100 Year Centennial Convention in Astoria, OR
June 26-29, 2019
Hello American Legion Family,

Summer is for the most part finally coming our way, and it is again time to vote in new officers and prepare our Posts for summer activities and American Legion Programs.

District and Post Commander’s! This is the time to shake off those winter blues and help to make your Posts clean and inviting. Your community will notice! This will also make your Posts inviting for existing and new members.

The Department of Oregon was again invited to the “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade” in Warm Springs Saturday April 27th, and it was again a great success with even more Veterans attending this year. We had several Department Officers and American Legion Auxiliary members attending with American Legion Riders from Bend and Redmond that joined us in the parade.

On another note, and a very important one for our Posts, Districts and Department is our Membership! Our American Legion Family needs help to improve our membership numbers, and I believe with what we have learned this year we can do much better getting started on the next 100 Years.

Don’t forget that we have a May 8th 100% membership goal date, and even one member can make a big difference. If you continue to contact your past due members to let them know how much they are appreciated you will bring many of them back. The warm weather tends to generate activity and membership renewals.

Consider advertising your summer events in the local newspaper and Post Newsletter to let your community and members know about upcoming events. Sending your updated calendar to your past due members will make many of them want to come back to renew in support of your Post. We really don’t need to work harder, we just need to work smarter, and we have the tools to do just that. We can be a 100% Department if we work together as “One Team”. And remember the early bird gets the worm...

If you continue to work together great things will happen. Let’s also show our neighboring Posts that we are here to support them too! So, get ready for summer’s events, and lets all show our communities what’s new at the American Legion!

Thank you all for all that you do to support our Veterans, Children and youth programs and each other. It takes special people like you to do what you do…

Thank you! And “Believe and Achieve” For the next 100 Years"

“For God and Country”

We are celebrating the Centennial celebration for the entire year. That means, we would like to hear what the Posts have done. I have heard of several Posts conducting Centennial dinners. If you had one, please send a note to Dept., and tell us when and how many people attended. I would like to publish a list of all the Posts that conducted an event during the year.

Oregon incorporated in March of 1919 along with National and began with a convention in Portland. Then on their first birthday they held convention at Astoria. We are following that same format this year. Review the early years of your Post and then let’s share that information with other Legionnaires at this year’s convention. I am looking forward to a great convention this year.

By now your program planning should be well underway. As you continue to recruit participants for the Boys State and Law Enforcement program, make sure you develop the relationships to prepare for next year’s Oratorical Program. Maintain those relationships to have your continuous flow of students for all of the great programs. We are getting close to American Legion Baseball season. For those Posts with a team I wish you all the best of luck.

As always, take advantage of the programs to promote what the Post is doing, and make sure the community is aware of your great support. As we move into election season, make sure you select officers that can help tie all of the programs and resources together. Take advantage of the Public Affairs team to help get the word out. Share your great results with the community and Department.

Looking forward to another celebration of our Centennial year, at our 101st Convention at Astoria. Make your reservations now to kick off another great year.

We are now rolling into a monthly newsletter. I hope you find it interesting. As we are beginning with the monthly issue, we are attempting to move to publishing on the first of each month, for the events of that month. As we move forward, we need your articles by the 5th of each month for the next newsletter. I know that sounds like a lot of time, but we need that time to get the members of the Legionnaire Committee involved in review and preparation. Please help us by submitting articles early.

A couple of things to note. We do not have a staff of reporters to go out and write articles. Please help us by telling us what things you are doing at the Post level to support the four Pillars of The American Legion. If you need assistance with the organizing of the information, we will assist in any way we can. We also need your assistance in distributing the newsletter to your Post members. Please consider putting a copy on your web site, and print a few copies for those members that do not have digital access.
Where was the funeral of Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States held?
A) At Church of Christ Oyster Bay, Long Island
B) At Christ Church Oyster Bay, Long Island
C) At Catholic Church Oyster Bay, Long Island
D) Lutheran Church Oyster Bay, Long Island

Oregon has gone far in the organization already. County organizations with temporary officers have sprung up about the state in response to the appeal of Captain Dow V. Walker, of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, Portland, temporary secretary of the state league. Lieutenant-Colonel George H. Kelley of Portland is acting as temporary state chairman, at the request of Colonel Roosevelt. Lieutenant John Clark Burgard of Portland was named temporary secretary originally, but due to business which call him out of the city, turned the entire burden over to Captain Walker, who cheerfully shouldered it until permanent organization can be perfected.

