can still run as fast as we once did; however there are things that we can all still do. The membership chairman and the Chaplains can usually use some help checking on the members to make sure they are still doing okay.

If you do community service, turn in the miles, time and any money spent and what it was that you did. If you do not know who your community service chairman is, get it to your Commander and I am sure that they can forward it on. Every year we have Posts who do not report their community service; you need to turn in a report as this is what keeps the non-profit status. Your Post does not want to have to start paying taxes.

I would also remind everyone that we are all trying to work on the same goals. We are all individuals and as such we all may not be the best of friends. You can still work together to make this a successful year for all.

In Comradeship  
*George E. Carroll*

## JUDGE ADVOCATE



**GEORGE E. CARROLL**



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CIRCULATION: 15,000 in Oregon

## Post 1833 Supports Vietnam Wall Project

We had an outstanding VFW convention June 14 - 18, 2017, at Kah-nee-ta Resort.

One of the highlights of the convention was an outstanding presentation by Ron Kohl, President of Southern Oregon Veterans Benefit/Vietnam Memorial Wall (SOVB). The presentation was very well prepared and contained up-to-date information on the Permanent Vietnam Memorial Wall coming to Jackson County, Medford, Oregon.

During the presentation, it was emphasized that BRICKS could be purchased and will be stacked and placed on the

**To make donation or purchase a brick contact:  
Ron Kohl, President, SOVB/Vietnam Memorial Wall  
PO Box 1013, Medford, Oregon 97501.  
Phone: 541-500-1274.  
Website: www.sovbmemorialwall.com**



Post 1833 presenting a check for \$2,000 in support of the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

side of planter boxes facing away from the wall. Ron advised me anyone can purchase a brick and if a number of VFW members and individual posts would like to purchase bricks, a special recognition section will be dedicated to "VFW of Oregon" for their contribution to the Vietnam Wall.

Post 1833 will be purchasing a brick to display our support.

*Hugh Crawford*, Post Commander VFW Post 1833

## ADDRESS CHANGE

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New Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Send address changes to*

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Broadway at 34th St.,  
Kansas City, MO 64111.



Artist's rendering of Vietnam Memorial Wall

# News

## Leave your mark for the future: Become a Legacy Life Member

Legacy Life Membership Form - see page 5

### 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 on page 5 of this publication. Contact Department Headquarters with questions 503-255-5808

## Legacy Life Members in Oregon

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

Posts with 5 or more Legacy Members	
1324	11
1383	4
2666	7
3232	21
3965	5
3973	8
4015	13
4039	11
4108	6
12140	5



\* Deceased Member  
\*\*\* In Memorium Member



# News

## Fall District Meetings

DIST.	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	OFFICERS	REMARKS
2	23-Sep	1:00pm	Post 12123 American Legion Hall 1315 Broadway St. Seaside, OR	George Carroll	Potluck SOI at 1:00pm  Noon
3	24-Sep	1:00pm	Post 4248 7118 SE Fern Ave Portland OR 97206	Dennis Pratt	Potluck  Noon
4	24-Sep	2:00pm	Post 3440 VFW Hall 55352 Bates Rd. Bandon, OR 97411	Rick Higgins	Potluck  1:00pm
5	16-Sep	1:00pm	Post 4070 Lakeview Lakeview Eagles Club	John Wrinkle	Potluck  Noon
6	30-Sep	1:00pm	Post 5452 Veterans Hall 25 NW 8th Ontario, OR 97914	John Wrinkle	Potluck  Noon
7	16-Sep	1:00	Post 2302 Redwood Grange 1830 Redwood Ave. Grants Pass, OR 97526	Rick Higgins	Potluck  Noon
8	24-Sep	1:00pm	Post 922 1221 SE Court Place Pendleton, OR 97801	John Wrinkle	Potluck  Noon
9	29-Jul	1:00pm	Post 3232 Elks Lodge 1686 12st Florence, OR 97439	Rick Higgins	Potluck  Noon
10	9-Sep	1:00pm	Post 12141 860 SW Madison Madras, OR 97741	John Wrinkle	Potluck  Noon
12	3-Sep	2:00pm	Post 9744 Tri City Mem. Bld. 252 S Old Pacific Hwy Myrtle Creek, OR	Rick Higgins	Potluck  1:00pm
13	16-Sep	11am	Post 3965 5344 Main Street Springfield OR 97478	George Carroll	Potluck  Noon
14	17-Sep	2:00pm	Post 3437 580 Main St. Sweethome, OR 97386	George Carroll	Potluck
15	9-Sep	1:00pm	Post 6057 Aurora AM Legion 210 Main St.	Dennis Pratt	Potluck Noon SOI at 9am
16	16-Sep	1:00pm	Post 2666 310 SW Walnut St Hillsboro, OR 97123	Dennis Pratt	Potluck Noon

## ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER



CHERYL CAMPOS

## Starting Out the New Year on the Right Foot

First and foremost, congratulations to all the new officers. May you have an outstanding and rewarding year. Now... for a few important items that need to be discussed and reminded. ..

