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COVER STORY

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its servicemembers, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. These programs make a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each year. Our organization's positions and programs are guided by resolutions passed by American Legion National Convention delegates, and by committee and commission members who represent 2.5 million wartime veterans and their families. These programs, and the men and women who take the time to perform them allow The American Legion to make a difference on the local, state and national levels. It's who we are and what we do.

Here are the “4 Pillars”

I. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

• VA Claims Backlog • Access to VA Health Care • Network of Service Officers • VA Vet Centers • Health-care Funding Formula • Veterans with Special Needs • Volunteering • Final Respects • Heroes to Hometowns • Careers for Veterans • Homelessness • GI Bill Benefits

II. National Security

• Support for the Troops • Size of the Armed Forces • Quality of Life • Homeland Security • POW/MIAs • Operation Comfort Warriors

III. Americanism

• Flag Protection • Illegal Immigration • Voter Registration and Participation • Boy Scouts of America • The Pledge of Allegiance • Establishment-Clause Lawsuits • Legacy Run • Boys Nation • American Legion Baseball

IV. Children & Youth

• Child Pornography • Catastrophic Illness • Intellectual Disabilities • Immunization • Family Integrity • Media Violence • Drug Abuse • Child Sexual Exploitation • Family Support Network • Temporary Financial Assistance • Samsung Scholarship • Child Welfare Foundation

The American Legion has a hierarchical structure that starts at the local level with individual posts, which are then grouped into departments, and finally overseen by a national organization. At each level, there are elected and appointed officers who manage the organization and its activities to oversee and manage the programs of The American Legion.



To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of **justice, freedom and democracy.**” The Legion is an organization of veterans who fought for freedoms, which they are dedicated to keeping and preserving, so we **MUST** teach our 4 Pillars. Include them in your Posts initiation ceremony for the new members.

The 4 Pillars are the basis to The American Legions past, present & future.



Air Force Veteran from Leavenworth, Kan., Elected National Commander of The American Legion



Air Force Veteran from Leavenworth, Kan., Elected National Commander of The American Legion TAMPA, Fla. (Aug. 28, 2025)—A retired Kansas district court judge was elected national commander of the nation’s largest veterans organization during The American Legion’s 106th national convention today. Dan K. Wiley, an Air Force veteran, served 28 years on the bench in Leavenworth, Kan., and is a past department (state) commander of the Kansas American Legion. Wiley, who owns a cattle farm in Leavenworth, is a paid-up-for-life member of Byron H. Mehl American Legion Post 23. He has served in numerous offices at every level of The American Legion, including terms on the organization’s National Executive Committee (board of directors). After being appointed by the Kansas governor as a district court judge in 2008, Wiley helped establish and preside over the Leavenworth County Veterans Treatment Court. He has been active in his community and is a past president of the Leavenworth / Lansing Chamber of Commerce, a past chairman of the Leavenworth County Veterans Day Parade Committee and a member of the Unified School District 453 School Board. Following an enlisted tour in the U.S. Air Force, Wiley earned a business degree at the College of Great Falls in Montana, and a law degree at the University of Kansas. As national commander, Wiley is a strong advocate for The American Legion’s “Be the One” outreach mission to prevent veteran suicide. He emphasizes inclusivity in The American Legion Family through the theme, “better together!” Wiley and his wife, Sonia, have two children, Austin and Christy, and one grandson. The national commander and his son, Austin Wiley, are charter members of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 36 in Oskaloosa, Kan. Sonia and Christy are members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Title 4, Chapter 1, U.S. Code

Proper Illumination of U.S. FLAG

Some individuals who display the American Flag from their yard or building has stated that there has been a change to the Flag Code and it is permissible to fly the American Flag at night without proper illumination.

This is not true, there has not been any changes to the U.S. Code for proper flying of the flag.

Title 4 chapter 1, According to Title 4 of the U.S. Code, the American flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagpoles in the open. However, it can be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. This means that if you choose to keep your flag flying at night, **you must ensure it is adequately lit.**

PROPER ILLUMINATION:

“Proper Illumination” is a light specifically place to illuminate the flag or having a light source sufficient to illuminate the flag where it is recognizable as such by the casual observer.”

Let's get our PATRIOTIC respect back for our National Flag.



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Message from the Commander

I want to thank all of the volunteers that have showed up at our Department Headquarters since the 1st of July. Our new Adjutant and Administrative Assistant have been more than busy bringing Our Department out of a place where not much work was being done. We have a new Confidential Roster, a new Commission/Committee roster, updated Policies, Personnel Policies, Constitution and By Laws, and Code of Procedures completed or well on the way. We will continue to update outdated guidance and put responsibilities back in the areas where they belong. A work in progress.