The Oregon Department of Oregon was a very active part in the forming of the American Legion. With Lieutenant-Colonel Gorge A. White as one of the founders of the Legion to others that were involved with drafting the preamble to our constitution and others who had positions on the initial committees. From 1 April 1919 to 31 December 1919, Oregon had 68 posts in operation, with 9,002 members in November 1919.

(by The Pacific Soldier and Sailor May 1919)
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Oregon Legislature takes on the 90/10 Rule

As a member on the National Veterans Education and Employment Committee, I testified before the Oregon House Education committee on March 21st to endorse support for HB 2976. This bill attempts to close the loopholes in the Federal Law known as the 90/10 rule.

For-profit colleges target Veterans and service members with deceptive and aggressive recruiting because the schools can count GI Bill dollars and Defense Department Tuition Assistance as non-federal funds, to offset a cap on federal student aid the schools would otherwise face.

The purpose of the cap is thereby undermined and taxpayer funds are used to prop up otherwise failing schools that cannot attract private funds. These schools are predatory and do not deliver education as advertised. States can close this loophole, simultaneously protecting Veterans and the private market.

State Attorneys General have heard many complaints from students and cannot keep up with investigations of defrauding students. In January of this year, 49 State Attorneys General sued the second largest for-profit college chain. They were able to recoup $500 million for students who were defrauded.

This bill was passed unanimously by the Oregon House Education Committee and has been sent to the Joint Ways and Means Committee for cost evaluation.

Further information on HB 2976: https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2976/A-Engrossed

Service Officers name and phone below:

DSO Ed Vandyke 503-412-8408
DSO Jody Marsh 503-777-1867

Please call to get a veteran that needs immediate aid.

Betty Fish Ferguson Post #149

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION and HOMELESSNESS

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Bob Huff

Dept Finance Officer

S. Flynn Phillips

Dept Historian

Dept. Adjutant Lou Neubecker and I drove down to meet John Lee at the Central Linn High School to present kay-lin Lafayette her Oratorical State competition award in front of her class assembly. I think we should do more of these because it gets recognition in front of thier peers. What better way to promote the Oratori- cal Contest for next year.

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MILITARY PERSONNEL
YOU ARE INVITED.

ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL:
active duty, retired, veteran, reserves, and spouses
TO SHOP AT THE NIKE COMPANY STORE FROM
May 1ST – May 31ST

The following are the rules for check-in:
• Invitation is Valid for One-Time Entry
• Must provide Valid Military ID for entry
• Each Military Personnel may bring with them:
  • Spouse/Permanent Partner
  • Your own Dependent Children 24 and younger
• Your Spouse/Partner must provide proof of the same address to accompany you into the store
  Dependent children must be:
  • 22 or younger with the same address
  • 24 or younger with a valid college ID
  • 15 and Older Require some form of ID
• Also, we kindly ask that you refrain from wearing any competitor brands in our store.
• 40% off most merchandise, select merchandise may be available to employees only.
• Returns with receipt will be refunded based on original method of payment within 30 days of purchase. NO EXCHANGES MAY BE MADE.

STORE HOURS
MON-SAT 10a-8p
SUNDAY 10a-6p

ADDRESS 3485 SW KNOWLTON RD
BEAVERTON, OR 97005

CONTACT 503.671.1601
VALID DATES 5.01.19 – 5.31.19

NOTICE TO ALL STUDENT ATHLETES: National Collegiate Athletic Association rules strictly prohibit high school student-athletes from receiving special arrangements or “extra benefits” based upon athletic ability. Shopping at the Nike Employee Store is considered by the NCAA to be an “extra benefit”, which may lead to the ineligibility of a student-athlete.