Please make sure all Post and District officers have their dues paid in full. If they are an annual member either pay their dues, get them to go life or start the life installment process — it easy and painless. I can't even start to express the importance of this. My goodness, we lost more than 50 officers last year for the lone fact that they did NOT pay their dues (what a shame). If we can't get our officers (our leaders) to pay their dues, how the heck can we expect our members to pay theirs? I keep hearing that leaders lead from the front, but, where I grew up it was always "lead from example." So, weather you're old school or new school — just "LEAD" and pay your dues.

At the 96th State Convention 2017 held at Kah-Nee-Tah Resort, the membership passed a Department By-Law amendment to raise the Department per capital amount by \$1. What this means is when a new member or annual member pays their dues, \$30 goes to National. Also, with this amendment, Department is getting rid of the Admission Fees (this is the \$1 every Post had to pay for each new member).

Now, there are a few items that will be coming on the National Convention floor for a vote from the membership that will have an impact on Posts Quartermasters and Posts. Just off the top of my head, the biggest one deals with the Post Dues Reserve Fund they are wanting to get rid of it at the Post level. Most of you understand what this fund is for, but there are a lot of new Quartermasters as well as some old ones that just don't understand.

Another item is just having electronic books and not having to have hard copy backups. It will be interesting to see how the vote goes on these two items.

Last thing: Please remember to purchase National By-Laws Manual of Procedure Ritual Book it is very important that your Post and District officers have a new one every year to keep up with all the changes.

Ok, so I have one more "Last Thing." Please remember that Department is here to help you succeed and be the best that you can. We're not the bad guys, sometimes the office is really busy and crazy so some requests have to be put off a bit. When this office makes a mistake we will own it and try to correct it, but we need you all to do your part, too. Please respond in a timely manner to emails, send in your audits and completed paperwork and make use of your rosters to answer simple questions. Your cooperation and support are really appreciated.

Thank you so very much for all your hard work you will be doing this year.

Cheryl Campos

## LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE FORM

Life Member No. \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Business or Cell) (E-Mail)

Bronze \$400     Silver \$800     Gold \$1,200

Check     Visa     MasterCard     Discover     Amex     Installment Plan

Expiration Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Upon my demise  make a One-Time Endowment or  continue the Annual Endowment  
(See Terms and Conditions - item #5 for explanation.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Check the level: Bronze, Silver or Gold. You may upgrade your Legacy level at any time by paying the difference to your desired level.
3. Payment options: Check or Credit Card - payment in full.
4. Installment option. Purchase an Installment Legacy Life Membership by making four equal payments. The first payment must accompany this form and be equal to ¼ of the level being purchased. (Bronze \$100, Silver \$200 and Gold \$300). The remaining balance will be billed by National Headquarters quarterly.
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:

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
National Headquarters - Membership  
406 W. 34th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111-2778