Thank you for all the Districts and Posts submitting their officer and committee forms so we can keep the rosters up to dated as a working accurate document. Tools for you to make your communication easier with each other. Remember your Post is your priority and responsibility to grow and take care of your veterans. Don't be that Post with attitudes and authority thinking you are an effective leader. District Commanders are my line of communication to their Posts and all Posts should reach out to their District for help and guidance.

Have a great month and get out in your communities so they know you are there in a **POSITIVE** light of Community Service. Servant leadership is not about what the legion can do for you, but what you do to serve our volunteer Veterans.

Commander
Renee Ohler
Department of Oregon

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"Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and don't give up".



1st Vice Commander

Our recruiting cycle for the Boys State Delegate class of 2026 is about to begin. It's now time to begin approaching those high school principals and Counselors to elicit their support for our programs.

Downloadable Boys State tri-fold brochures are available on line, so no excuse for not having any of them. Go to orlegion.org, scroll down to programs, drop down to Boys State, and you can print as many as you require. I would suggest a couple two or three for your initial appointment for the school to post on their student activities bulletin board.

At this appointment you might want to find out how the principal or counselor likes their coffee and mentally file it away for future reference. When you meet with them, make them a friend, take that coffee to them, quit sure they will appreciate it.

Remember the school recommends, and the Legion selects. A good follow up date from this initial meeting would be in the November/December time frame. That's when you bring their favorite coffee or tea and look like their preference is important to you, try and cement that relationship.

It is anticipated that a letter from this year's Boys State Governor will be mailed to all Delegates of the Class of 2025, around November, asking for their assistance in our recruiting efforts.

At this point there is no change in the fee structure, (\$350.00 from the Post, \$100.00 from the parents). It should be noted that the \$350.00 can come from anywhere, a local business or fraternal organization, fund raising, an individual Post member or fellow Legionnaires, or from the Post Treasury itself. The entire \$450.00 should accompany the completed Delegate application.

This year due-date is April 15, 2026 and applications received at Department Headquarters after that will be considered on a case by case review. So get them in early, please. Incomplete applications will be routed back to the District Commander for action.

This year each District Commander will have a \$350.00 attendance scholarship. It is anticipated that this fund be used by the District Commander to support a Post's recruiting efforts, ie., they wish to select and send more young men then they have

assets for. The reason for this is, in 2025, 51% of the applications had no indication that the respective Post had reviewed and selected the High school's recommended Boys State Delegate application. This process has to be done, and completed correctly. All qualifications have to be checked by the Post before the application is sent forward. So please, Post Commanders ensure this gets done.

An interview form will be made available upon request. It is hoped that the 2026 class is between 60-70 Delegates which would match or exceed our growth of the last 3 years.

If anyone has any questions, concerns, or problems, please feel free to contact me at the following.

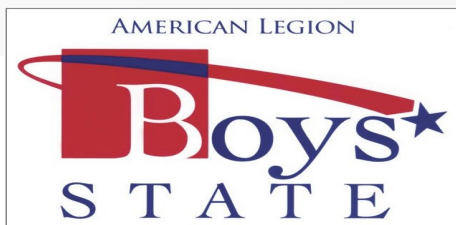
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2022	-	9 delegates
2023	-	29 delegates
2024	-	40 delegates
2025	-	49 delegates

Help us get to the 60 Delegate mark this year.

Thank You in advance.

Fred Broadwater
Boys State Chair / Director
1st Vice Commander
Department of Oregon