Christine noticed the Department Van as it went through one of their work zones. She walked up to the van that Dept. President, Krisann Owens was driving at the time and asked if we had anything to do with veterans? She then said “they were hiring Veterans”. “So if you know a veteran that is looking for work have them call”.

By Dept. Historian, S. Flynn Phillips

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(503)749-2211

Calendar of Events

May
06-07 Membership Mtg IN
08-09 Spring NEC IN
08 Membership Target 100%
17-19 Vet Fest Milwaukie
24 Poppy Day
27 Memorial Day (Closed)

June
14 Flag Day
16-22 Boys State Western University
16-22 Girls State Willamette University
26-29 100th Anniversary Department Convention Astoria, OR

July
4 Independence Day
12-14 Legion Family College Training (Canby Post #122)

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Poppy Day
May 24, 2019

Dale Jenkins
District 3 Commander

3rd District has gone through April with nominations followed by Spring D.E.C. and then Easter.
Post 133 had a Centennial Birthday which was well attended.
May is to be another busy month for all with our caucus at Lebanon Post 51.
The most important time for us Veterans and families to remember why we are free.
Flags need to be placing, lawns prepared and make sure your pines on your flag poles are good.
God Bless This Country and The American Legion.

Go Navy!
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT of OREGON
2019 Convention Golf Tournament
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

The Oldest Golf Course West of the Mississippi
1157 N Marion Ave, Gearhart, OR 97138 • www.gearhartlinks.com

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AMERICAN LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT 2019 Entry form
Players:
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Point of Contact
Name:
Address:
City: ST: Zip:
Phone: (H) (C)

REGISTRATION
7 AM/ Tee-off at 7:30 AM
ENTRY FEE $90 per person

Includes: Green Fees & Cart

PRIZES

Best Ball Scramble
No shot gun start

AMERICAN LEGION 2019 CONVENTION CORPORATION
1132 Exchange Street, Astoria, OR 97103

Don’t have a foursome, not to worry! Send your name in with a check & we will find you a team.

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## 2019 American Legion Convention at Clatsop Post 12
### Convention Meal Order Form
**RSVP by June 1, 2019**

**Advance Meal Reservations Are Required**

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**2019 Convention Committee American Legion**

**1132 Exchange Street, Astoria, OR 97103**

Delegate Name:

Post # District #

Phone:

REVISED 4/13/19
Department Officers, District Commanders/Presidents and Chairman are highly encouraged to stay at the Headquarters Hotel. You are responsible to make your own reservations.

To get the rates listed below, you must make your reservation by **May 15, 2019**.

**Astoria Riverwalk Inn (Headquarters Hotel)**  
SOLD OUT – NO ROOMS AVAILABLE

400 Industry Street, Astoria, OR 97103  
(503) 325-2013

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Astoria**
204 West Marine Drive, Astoria, OR 97103  
(503) 325-6222

- Standard King or Double Queen $149 + tax City View  
- Standard King or Double Queen $165 + tax River View

*Mention that you are with The American Legion for the above rates.*

**Additional Lodging Options – Pricing Varies**

- Best Western Astoria Bayfront Hotel  
  555 Hamburg Avenue  
  Astoria OR 97103  
  (503) 325-2205

- Comfort Suites Columbia River  
  3420 Leif Erickson Dr  
  Astoria, OR 97103  
  (503) 325-2000

Visit Travel Astoria for a more complete list: www.travelastoria.com/stay/hotels-motels
### 2019 CONVENTION ADVERTISING RATES

**Centennial Issue will be in full color**

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ADS: May 15, 2019**

A registered 501 (c)(19) nonprofit organization Tax ID: 93-0112196

Please make checks payable to:
- Convention Corporation 2019
- American Legion Clatsop Post 12
- 1132 Exchange Street, Astoria, OR 97103

Questions? Please contact Michelle Chattick at (503) 298-9498
Scholarship programs offered by The American Legion can change lives. It's that simple. It can strengthen families and, ultimately, strengthen communities and our country. This is the second in a series of six articles reviewing national American Legion scholarships. Last month we reviewed the Samsung American Legion Scholarship and we continue this month with the Legacy scholarship.