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# Statistics

## Department of Oregon Membership 2016 - 2017

as of 6/30/2017



Department Total	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	Department Percentage	2016	2017		
	14,527	14,412					90.38%	99.20%			
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017			
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>			<b>DISTRICT #6</b>		<b>DISTRICT #9</b>		<b>DISTRICT #14</b>				
1440 St. Helens	54	57*	2990 La Grande	70*	70*	732 Siletz	27*	27*	584 Albany	371	365
1909 Rainier	72	69	3048 Baker City	175*	153	2624 Newport	115	116*	661 Salem	371	343
2848 Bay City	118	117	3749 Huntington	26	22	3156 Waldport	39*	41*	2105 Harrisburg	37	37*
2994 Clatskanie	38*	35	4060 Union	116	115	3232 Florence	280*	323*	3203 Dallas	124*	126*
4362 Scappoose	70	67	4307 Enterprise	173	173*	3594 Reedsport	48	40	3437 Sweet Home	243	224
10580 Warrenton	52	44	5452 Ontario	133	126	4227 Toledo	31	33*	3957 Monroe	40	37
12123 Seaside	63*	39	7847 Halfway	78	83*		540	580	4065 Jefferson	38	36
	467	428		769	742	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>			5638 Stayton	77	76
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>			<b>DISTRICT #7</b>			1412 Prineville	129	129*		1301	1244
1325 Peninsula/Pep	125	125*	1833 Medford	391	362	1643 Bend	314	298*	<b>DISTRICT #15</b>		
1442 Jasper C Lent	243	244*	2302 Grants Pass	127	145*	4108 Redmond	638	649*	180 Gresham	230	235*
4248 Sellwood Brk.	498	482	4116 Rogue River	301*	302*	4217 Warm Springs	34	37*	1324 Oregon City	239	276*
	866	852	6881 Shady Cove	28	39*	7242 La Pine	66	67*	3973 Molalla	429*	433*
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>			9670 Jacksonville	28*	23	8138 Sisters	45	51*	4273 Sandy	366	421*
965 Coquille	23	22		875	873	12141 Madras	56	58*	6057 Canby	90	101*
966 Brookings	91	90	<b>DISTRICT #8</b>				1282	1289*	12140 Lake Oswego	289*	336*
2928 Myrtle Point	56*	53	922 Pendleton	306	319*	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				1643	1802*
3182 North Bend	82	74	2471 The Dalles	81	81*	2468 Roseburg	298	272	<b>DISTRICT #16</b>		
3440 Bandon	202*	202*	3597 John Day	28	30*	3970 Sutherlin	189	167	2666 Hillsboro	247	279*
4439 Gold Beach	48*	51*	567 Milton Freewater	40	40*	7752 Myrtle Creek	122	115	3452 Tualatin	165	157
6102 Powers	36*	36*	4750 Hermiston	187	188*	9745 Winston	197	189	4015 Newberg	190	180
	538*	528		642	658*		806	743	4211 Willamina	78	75
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>						<b>DISTRICT #13</b>			4617 Beaverton	106	89
1383 Klamath Falls	862*	727				293 Eugene	269	285	10626 Dayton	176	178*
4070 Lakeview	69	74*				3473 Cottage Grove	161*	180*		962	958
6147 Malin	19*	20*				3965 Springfield	530	546*	<b>MEMBERS AT LARGE</b>	1601*	1521
	950*	821				4039 Creswell	95	106*	<b>*100% POSTS</b>		
						4166 Marcola	29	33*			
						7384 Coburg	44	52*			
						9448 Veneta	110	123*			
						10639 Junction City	24	24*			
						121337 Eugene	23	23			
							1285	1372*			