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6-7	Oregon Legion College	Lebanon, Post 51
September 13	District 2 Meeting	McMinnville, Post 21
September 18-21	Wall of Healing	Independence, Post 33
October 8	National Heros Day	
October 11-12	Fall DEC	Tigard, OR., Post 158
November 8	District 2 Meeting	Aurora, Post 110
November 27	Thanksgiving	
December 25	Christmas	
Dec 31-Jan 1	Happy New Years	
Dec 31	Deadline for Post Oratorical, Fire Fighter & Law Enf of the Year	
2026 YEAR		
Jan	Post Initiation Ceremony for new members	
Jan 17-18	Mid-winter DEC Meeting (virtual)	
Feb	Americanism Month	
Feb 7	District 2 Meeting	Carlton, Post 173
Mar	Community Service Month / Boys State prep	
Mar 15	District 5 Roundup	Prineville, OR
Mar 15-17	American Legions funding	
Apr	Children & Youth Month / Old timers night	
Apr 11	Spring DEC	TBD
April 15	Deadline for Boys State Apps	
May	Mother's Day / Memorial Day	
May 2	District 2 Caucus	Keizer, Post 17
Jun 14	Flag Day	
June 24-27	Department Convention	Chinook Winds, Lincoln City
June 21-27	Boys State	OSU, Corvallis
July 4	Independence Day Celebration	
Aug	National Convention, Louisville, KY	
Sep	National Disaster Preparedness Month/POW Reg Day	
Sep 11	9/11 Remembrance	
Sep 17	Constitution Day	
Oct	Launch POST membership campaign	
Nov	Veterans Day and American Education Week	
Nov 26	Thanksgiving	
Dec	Visit Veterans in homes, hospitals, ill.	
Dec7	Pearl Harbor Day.	
Dec 25	Christmas	

Need your event placed on the Legionnaire calendar,

Submit it to orlegionaire@gmail.com before the 25th of each month.

USA 250 CHALLENGE

Almost exactly a month ago, National Commander James LaCoursiere announced the USA 250 Challenge as a way to kick off The American Legion's celebration of our nation's 250th birthday.

The challenge is a major part of how The American Legion will celebrate the historic occasion, now through July 4, 2026. That may seem like a long way off — but it is up to us as leaders to act now to demonstrate to the American Legion Family, other veterans and our nation why this is important. **If you haven't already, signed up, encourage others and share [this link to register](#).**

What I love about the USA 250 Challenge is that it ties in several key components that our organization prioritizes — community service, mental wellness and fitness activities.

In fact, the challenge was designed to allow anyone to participate, virtually any way they choose. Participants may pursue one or more of the three categories over the next year, either solo and/or as part of a team. You can learn more about the challenge, which benefits the Veterans & Children Foundation, at [this web page](#).

More about the categories:

- **Wellness:** Participants complete 250 hours of wellness activities such as yoga, meditation and other forms of mindfulness. A post, district or department team could work together to conduct 250 Buddy Checks, for example.
- **Fitness activities:** Participants may choose to walk, bicycle or cover 250 miles (or hours) any way they choose. Or they can aim to do 250 hours of activity like playing pickleball, strength training or kayaking. An example of a team challenge for a post or district would be 10 participants each walking 25 miles.
- **Community service:** Participants achieve 250 hours of community service or reach the 250 bar of a community service project. A post or district could team up to create and distribute 250 care packages to deployed troops, collect 250 items for homeless veterans, or some other project.

For questions about the challenge itself, please contact Henry Howard, hhoward@legion.org.

Let's kick off our celebration of America's 250th birthday by leading from the front, engaging in physical activities, conducting community service and embracing mental wellness!



**BE PART
OF THE
TEAM.**

**LET'S
GET
GOING!**



Message from the Chaplain

Hello Legionnaires

I am recently back from The American Legion National Convention in Tampa Bay, Florida, where it rained torrentially off and on and the rest of the time the humidity was sweltering. There was less pomp and circumstance this year but many of the traditions prevailed. The format for the Committees and Commissions was about the same, as well as the Caucus to share our Convention Subcommittee information. The Banquet entertainment was a Beach Boy cover band called the Land Sharks. They were really fun to listen to.

One of the things I did this year that was new to me was to attend the National Chaplains breakfast meeting. At 7am, approximately 60 people and Department Chaplains shared food and fellowship at a breakfast hosted by the National Chaplain, Daniel DePozo, where he shared a message from Ecclesiastes.

That's about all to report for now!



Hello Legionnaires,

I have just returned from the American Legion National Convention in Tampa Bay, Florida, where it rained torrentially off and on and the rest of the time it was sweltering heat.

I attended the National Americanism Commission that included the Committee on Children and Youth. Also included is the Committee on Youth Education, American Legion Baseball, Citizen Flag Advisory Committee, Youth Cadet Law Enforcement, National High School Oratorical Contest, Boys State and Boys Nation, and Scouting of America. The program also includes Community Service, Flag Etiquette, voter awareness, and the Constitution.

There was no specific information at this event pertaining to Children and Youth. That will occur at the Fall NEC in October, in Indianapolis, Indiana, where they will do a "deep dive" into the Temporary Financial Assistance program which I am looking forward to.

Till then.....