Legacy Scholarship

The American Legion’s Legacy Scholarship provides college scholarship money to children of post-9/11 veterans who died on active duty, or have a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater. Application deadline is April 15.

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized.

**WHO** – Children of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. And, children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify.

**WHAT** – Each needs-based scholarship provides up to $20,000 in aid for undergraduate or post-graduate college. Recipients may reapply for additional annual awards up to six times.

**WHEN** – The application deadline is April 15, 2019. Scholarship awards must be used within one year. Winners will be announced May 12, 2019.

All applications new or renewal must be submitted using the online scholarship submission system beginning November 15 and no later than April 15.

**American Legion Legacy Scholarship Application**

To qualify and apply for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship, you must be able to answer YES to the following 3 questions.

1. Are you currently a high school senior and/or accepted at or attending an institution of higher education?

2. Is your institution of higher education a nonprofit and regionally-accredited institution? (If you are unsure, contact your institution’s admission office. Regional accreditation applies to the whole school not a program.)

3. Does at least one of the following statements apply to you?
   a. A legal parent of mine died while serving on active duty, U.S. military service on or after September 11, 2001. (Does not have to be a death out-of-country or in combat.)
   b. A legal parent of mine is a Post-9/11 veteran of the U.S. military, who has been given a disability rating of 50% or higher by the Veterans Administration.

If you can answer YES to the previous 3 questions, you may fill out this online application. The online application may be accessed at:

[https://www.legion.org/legacy-scholarship-application/eligibility](https://www.legion.org/legacy-scholarship-application/eligibility)

For more information on scholarship programs make contact with your nearest American Legion post or navigate to [https://www.legion.org/scholarships](https://www.legion.org/scholarships)

**TRIVIA**

**Answer:**
B. At Christ Church Oyster Bay, Long Island

America pilot, was identified and returned home.

Thirty-four of our Oregon service Members remain missing in Vietnam.
With humble and thankful hearts we remember PDC John Kalmbach of Banks #90 who departed us on April 21st and has transferred to Post Everlasting. His commitment and interment with full military honors was conducted at Willamette National Cemetery on May 1st. Please look for his obituary within this edition of Oregon Legionnaire. To honor the memory of our departed comrade, his family suggests contributions to the Child Welfare Foundation, c/o of the Oregon American Legion, P.O. Box 1730, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070. A small contribution will continue his legacy within our American Legion and make a difference in the lives of others.

The week of May 5-9 I will be representing our Department at the Spring Commissions & Committee meetings in Indianapolis, Ind. with a call in to the Americanism Council meetings. And, shortly thereafter, our District 1 meeting and caucus is hosted and conducted at Louis Larsen #68 in Clatskanie on May 11th. I extend my appreciation to all posts and members who supported our district executive board this year – thank you for your commitment and dedication to our American Legion!

Many of our Posts will be conducting and/or participating in several of the May observances, including National Law Enforcement Week, May 12-18; Armed Forces Day, May 18; Maritime Day, May 22; National Poppy Day, May 24; and, Memorial Day, May 27, 2019.

Planning continues for the 2019 Department Convention hosted by Clatsop #12 in Astoria as we continue the celebration of our 100th anniversary. I know that a number of Legion Family members have also purchased the American Legion Commemorative Coins to further support our organization and as a means of celebrating our 100 years of service to the nation, as well as, to honor a family or loved one. At convention there will also be opportunity to purchase $1.00 raffle tickets for a couple of fantastic items – one being a framed and triple-matted lithograph print of ‘Legacy & Vision’ and the other a 3’ by 5’ U.S. flag made from spruce by veterans. Our District 1 Legion Family looks forward to seeing you in Astoria at convention!

Each one of you makes a difference to your post and the community in which you live. My sincerest gratitude for your efforts in continuing our legacy into the next century. You are, and remain, a positive reflection of what veterans – Legionnaires – do to make a difference!