# VFW TAPS

DIST/POST/CITY	NAME	DIST/POST/CITY	NAME	DIST/POST/CITY	NAME
2 1909 Rainier	Donald W Bower	6 4060 Union	Benjamin S Benedict	13 293 Eugene	Antonio Bautista
2 2848 Bay City	Victor E Oekerman	6 4060 Union	Merle L Newcomb	13 293 Eugene	Robert D Green
2 2848 Bay City	Austin E Montgomery	6 4060 Union	Larry W Simmons	13 293 Eugene	Harland L Lajoie
2 2848 Bay City	Joseph A Neaves	6 4307 Enterprise	Bobby J Ledford	13 293 Eugene	Edwin R Parker
2 2848 Bay City	Allen P Rea	6 5452 Ontario	Hideo R Harada	13 3473 Cottage Grove	John R West
2 2848 Bay City	Timothy R Williams	6 7847 Halfway	Jack S Bridgmon	13 3965 Springfield	Freeman B Borchardt
2 4362 Scappoose	Melvin K Frice	6 7847 Halfway	Henry W Harris	13 7384 Coburg	Clarence A Henshen
2 12123 Seaside	Donald H West	6 7847 Halfway	Ralph L Smead	13 9448 Veneta	John P Vaughn
3 1325 Portland	Calvin E Bennett	7 1833 Medford	Michael Butch	14 661 Salem	Larry W Sipe
3 1325 Portland	Leroy Edmonds	7 1833 Medford	Scott A South	14 3203 Dallas	Timothy R Burks
3 1325 Portland	Robert Bedford	7 1833 Medford	Donald F House	14 3203 Dallas	Dennis B Fryrear
3 1325 Portland	Henry W Kolehmainen	7 1833 Medford	Edward F Dunne	14 3437 Sweet Home	Carl L Mc Calister
3 1325 Portland	James D De Bord	7 2302 Grants Pass	Charles D Bilyeu	14 3437 Sweet Home	Earl L Hendrickson
3 1325 Portland	Leonard F Lucas	7 2302 Grants Pass	John C Bradley	14 3437 Sweet Home	Norman L Danielson
3 1442 Portland	Cecil E Rollins	7 4116 Rogue River	Vincent N Smith	14 3437 Sweet Home	Paul O Haney
3 1442 Portland	Samuel Teeny	8 922 Pendleton	Henry F Haynes	14 3437 Sweet Home	Frank W Legee
3 1442 Portland	George A Brennfleck	8 922 Pendleton	Frank L Adams	14 3437 Sweet Home	Ralph H Martin
3 1442 Portland	Thomas H Chapman	8 922 Pendleton	James B Kuykendall	14 3437 Sweet Home	Armand J Mayer
3 1442 Portland	Irvin P Rohrbach Jr.	8 922 Pendleton	Richard W Rugg	14 3437 Sweet Home	Marsh Mitchell
3 1442 Portland	Glenn C Walker	8 922 Pendleton	Richard A Anderson	14 3437 Sweet Home	Russell D Putney
3 4248 Portland	James T Hansky	8 4750 Hermiston	Marvin M Hamilton	14 3437 Sweet Home	Joe Schlabach
3 4248 Portland	Daniel W Cole	9 732 Siletz	David R James	14 3437 Sweet Home	Mathias Stockemer
3 4248 Portland	Calvin R Denney	9 732 Siletz	Harold C Nash	14 3437 Sweet Home	Dennis W Wacek
3 4248 Portland	Leonard C Sandness	9 732 Siletz	Jeffrey N Reed	14 3957 Monroe	Eugene W Hallett
3 4248 Portland	Roy W Powers	9 732 Siletz	Earl W Rogers	14 3957 Monroe	Junior C Wigle
3 4248 Portland	John A Giroux	9 4227 Toledo	Harold D Bauman	14 4065 Jefferson	Thomas L Pilcher
3 4248 Portland	William B Neels	9 4227 Toledo	William C Richie	14 4065 Jefferson	Donald W Wood
3 4248 Portland	Lonnice J Hubbard	9 4227 Toledo	Ralph P Robertson	15 180 Gresham	Mike V Tugman
4 3182 North Bend	Roy Wren	9 4227 Toledo	Leonard C Shobe	15 3973 Molalla	Elwin H Swigart
4 3182 North Bend	William W Myers	10 1412 Prineville	Glen E Hopkins	15 3973 Molalla	Elmer L Pownall
4 6102 Powers	Joseph L Johnson Jr.	10 4108 Redmond	Kenneth R Nielsen	15 4273 Sandy	Robert L Anderson
5 1383 Klamath Falls	Robert A Lucas	10 4108 Redmond	Carol J Elliott	16 2666 Hillsboro	Thomas C Davis
5 1383 Klamath Falls	Raymond C Knutson	10 4108 Redmond	Charles B Carter	16 3452 Sweet Home	Victor C Blust
5 4070 Lakeview	Lee S Sanders	10 4108 Redmond	Wilmot E Kaufman	16 4015 Newberg	Seth J Forquer
5 4070 Lakeview	Raymond L Bucher	10 4108 Redmond	Don E Adams	16 4617 Beaverton	Robert D Barber
5 6147 Malin	Joseph J Victorine	10 4108 Redmond	Eugene M Williamson	16 4617 Beaverton	Leo G Horst
6 2990 La Grande	Gary D Bruch	10 4108 Redmond	Hartley C Birdsell	16 10626 McMinnville	Limhi W Blackbarn
6 3048 Baker City	Wallace A Bogart	12 2468 Roseburg	Anthony J Delcollo	16 10626 McMinnville	Calvin C Caldwell
6 3048 Baker City	Benito Castillo	12 2468 Roseburg	Thomas A Provost	16 10626 McMinnville	David K Hostetler
6 3048 Baker City	Bobby L Garrett	12 2468 Roseburg	Carl D Holmes	16 10626 McMinnville	Malinda M Wunderuch
6 3048 Baker City	Edwin M Hindman	12 2468 Roseburg	Robert F Hanson	15038 At large	Berti N Thoren
6 3048 Baker City	Ira E Hinnant	12 3970 Sutherlin	Blake Baird	15038 At large	Michael Hartman
6 3048 Baker City	H M Prowell	12 9744 Myrtle Creek	Tabitha A Howell	15038 At large	Ladd F Hunt
6 3048 Baker City	William A Ryan	13 293 Eugene	Michael Barela	15038 At large	John L Love
				15038 At large	Eugene Winters