Betty Fish-Ferguson
Chairman Children and Youth Committee

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Adjutants Column

This year's National Convention was very unique, as Adjutant, Delegation Chairman, and Secretary all rolled into one.

It was a pleasure being in Tampa, the Free State of Florida, per Governor Ron DeSantis and the Lieutenant Governor, Jay Collins, both of whom are veterans, and adding guest speaker Tulsi Gabbard, you get a powerhouse of veterans for our convention. VA Director Doug Collins had a very poignant speech, saying he would be pushing decision-making down to the lowest level possible, just like we do in the military. He brought up the veterans suicide issue by very slowly counting to 17 and sitting down on the edge of the stage to finish. He is an ordained minister, among other things.

Newly elected American Legion Auxiliary National President Pam Ray and newly elected Son's of The American Legion National Commander Bill Clancy addressed the 106th Convention and took the stage alongside newly elected American Legion National Commander Dan K. Wiley. See the video links.
<https://www.youtube.com/@americanlegionHQ>.

The Firefighter of the year was Captain Jason Harmsen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqnnEpYt34U>.

The Police Officer of the year was Shane A. Maloley: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LwWwqJF4dU>.

There was a lot to see and absorb for the week. Take some time and follow the national site links and check out the 106th National Convention.

IPDC/Adjutant
S. Flynn Phillips



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To Send In Your
Articles / Photos /
Community Points
Of Interest For
The Next
Legionnaire



TRIVIA

1. What do the inscribed names on the inside of a ships bell mean?
2. How many Presidents served in WWII?
3. What is the length of a Fathom?
4. Who is authorized to salute with their left hand?

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Training & Development

Steven D. Shollenburg, Chairman

The Department of Oregon Legion College Training is this upcoming weekend, it's something that we feel has been needed for a long time, to get back to the American Legion standards.

We have so many people that are asking questions, calling Department wanting to know how to do this or that. It defiantly tells us we have been lacking in our training arena.

We are offering several subjects that we feel are the most important this time around.

SATURDAY

1. Post & District Officers & Leadership.
2. Adjutant Training
MyLegion.org
3. Communications
4. Legal Forms

SUNDAY

5. Americanism
4 Pillars
6. Membership/Recruitment
Revitalization
7. I.R.S. Policies
Constitution & By-Laws

We will be having training at all D.E.C's from now on, and at our Conventions as well. So don't miss out, show-up and let's have some fun.

When you complete the 2 day training course, you will receive a certificate of completion and a hat/lapel pin for the completion of the class.

**HOPE TO SEE YA'LL
THERE.**

LEGION TRAINING

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Lebanon Post will be offering lunch both days and a wonderful Saturday night Prime Rib dinner.

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The Constitution & our Founding Fathers

The Founding Fathers, through their writings and actions, left a clear and enduring message for future generations about the preservation of the republic and liberty. Key themes include:

1. Virtue and morality as the foundation of freedom

- Benjamin Franklin emphasized that only a virtuous people are capable of freedom, and that nations become corrupt and vicious without it.
- John Adams believed that the Constitution was made for a moral and religious people and that it's inadequate for any other.

Samuel Adams warned that good laws won't guarantee liberty and happiness without a virtuous populace.

2. The importance of education and an informed citizenry

- Thomas Jefferson stressed the need to educate and inform the people, calling it the only sure reliance for the preservation of liberty.
- James Madison asserted that knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a self-governing people must arm themselves with the power that knowledge gives.

Noah Webster highlighted the importance of education in shaping moral characters, which he saw as the basis of government.

3. Vigilance against the dangers of government overreach and corruption

- James Madison warned against the gradual encroachment of power by those in authority, believing it to be a greater threat than sudden usurpations.
- Thomas Paine described government, even in its best state, as a necessary evil and in its worst state, an intolerable one.

Thomas Jefferson expressed concern about the potential for elective despotism and the corruption of government officials.

4. The significance of the Constitution and the role of the people in upholding it

- George Washington emphasized the importance of adhering to the Constitution until it's changed by a clear and authentic act of the whole people.

The Founders understood the importance of an involved citizenry who participate in elections and hold officials accountable for their actions, according to Colonial Williamsburg.

5. The necessity of national unity and avoiding foreign entanglement

- George Washington cautioned against the dangers of regionalism, partisanship, and foreign influence in his Farewell Address.

He stressed the importance of the Union as the foundation for the nation's independence and liberty.

In essence, the Founding Fathers believed that a successful republic depends on a virtuous, educated, and engaged citizenry who are vigilant in protecting their liberties and holding their leaders accountable. They understood the fragility of freedom and the constant need for its defense against both internal and external threats.