Editors Notes

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The months of May and June brings patriotic activities for American Legion Posts to participate in and connect with the publics through media resources of what American Legion members are doing in communities across the Department of Oregon. Our National American Legion webpage www.legion.org/media/publications offers suggested speeches to aid you in your Memorial Day (May 27) and Flag Day (June 14) activities. You can also find National Poppy Day (May 24) information at www.legion.org/poppyday/history. Great opportunity for Public Relations Officers to share Post, Unit, Squadron, Chapter activities with the media. Don’t forget to report your activities in the 2018-2019 Consolidated Post Report (CPR).

The American Legion Public Relations Toolkit states “Serving as a Public Relations Officer for The American Legion is a challenging undertaking. Often you become frustrated because your news releases are not used, and you feel your message is important. That’s a good time to consider writing a letter to the editor or a guest editorial for the local paper. Your local newspaper’s editorial page is another opportunity to excel in telling The American Legion story. A newspaper’s editorial gives the position of the publication’s editorial board, a panel comprised of those responsible for the content of the various sections. Similarly, an op-ed or letter to the editor from a Legion official, states the position of The American Legion on an issue. Every newspaper has its own guidelines for submission of letters to the editor and op-eds. Heed those guidelines which specify the ideal word count, manner of submission and author background. Ensure also that a letter or op-ed is consistent with American Legion policy if someone expressly representing The American Legion, such as someone who uses his or her American Legion title after the name, submits the piece. (Example: Jane Doe, Commander, American Legion Post 00, Someplace, USA.)

It is advantageous to use the editorial page. First, it is a relatively unfiltered means of telling The American Legion story, less of a risk of having your most eloquent statements left out of a regular news story.

Second, it is proactive, a way for you to take The American Legion message to the newspaper instead of depending on someone to assign a reporter to cover the organization. Third, the letter or guest editorial identifies The American Legion in terms of the organization’s legislative agenda, one of the most important considerations that prospective members might have. Most newspapers require letters to the editor and op-eds to be exclusive submissions. They don’t want to publish something another paper prints the day before they do. Keep these efforts exclusive to the newspaper you want to work with.

Generally, a letter to the editor is approximately 200 to 250 words and responds to an item published in a previous edition of the newspaper. It’s short and sweet.

The letters most likely to be published follow a simple structure. The first paragraph states the position of the organization vis-à-vis a perspective revealed in a previous article. The middle section explains the key message points that reinforce the lead paragraph. The final para-

flag day June 14th 2019
Robert Berweger (Blue Shirt) a survivor of the USS Frank E. Evans DD 754’s disaster on June 3rd 1969, presents a memento, a picture from Photographer Bill Frosty, to Legislative Assistant to State Senator Brian J. Boquist, Senate District 12, Peggy L. Boquist.

Major Peggy Boquist U.S. Army (retired) was instrumental in pressing for the SCR #3 resolution honoring Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson who perished in the disaster. She made a comment that as she began to delve into Hodg's background she began to really know him and being a mother herself her compassion became overwhelming. It was obvious to me as I sat in the back, next to Kelly Fitzpatrick, Director of ODVA, listening to her present the resolution to the Senate hearing body. Her compassion rang through.

Take a moment to stare at the black and white photo of the Frank E. Evans DD 754, the stern half is still afloat. That is not a miracle my friends, that is testimony of the brave men battling to save their ship. They put all of their training to work and saved what was left of their ship and crew. To all of the sailors who hated General Quarter's drills, this is why they do it, to save the ship, to save our crew and to sail another day. God bless the men of the USS Frank E. Evans DD 754.

Below is a synopsis of the SCR 3:

**Senate Concurrent Resolution #3, 80th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2019 Regular Session**

Senate Concurrent Resolution #3 recognizes and honors Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson-Hodge and his friends and shipmates, the “Lost 74,” of the USS Frank E. Evans, for their service to their country.