# RECRUITERS

as 6/30/17

Dist	Post#	Recruiter	Members
15	12140	9695083 Kenneth L. Kraft	131
13	4039	10044472 Rick L. Higgins	34
15	3973	9374055 Ronald W. Jagodnik	31
10	4108	9620764 John R. Wrinkle	23
15	3973	9101818 George E. Carroll	22
9	3232	9675602 James W. Swant	19
3	4248	9589197 Dale N. Guldenzopf	17
13	3965	9614190 James E. Manson	15
8	922	207052 Richard E. Halverson	14
15	3973	4056901 Jason Carroll	14
14	584	10006406 Jerry L. Cox	13
15	4273	1156808 Allen P. Anderson	13
15	3973	9764068 Rodney W. Wymore	12
16	2666	9935602 Roger D. Pack	12
10	4108	10157916 Judith A. Burger	11
15	1324	9338788 Robert W. Black	11
13	4039	10207428 Donald L. Fertgus	10
14	3203	9100448 Dennis R. Pratt	10
5	1383	10199867 Karen H. Johnson	9
7	6881	9780497 Gerald A. Ziemann	9
10	4108	828753 Dennis G. Guthrie	8
16	10626	9630584 Cheryl E. Campos	8
13	293	903968 Robert A. Dougherty	7
14	661	914386 Kerry A. Wymetalek	7
3	1442	1500665 Wayne Sharp	6
7	4116	1541420 Charles A. Prudhon	6
8	922	958996 John L. Cook	6
10	4108	9559939 David S. Pete	6
13	3473	10303678 Kenneth E. Hunt	6
13	3965	5738740 Frank Estrella	6
13	4039	10463671 Anthony A. Jaques	6
14	584	10584947 Henry L. Hamel	6
15	1324	9962181 D J. Ruger	6
15	4273	1566752 Bert W. Key	6
3	4248	10048893 David R. Dunbar	5
4	966	9135509 Frederick L. Bremer	5
5	1383	1548292 Duane G. Whitehead	5
9	3232	692971 Paul L. Gargis	5
10	4108	1593153 Dan S. Tureck	5
10	4108	10051521 Michael K. Trammel	5
13	3473	5879145 Monroe W. Parrish	5
13	3965	9486683 James E. Matthews	5
14	3203	10423645 Johnathon A. Mullins	5
15	1324	9785210 Paul H. Harris	5
16	10626	1134608 Juan M. Palacios	5
2	12123	1268495 Claude Miller	4
4	3440	680908 Joseph Q. Addair	4
5	1383	900832 Ronald E. Ballard	4
7	2302	10009136 Dale L. Martenia	4
7	2302	1111147 Glenn D. German	4
8	922	536985 Clifford R. Smith	4
9	4227	5910270 Charles F. Harris	4
10	1412	9387177 David Schwab	4
10	4108	10592594 Donald R. Deland	4
10	12141	10388756 Floyd W. Leach	4
10	12141	6143160 Leonard L. Parsons	4
12	2468	5769190 Michael D. Eakin	4
13	293	10191336 Arnold B. Christensen	4
13	3473	9815441 Dennis C. Twite	4
13	9448	9989250 Michael L. Beyerlin	4
14	3437	9292004 Lorenzo S. Pike	4
15	1324	10593591 Edgar Wales	4
15	4273	10623591 Marcus Walters	4
16	2666	9483155 Ernie Doyle	4
2	2848	10254627 James W. Allenbrand	3
6	4307	856161 James W. Hicks Jr	3
7	2302	1028490 Frank U. Walgamot	3
7	4116	10200433 Robert D. Wood	3
9	3156	9143689 Andrea D. Summerlin	3
9	3232	9770507 Allen R. Ransom	3
9	3232	5651960 Dennis R. Marsh	3
9	3232	10464434 Gerald F. Hernandez	3
10	1412	10202371 Steven D. Nicholson	3
10	1643	1541713 Rodney B. Upham	3
13	3473	9785302 Andrew G. Watkins	3
13	3965	10385829 James R. Marlette	3
13	3965	10418873 Joe Ramp	3
13	3965	9428062 Kenneth J. Smith	3
13	4039	10044953 Bryce L. Watson	3
13	4039	10409775 Camren J. Baker	3
13	9448	1144912 Kathy A. Lundeen	3
13	9448	9601595 Stanley G. Ritari	3
14	584	1173797 Roy E. Poppleton	3
15	180	5517974 Franklin R. West	3
15	180	6114830 Tyler E. Marriott	3
15	6057	10197101 Janile L. Yost	3
15	6057	10098641 Martin T. Lackner	3
15	12140	82601 Donald L. Reed	3
16	2666	10526263 Orville Alleman Jr.	3