A long time ago when American became a country, **it's leaders wanted voters to pick the presidents for their honesty and ability** to lead, not just because they belonged to a certain group or party, like in Britain.

George Washington and others believed that fighting over political parties would only divide the nation and cause greedy competition for power. But people had strong opinions and different ideas for American's future, which led to the rise of political parties and **created the kind of divide the Founding Fathers had hoped to avoid.**

The is exactly what we have in our government today, right or wrong if your not a member of a certain party you're the problem. It's too bad our political representatives do not understand or have the insight that our Founding Fathers had.



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I was about to give up... I wouldn't have known where to go.

Korean War Army veteran Willie Alvin Cousin, who received long-overdue and wrongly denied VA disability benefits after his case was reopened and won by American Legion Department Service Officer K. Robert Lewis

“

These were important things. It helped them not get behind in their rent... It helped them put food in the refrigerator.

Coast Guard Vice Commandant Adm. Charlie Ray, after American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance helped more than 3,120 children whose active-duty families were affected by the federal government shutdown.

Your donation provides hope for disabled veterans and children in need.

DONATE NOW

PURPLE HEART DAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

Purple Heart Day, observed annually on August 7th, honors the courageous service members who have been wounded or killed in action while serving in the U.S. military. It's a day to recognize their sacrifice and bravery, acknowledging the profound impact of combat on individuals and their families. The Purple Heart, the oldest military award still in use, signifies the deep sacrifices made in the line of duty.



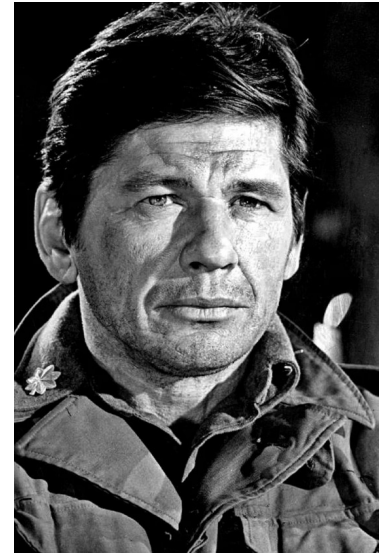
James King Arness was severely wounded in the right leg during the Battle of Anzio in Italy in 1944. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1945 and suffered chronic leg pain throughout his life.

Most people know Arness better as actor James Arness, who portrayed Marshal Matt Dillon in the TV series "Gunsmoke," which aired from 1955 to 1975.



Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller was wounded Nov. 8, 1942, during the Battle of Koli Point, a significant engagement of the Guadalcanal Campaign in the South Pacific. He was wounded in the arm and leg during a Japanese attack on his command post. Puller is the most decorated Marine in U.S. history, having been awarded five Navy Crosses, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with Valor, the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, and three Air Medals.

He fought in Haiti, Nicaragua, World War II and the Korean War.



Charles Dennis Buchinsky joined the Army Air Forces in 1943. He served as a B-29 Superfortress aerial gunner with the Guam-based 61st Bombardment Squadron, which conducted missions against the Japanese home islands. He flew 25 missions and received a Purple Heart in 1945.

Buchinsky is better known as actor Charles Bronson, who starred in many films, including "Machine-Gun Kelly" (1958), "The Magnificent Seven" (1960), "The Great Escape" (1963) and "The Dirty Dozen" (1967).

**The older you get,
The quieter you become.
Life humbles you
So deeply as you age.
and
You realize how much
nonsense you've wasted
time on.**

PURPLE HEART DAY

**Has past, but we still
need to
remember them,
and the
sacrifice's
They made for our
FREEDOM.**



Membership Megaphone

Forest Grove veteran of three wars turns 100

Master Sergeant Tom Baker turned 100 on Monday, and the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veteran was honored by Forest Grove American Legion Post 2 with a ceremony in front of friends, family, fellow residents, and staff of the Marquis Assisted Living Center.



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According to a biography compiled by Marquis Campus Activity Director LaRayne Barrios, Master Sergeant Tom Baker began his service in the United States Marine Corps the same month the U.S. entered World War II in December 1941.

Following his time in the Marines in World War II, he served from 1945 to 1951 in the Marine Corps Reserve, then returned to active duty during the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Baker left active duty in March 1969 and returned to the reserves until the mid-1970s.

In total, he served for nearly 35 years.