**BACKGROUND:**


He was an excellent Radarman with a great sense of humor, and was highly regarded by his shipmates, who knew him as “Hodge.” He began serving on the destroyer USS Frank E. Evans in 1963, and on June 3, 1969, while the Frank E. Evans was on a Southeast Asia Treaty Organization maneuver, it was struck by the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne. The collision cut the USS Frank E. Evans in half and 74 lives were lost, including Hodge’s. His body was lost at sea.

The Frank E. Evans was deployed in support of the Vietnam War effort, but since it was operating outside of the designated combat zone, the names of the 74 crew members who lost their lives that day are not listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The USS Frank E. Evans Association was formed and began working to honor each of the “Lost 74” in communities in their respective home states. The Rose Garden of The American Legion Post 21 in McMinnville, Oregon, was selected as the location for a memorial to honor Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson and his shipmates.

On July 8, 2017, a dedication ceremony for the memorial was held to remember and honor the brave “Lost 74,” including a gun salute by a color guard. Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson has also been honored by Yamhill County, the City of McMinnville, and with a head stone memorial in Willamette National Cemetery. His name also rightly appears on the Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Senate Concurrent Resolution 3 recognizes and honors Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson-Hodge and his friends and shipmates, the “Lost 74,” of the USS Frank E. Evans, for their service to their country.
JOHN EDWARD KALMBACH was born August 1, 1935 in Hot Lake, Oregon, the son of the late Jesse Nicholas Kalmbach and Marie (Miles) Kalmbach. He was raised in the communities of La Grande, Oregon and later Vanport, Oregon, until his family moved to the Gales Creek community. John attended Gales Creek Elementary School and Forest Grove High School, having been a graduate of the Forest Grove High School Class of 1954.

He was a Veteran of the Korean conflict, having joined the United States Army on October 1, 1954 at Fort Lewis, Washington. John served for two years in the Company C 39th Infantry, until receiving his honorable discharge at the rank of Command Sergeant Major of his Infantry Division.

John was united in marriage to Ellen Marie Duncan on August 27, 2007 in Reno, Nevada. They celebrated their 11th Wedding Anniversary this past August. Following their marriage they made their home in the Banks community.

He had owned and operated K & L Interiors in Aloha for several years. John later owned and operated SWR Construction Company for many years, until he retired.

John was a longtime and active member of the American Legion Post #90 in Banks, serving as the Post Commander for four years. He also served as Department Commander of the American Legion for the State of Oregon from 2009 to 2010. He was also an active member of the Sons of the American Legion - Squadron 104, a longtime member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Roy and a member of the Beaverton Elks Lodge #2440 and a member of the 40 and 8 - Bay Area, E9 Association of Oregon.

Among his special interests, he enjoyed hunting, salmon fishing, golf and horses. He was one of the original members of the Maverick Horse Club in Washington County and the Dory Fleet in Pacific City, Oregon. Within the community, John served as a mentor to our younger citizens by serving as Baseball Coach for ten years, Boy Scout Leader, Honorary Board Member of the Portland Community College and local school board. As a self-employed business man, John found time to serve as President and Chairman of the Floor Covering Association and Chairman of the Floor Covering Association Apprentice Program.

John had a special love for his faithful dog, “Roscoe”.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Edith Kalmbach; his two sisters, Marie Kalmbach and Mary Gobel and his five brothers, Nick Kalmbach, Richard “Dick” Kalmbach, George Kalmbach, Robert “Bob” Kalmbach and Jim Kalmbach.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen Kalmbach, of Banks, OR; his four children and their spouses, Michael Kalmbach, of Cornelius, OR; Karen and Wayne Redding, of China Spring, TX; Roxanne Moultrie, of Portland, OR and Katherine “Bunky” Kalmbach, of Forest Grove, OR; his four stepchildren and their spouses, Rick Baker, of Beaverton, OR; Sharon and David Umbarger, of Hillsboro, OR; Michael and Sally Goodrich, of Forest Grove, OR and Rod Goodrich and Lisa Logan, of Scappoose, OR.