**REX SMITH**

## Chaplain of the Year Award

I am looking forward to this year, anticipating the opportunity to present another Chaplain of the Year award. Why is this so important? Because I know there are dedicated Chaplains who are serving the communities they live in and the Posts and Districts they serve and we do not want to miss the opportunity to recognize their

work and service. Our Chaplain of the Year for 2016 – 2017 is Clifford McCauley, serving post 3970 in Sutherlin.

The deadline for recommendations is 1 April 2018, so I am asking again for feedback and recommendations.

Criteria for Chaplain of the Year includes the following:

- Exemplary conduct of normal duties which include attendance, dependability, submission of community service reports, etc.,
- Exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties
- A personal attitude which is positive and professional in all contacts with others and which represents the VFW in the best possible way
- Commitment to the ministry and duties of the Chaplain as reflected by service to comrades and their families
- A member of the VFW in good standing with the Post, District and Department.

71-237-5966 or rsmith68@aol.com.

Rex Smith

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES WESTERN CONFERENCE

### RESOLUTION No. 1

WHEREAS, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Western Conference, needs to update their By-laws from time to time: and

WHEREAS, some of the changes need to be made to comply with our National By-laws: and

WHEREAS, additions and deletions need to be made: therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Conference By-laws be changed in ARTICLE IV, Officers, Section 1, Line 2 by replacing "first meeting of the Western Conference at National Convention, but will not take office until the conclusion of the meetings of the National Convention" with "mid-year meeting of the Western Conference and will take office at the conclusion of that meeting"

THE INTENT of this resolution is to elect the officers of the Western Conference in November when there is more time and less business instead of at the National Convention where there is more business and less time.

Submitted by: Tim Peters  
Department of Montana

## 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year Deadline changes

The deadline for the post level has been moved back to 31 October. Teacher of the Year will be presented at the Mid-Winter VOD Banquet.



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When you donate to VFW mailings, the money stays in our Department, helping veterans right here at home.

Our programs depend on members like YOU. Please be as generous as you can.

# GENERAL ORDERS

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
 FOUNDED 1899  
 DEPARTMENT OF OREGON -  
 HEADQUARTERS  
 12440 N.E. HALSEY • PORTLAND, OREGON  
 97230-1927  
 TELEPHONE: (503) 255-5808

GENERAL ORDER #1, 1 July 2017, 2017 - 2018 Series

TO BE READ AT A REGULAR MEETING AND FILED:

1. Having been duly elected and installed, I hereby assume command.
  2. All previous appointments are declared null and void.
  3. The following officers having been duly elected and installed are entitled to all the courtesies of their office.
- |                    |                   |            |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Sr. Vice Commander | Rick Higgins      | Post 4039  |
| Jr. Vice Commander | John Wrinkle      | Post 4108  |
| Quartermaster      | Cheryl Campos     | Post 10626 |
| Chaplain           | Rex F. Smith      | Post 10626 |
| Judge Advocate     | George Carroll    | Post 3973  |
| Surgeon            | Dennis Pratt      | Post 3203  |
| Jr. Past Commander | Richard Halverson | Post 922   |

**DISTRICT COMMANDERS:**

District #2	James Allenbrand	Post 2848
District #3	Dale Guldenzopf	Post 4248
District #4	George Trott	Post 3440
District #5	Danny Antle	Post 4070
District #6	Jerry Hunter	Post 3048
District #7	Charles DeLore	Post 2302
District #8	Clifford Smith	Post 922
District #9	Paul Gargis	Post 3232
District #10	Floyd Leach	Post 12141
District #12	James Horton	Post 3970
District #13	Michael Beyerlin	Post 9448
District #14	Johnathon Mullins	Post 3203
District #15	Donald Reed	Post 12140
District #16	Roger "Dale" Pack	Post 2666