On Monday Aug. 11, Baker sat under a shaded tree as members of [American Legion Post 2](#) posted the American and U.S. Marine Corps flags, accompanied by two rifle bearers, a bugler, and U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Douglas Watson.

Remarks by Post 2 Commander Dale Thaler, Watson, and other members of the legion followed.

Post 2 Adjutant Wendy Berger-Wood, who also serves as the vice commander of Oregon Department District 1 spoke briefly.

In a moment that drew gasps of admiration, Berger-Wood, presenting on behalf of Department of Oregon Commander Renee Ohler, unfurled a Pendleton Grateful Nation blanket.

The blanket, red and adorned with stripes representing service ribbons awarded to veterans of historical conflicts from World War II on, was draped on Baker's shoulders.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MASTER SERGEANT
TOM BAKER**

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

What Reports Are Due, and When

1. Reports due near-term:

(Department Constitution By-Laws, Article II, Sections 1,2,3,6,) Include:

Post Confidential Report	September 20, 2025
Post Officers Installation Records	September 20, 2025
Post Committees Assignments	September 20, 2025

This important information provides the Department Headquarters, Commissions, and Committee's with the current contacts for relaying information to the Posts about initiatives sent from the national organizations, and corresponding Department of Oregon information.

Districts Confidential and Committees	September 20, 2025
(Districts must have a committee at the district level for any committee which has a program in one of your constituent posts. Dept. Constitution By-Laws, Article I, Section 5)	

Forms are available from the Department website (orlegion.org, Resources tab, Forms and Publications tab, and scroll down to find the appropriate form.

2. Reports due in later:

2.1. Per Constitution by-Laws District and Post Constitution and By-Laws (Article 1, Section 3 or Districts; and Article II, Section 7 for Posts:)	
2.2 Post Data Reports forms sent from National:	April 15, 2025
2.3. Consolidated Post Reports	June 30, 2025
(These can be updated continually throughout the year, but must be submitted by the June30th deadline.)	

3. Convention Delegates:

Post Delegates: (Dept. Constitution By-Laws, Article V, Section 1)	45 Days prior to start of Convention
District Caucus Election of officers: (Dept. Constitution By-Laws, Article 1, Section 2)	20 Days prior to Convention start
District Delegates to National Convention	20 Days prior to Convention start
(Also note, that district caucus meeting quorum is a majority of the constituent posts)	

Richard Ramey, Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission





2nd Vice Commander's Call

Well, it's been an interesting couple of months in my new position. Between visiting Boys State several times, attending Jim Willis Law Enforcement Career Camp as a chaperone, to spending more time at Department. Not to mention my duties at my district and Post. Needless to say, I've been busy. My new Department hat arrived. Man, is it bright white! While I anticipate more travel ahead, maybe even a trip to Indianapolis, it hasn't materialized...

yet. National Convention for me will be next year.

Things are getting more "back to normal" at HQ. There is still a lot of catching up going on, but there are more smiling faces, more "nice to see you" 's and "can you help me with this?". Even the smell of chicken for lunch is back. Good memories.

As Americanism Commission Chair, I plan on visiting the different programs this year. I got a

good dose of JWLECC, I've visited Boys State, taken part in Oratorical and I'm involved with Scouting, but I haven't yet been to a Legion Baseball game or a Shooting Sports competition. It's good to have goals.

"It is better to Mold the Boy, than to Reform the Man."

(Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of Boy Scouts)

Mike Speer
2nd Vice Commander

USE YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND, IF YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS AT POST LEVEL, WORK WITH YOUR DISTRICT COMMANDER OR ADJUTANT, IF THEY CAN'T HELP, THEY NEED TO CALL DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN THE PROPER HELP.

Points to Ponder

5 "P"s" of LEADERSHIP

Purpose,
People,
Performance,
Persistence,
Presence.

These are key elements
of a good leader.

The screenshot shows the website for The American Legion. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Join', 'Renew', and 'Donate' buttons. Below that, a menu includes 'ABOUT', 'PROGRAMS', 'SERVICES', 'MEMBERS', 'MEDIA', and 'CONTACT'. The main content area features a large image of a Legionnaire saluting in front of an American flag. Overlaid on this is the text 'Basic Training' and 'Learn about The American Legion in this self-paced online course'. To the right, a sidebar provides details about the 'Basic Training Course', including the price (Members Free, Nonmembers \$9.95), what you get (a printable Certificate of Recognition), and the estimated effort (approximately 120 minutes). An 'Enroll' button is at the bottom of the sidebar.



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