Also surviving are his seven grandchildren, Joshua, Chad and Branson Redding; Robert Kinman; Mark Kalmbach; Mercedes Spencer and Andrew Siemiller; his two great-grandchildren, Emma and Cameron Kinman and numerous step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to the Child Welfare Foundation, c/o of the Oregon American Legion, P.O. Box 1730, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070, in his memory.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 39135 N.W. Harrington Road in Roy, with Fr. Michael Vuky, celebrant. Recitation of the Holy Rosary preceded the Mass at 10:30 A.M. at the church. Burial Rites with Full Military Honors followed on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at the Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 S.E. Mt. Scott Blvd. in Portland, under the direction of the U.S. Army and the American Legion Post #90 in Banks, Oregon.

Family and friends were invited to attend a reception following the church ceremony from 2 PM to 4 PM, to be held at the Forest Grove Elks Lodge P.B.O.E. #2440, 2810 Pacific Avenue in Forest Grove.

**Offices Held**
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- NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL * 2013-2017
- POST COMMANDER 2002-2005
- POST COMMANDER 2016-2017

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PDC, John E. Kalmbach, 83, a longtime resident of the Banks community, transferred to Post Ev-er-lasting on Sunday morning, April 21, 2019 at his home.

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Eva May Schenfeld

Feb 1946- April 2019

Transferred to Post Everlasting on April 23, 2019

Eva May (Street) Schenfeld was born in Downey, California on February 5, 1946 and passed in Oregon City, Oregon on April 23, 2019.

After graduation from Gresham High School, Eva enlisted in the Woman’s Army Corps. She served from 1964 to 1969. In 1985 Eva married her lifelong husband Richard Schenfeld. Eva did not want children of her own but she loved nieces and nephews her step-daughter and grandchildren as if they were her own.

Eva worked for Mailwell Envelope Company, for 30 years and retired from them in 2000.

Eva was a 50 year member of The American Legion where she served in many capacities including Department Sgt. At Arms, Department Asst. Sgt. At Arms, Aide to Commander, District Commander, Post #180 Commander and Adjutant, Post #5 Adjutant.

Eva was also a 50 year Auxiliary member back before being duel was cool of Unit #180.

Eva is survived by Richard Schenfeld; Sisters, Clirean Hobson, and Jane Niswender; long time best friend Brunilda Fernandez; grandchildren Skylar Anderson, Taylor Lerum and Jimmye Lerum; Many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, step daughter and granddaughter.

Service will be held at Willamette National Cemetery on May 7th, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Gathering after will be held at Maple Lane Estates in Rec Room Entrance B 15130 S Maple Ln Rd. Oregon City

Donations in lieu of flowers to be made to: Willamette Falls Post #5 for Post programs P.O. Box 931 Oregon City, Oregon 97045

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P.O. Box 1730
Wilsonville, OR 97070-1730
Resolution No. 1801: Commemorating The 1919 Centralia, Washington Massacre  
Origin: Committee on Americanism  
Submitted by: Committee on Americanism

Whereas, The American Legion will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2019; and,  
Whereas, Veterans Day 2019 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Centralia, Washington Massacre; and,  
Whereas, The American Legion Posts in both Centralia and Chehalis, Washington were victims of this massacre; and,  
Whereas, Four members of The American Legion were slain during the first Armistice (Veterans) Day Parade by armed Bolshevik Subversives; and,  
Whereas, Unarmed Legionnaires stormed and subdued the armed Bolshevik Subversives; and  
Whereas, Chehalis conducts a Veterans Day Parade, Centralia does not; now, therefore, be it Resolved, by Hillsboro Post No. 6, The American Legion, Department of Oregon at its regular meeting on 8 January, 2018 assembled in Hillsboro, Oregon, That as many members as can be mustered shall conduct a motorcade in commemoration of said occurrence and visit the site of the massacre and the monument erected there in honor of our fallen comrades during the 2019 Chehalis, Washington Veterans Day Parade.

This is to certify that this resolution was adopted by the membership of Hillsboro Post No. 6, on the 8th day of January, 2019.