4. I hereby appoint the following officers and chairmen to begin functioning immediately:

Adjutant	Cheryl Campos	Post 10626
Chief of Staff	Jason Carroll	Post 3973
Inspector	Jason Carroll	Post 3973
Service Officer	Michael Miller	Post 3452
Assistant Service Officer	James Weston	Post 4248
Assistant Service Officer	Ernie Doyle	Post 2666
Editor	Sue Piper	

**FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Chairman	Steve Morris	Post 3973
	Jason Carroll	Post 3973
	Tyler Marriott	Post 180
	John Wrinkle	Post 4108
	Will Parrish	Post 3473

**VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE:**

Chairman	Jason Carroll	Post 3973
	Tyler Marriott	Post 180
	George Carroll	Post 3973
	Rick Higgins	Post 4039
	John Wrinkle	Post 4108

**MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT TRUST COMMITTEE**

(Garrick Trust)

Chairman:	Don Reed	Post 12140
	Jason Carroll	Post 3973
	Cheryl Campos	Post 10626
	Tyler Marriott	Post 180
	Lawrence Alexander	Post 3957
	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108
	John Duggan	Post 7847
	Melvin Clements	Post 1833

The Department Service Officer and/or his assistant shall be non-voting advisor to this committee.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (formally known as**

McGlothin Scholarship)

Chairman	Bert W. Key	Post 4273
	Cheryl Campos	Post 10626
	Tyler Marriott	Post 180
	Dennis R. Pratt	Post 3203
	Richard E. Halverson	Post 922
	Jason Griswold	Post 3973

**MEMBERSHIP TEAM:**

Rick L. Higgins	Post 4039
John Wrinkle	Post 4108
Ron Jagodnik	Post 3973
Duane Whitehead	Post 1383
George Carroll	Post 3973
Dennis Pratt	Post 3203

**RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

Chairman	George Carroll	Post 3973
	Jason Carroll	Post 3973
	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108
	Tom Laing	Post 9448

**RE-DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Chairman	Tyler Marriott	Post 180
	Cheryl Campos	Post 10626
	David Dunbar	Post 4248
	Bruce Hall	Post 1325

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Chairman	Jason Griswold	Post 3973
	Cheryl Campos	Post 10626
	Don Reed	Post 12140
	Ron Jagodnik	Post 3973

**Veteran & Military Support Program**

(Formally known as NMS) Patrick Cochrane Post 2990  
 National Legislative Committee: John Wrinkle Post 4108  
 State Legislative Committee

Chairman	Tyler Marriott	Post 180
	Jason Carroll	Post 3973
	Kenneth Kraft	Post 12140
	Jason Griswold	Post 3973
	Anthony Barber	Post 12140
	Rick Higgins	Post 4039
	John Wrinkle	Post 4108

**ODVA Liaison**

Photographer	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108
Americanism-POW/MIA	Dennis Marsh	Post 3232
Teachers Award	Allen Anderson	Post 4273
Buddy Poppy & Contest	Ronald Jagodnik	Post 3973
Community Service	Dennis Guthrie	Post 4108
National Home	Ronald Jagodnik	Post 3973
Youth Activities	Larry Alexander	Post 3957
Voice of Democracy	Roger "Dale" Pack	Post 2666
Patriot's Pen	Rick Higgins	Post 4039
Scouting	Carl G. Anderson	Post 2666
Women Veterans Committee	Carl G. Anderson	Post 2666
Veterans Employment	Cheryl Campos	Post 10626
	Ernie Doyle	Post 2666

Distinguished Guest	Tom Laing	Post 9448
Life & Legacy Membership	Bert W. Key	Post 4273
	Paul Gargis	Post 3232

Safety	Robert Cusick	Post 1643
Hospital Chairman	Rexford Smith	Post 10626

Golf Tournament Chairman	Richard Halverson	Post 922
(SVA) Student veterans of America		

Chairman	Joe Ramp	Post 3965
	Dennis Pratt	Post 3203

Officer of the Day	Monroe (Will) Parish	Post 3473
Alt Officer of the Day	Roger "Dale" Pack	Post 2666

Guard	Raymond Mack Jr	Post 12140
Color Team		
Publication		

Chairman	Tyler Marriott	Post 180
Communications		

Chairman	Jason Griswold	Post 3973
	Cheryl Campos	Post 10626
	Ernie Doyle	Post 2666
	James Schinman	Post 3452

**OTS (OFF. TRAIN SCHOOL)**

Chairman	Bert W. Key	Post 4273
	Jason Carroll	Post 3973
	Paul Gargis	Post 3232

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP**

Chairman	Bert W. Key	Post 4273
	John Wrinkle	Post 4108
	Kenneth Kraft	Post 12140
	Roger "Dale" Pack	Post 2666