Attest:

David Bogner, Adjutant

Robert Gnos, Commander
Resolution No.: 2019-1  Eagle Scout of the Year award name change Origin: Boy Scout committee
Submitted by: Larry E. Wittmayer, chair, Boy Scout committee

WHEREAS, The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year current requirements state that the nominee must be a registered active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venture Crew chartered by an American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit, or Sons of the American Legion Squadron; or, be a registered active member of a duly chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire, American Legion Auxiliary, or Son of The American Legion member; and, (1) received the Eagle Scout Award, (2) be an active member of his religious institution and have received the appropriate religious emblem; (3) demonstrate practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and community; and, (4) reached his fifteenth birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection; and,

WHEREAS, The American Legion voiced its support of the Boy Scouts of America at its first convention in 1919, making it the first recognized national youth activity of The American Legion; and,

WHEREAS, the current eligibility requirements are gender oriented toward male Scouts; and,

WHEREAS, Scouting has evolved into a co-educational program encouraging females to join all phases of the program; and,

WHEREAS, the Summit Award in Venturing and the Quartermaster Award in Sea Scouting are on equal par with the Eagle Scout Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED the award and scholarship known as the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year be changed to be known as “The American Legion Top Scouting Award of the Year Scholarship”; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the eligibility will be extended to the female gender also of the Scouts BSA program, the Venture program, and the Sea Scout program; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that these changes in scope and eligibility become effective upon adoption at the 101st American Legion National Convention, August 23-29, in Indianapolis, Indiana.
101st Annual Department Convention
Astoria, Oregon
June 26-29, 2019

Resolution No.: 2019-2 Archery as a Junior Shooting Sport

Origin: Junior Shooting Sports Committee

Submitted by: Oregon Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Oregon supports junior shooting sports; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion definition of Junior Shooting sports is” The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition. Shooters use the .177 caliber air rifle. Both males and females can participate, through Legion sponsorship; disabled youth are encouraged to join as competitive shooting is a sport that creates an equal playing field for all competitors.”; and

WHEREAS, archery is a fast growing shooting sports program that covers many disciplines for Olympic style archery to hunting; and

WHEREAS, this leaves many children and youth out of a shooting sports program; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, at The American Legion annual convention, Astoria, Oregon, June 26-29 2019, adopt Archery as a Junior Shooting Sports program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect upon its adoption.
Resolution No.: 2019-3 Archery as a Junior Shooting Sport - National

Origin: Junior Shooting Sports Committee

Submitted by: Oregon Americanism Commission

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

- Eligible Through Name of Veteran (living, must be American Legion member)
- American Legion Member ID Number
- Veteran's American Legion Post Name
- Post #
- City
- State
- Veteran served: (check all that apply)
  - WWI (1914-1919)
  - Vietnam (2/28/61-5/75)
  - Afghanistan (7/20/01-)
  - War/Peace Time (6/22/40-6/21/45)
  - Korea (6/27/50-1/31/55)
  - WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
  - Gulf War (8/2/90-8/2/09)
  - Foreign Service (8/2/82-7/31/84)
  - Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - only eligibility)

- Applicant's relationship to the veteran:
  - Mother
  - Wife
  - Grandmother
  - Sister
  - Self
  - Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter, etc.)

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Date

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- Name
- Address
- City
- State
- ZIP
- Home phone
- Cell phone
- Email
- Unit # and Location
- Date of Birth
- Birthday
- 18 and older
- Have you been a member previously? Yes/No

**Signatures**
- Signature of Parent/Grandparent
- Signature of Applicant (on legal guardian fund #18)

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary department/state headquarters.

Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department address go to: www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state_headquarters.

Dues include a yearly non-refundable deduction of $3.00 for American Legion Auxiliary magazine.

Membership pending approval of application.

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- 18 and older
- Have you been a member previously? Yes/No

**Signatures**
- Signature of Parent/Grandparent
- Signature of Applicant (on legal guardian fund #18)

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to: The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit www.sons.org.

**AMERICAN LEGION AID TO VETERANS – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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- Signature of Applicant (on legal guardian fund #18)

Mail completed application to American Legion Aid to Veterans department/state headquarters.

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