**VAVS REPRESENTATIVES:**

Portland VA Hospital		
Chairman	James Schinman	Post 3452
Deputy Representative	Harvey Pitcher	Post 3452

Roseburg VA Hospital		
Chairman	Michael Eakin	Post 2468
Deputy Representatives	Lee E. Sparks	Post 3970

White City VA Domiciliary		
Chairman	Glenn D. German	Post 2302
Deputy Representatives	John L. Wright	Post 1833
	Angelo Trotta	Post 2302
	Charles E. DeLore	Post 2302

Walla Walla VA		
Associate Representative	John Cook	Post 922
Deputy Associate Representative	Clifford Smith	Post 922

• National Manual of Procedure, Section 218—Officers and Chairmen, Duties and Obligations.

Duty of Commander (Post) – k. Assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.

Duty of Quartermaster (Post) – c Disburse funds as properly authorized by the Post using accepted banking practices. Unless otherwise provided for in Post By-Laws, all disbursements of Post funds shall bear the signature of the Quartermaster or other person(s) authorized by the Quartermaster. Such other authorized person(s) shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which the Quartermaster may be accountable in accordance with Section 703.

2. District Commanders: Send the Department copy of the Post Inspection Report to the Department Inspector immediately after inspection and no later than 30 October 2017. The Post copy stays with the Post. District Commanders or Inspecting Officer will be paid travel for only one Post Inspection per year.

3. Line Officers: All travel will be at the direction of the Department Commander. Unauthorized travel cannot be paid. Send a brief summary of travel purpose with results and/or observations to the Commander at Department Headquarters.

4. Post Officers, elected or appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the Post Adjutant. Post Officers shall not assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted. After sixty (60) days from election or appointment and failure to submit such proof, all rights to hold office shall be forfeited (Section 216, Paragraph 2 of the National, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure).

District Commanders and District Senior Vice Commanders shall submit to the Department Adjutant a copy of their DD-214 or proof of eligibility before assuming their elected offices.

5. The Quartermaster bonding year begins September 1ST. It is necessary to renew the QM Bond before this date. A new QM Bond Fees schedule will be sent to all Quartermasters. Posts with Private Club bonding must provide proof of bonding to Department Headquarters.

6. The 96th Oregon State Convention increased the per capita from \$7.50 to \$8.50 there for the Post dues must be at least \$30.00. The admission fees for new members have been eliminated.

7. The Department Commander strongly urges District and Post Officers to attend the District Schools of Instruction. This is the meeting to get information and ask questions. If you don't attend you may miss out. Required for All-State consideration. District Commanders will be notified where and when to pick up the District and Post packets. If you cannot attend, send a substitute.

8. Section 403 of the Manual of Procedure clearly indicates that Districts shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting each year for the purpose of promoting schools of instruction for Post officers and for discussion of problems affecting the welfare of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other matters as may be appropriate to the purposes of the VFW.

9. District and Post Quartermasters: When receiving a check from Department, deposit it immediately so we can keep our bookkeeping up to date. There is a sixty (60) day period on Department checks. If you miss this date, thank you.

10. The National Life Member Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 111 of the VFW Bylaws, has determined that for the 2017 – 2018 membership year, the Life Membership Fund will pay out \$3.50 for each Plan A, B and C, \$3.86 for each Plan D and \$8.36 for each plan E Life member to their Post. Payment will be made in September 2017 for all life members recorded as of 31 August 2017. For life members processed from September through December 2016, the \$8.36 payout will be made in January 2018.

11. Attention is directed to Section 709 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, paragraph two (2). Any Post owning and/or operating, directly or by reason of a holding company or other entity substantially controlled by the Post or its members, a canteen, clubroom or other facility available to members or guests must maintain general liability insurance, including, if necessary or appropriate, liquor liability insurance. Such insurance must be of a type and amount sufficient to protect the Post and must name, as additional insured's, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Department in which such Post is located.

12. Attention is called to the provisions of Section 703 of the National By-Laws which require that each officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these By-Laws shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department, District, County Council or Post, as the case may be, to which each officer is accountable. The bonds of such accountable officers, in amount and as to surety, shall be approved by their respective units and held by their respective Commanders. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in his unit.

BY ORDERS OF: KENNETH KRAFT  
 State Commander

ATTEST: CHERYL CAMPOS  
 Adjutant