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The VFW's oldest active member receives Gold Legacy Life membership

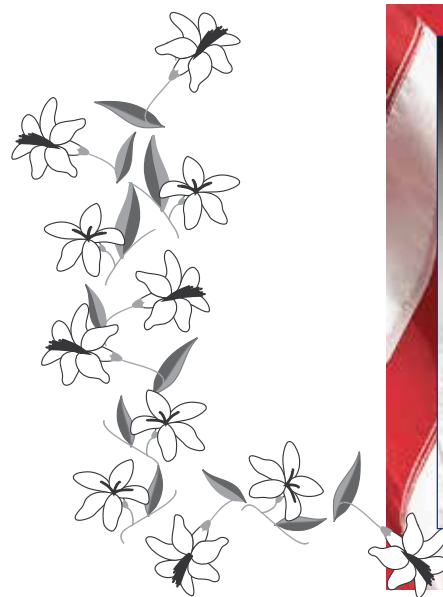


Post Quartermaster Austin Bromley, from Post 6697 in Darby, Montana was identified as the VFW's oldest active member. The VFW considers an active member as an officer at any level. Once identified the word went out to our Posts and the Posts donated the funds needed to make him a Gold Legacy life member.

At a small ceremony held in Stevensville on 15 October he was presented with his new membership card. Audie as he likes to be called was surprised and humbled by the gesture made by our Posts from around Montana. Congratulations go out to this deserving Quartermaster.

The Passing of one of our Past State Commanders

Five Past State Commanders gathered to celebrate the life of Past State Commander Jerry Collins. These five Past State Commanders assembled in Wolf Point, Montana on a chilly morning this Fall to lay to rest Jerry Collins. Jerry was the Montana State Commander in 1988-1989. Jerry was a friend to all that came in contact with him and he will truly be missed.



Jerry Collins

Deadlines

All articles and pictures have to be into Department Headquarters on or before the following dates for the next three issues of **The Montana Veteran**.

February 15, 2021 Apr-May-June-July
 June 15, 2021 Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov
 October 15, 2021 Dec-Jan-Feb-Mar

Coming Events

MID-WINTER | JANUARY 23, 2021 | GREAT FALLS
DISTRICT 1 | APR 3 | PLAINS, MT
DISTRICT 5 | APR 10 | PLENTYWOOD, MT
DISTRICT 6 | APR 11 | MILES, MT
DISTRICT 4 | APR 17 | DEER LODGE, MT
DISTRICT 3 | APR 24 | WORDEN, MT
DISTRICT 2 | MAY 1 | GREAT FALLS, MT

COMMANDER'S REPORT



HAROLD "BUSTER" WHEELER

Comrades,
Greetings to one and all I hope all are in good health. We just finished all the Fall District meetings and I would like to thank all the host Posts that had different obstacles to overcome to pull it off and every member for taking the time out of their schedules to attend the meetings. You have no idea how proud I am of each and every one of you for the hard work and sacrifices you have endured to get your post to achieve 100% in membership. With the COVID-19 not slowing down I can only imagine how hard it is to get your members to renew with everything on their minds. I encourage you, especially this year if your posts can to use the moneys that you got for your life members to reinvest it back into membership. Let your members know you

care about them and give them a free year. Our membership team is always there to help you any way they can just contact Tim, or Jack. As of this writing we have 39 posts and District 2 that have achieved 100 percent in membership. Every post that is 100% is put into a drawing and one post will receive \$1,000.00 and I know that your District could use an extra \$400 and you can get it by getting to 100% in membership by December 31st. I know I preach membership a lot and it's probably because I hang out with my Chief of Staff Jack but membership is our core without membership we would not be able to address Congress every year and fight for what we have earned and they keep trying to take away from us and plus its membership that keeps our Posts alive. I am looking forward to get out there and visit with all of you. Stay well and if there is anything I can do or Tim and Jack please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Harold (Buster) Wheeler
State Commander

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



RON MERWIN

Comrades, there just isn't much to report. The COVID-19 seems to be the only topic and it continues to run our lives, cancelling events and limiting attendance at those that aren't cancelled. I am looking forward to Western Fall Conference in Cheyenne WY, Veterans Day in Butte for the dedication of Southwest Montana Veterans home and finally Midwinter on January 23 at Great Falls. Hope to see a good turnout there. Finally, stay safe, be sure and vote and have a good fall season. Good luck if you are a hunter.

Ron Merwin, State Sr. Vice Commander

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



JEFF SCHEPP

Comrades,
As I write this today looking out the office window and seeing all the snow we got this past weekend winter has arrived too early. Hope all of you and your family and friends are doing well and staying safe. With only a handful of days before the elections let's all remember to get those ballots sent in or vote in person. Every vote matters I would like to recognize Jack Hawley and Tim Peters

both are in the top ten in the nation for new members recruited to the VFW. Jack is number one with 79 new members and Tim is number 10 with 32 new members. Great job to both of them and thanks Montana is sitting at number three in world right now at 93.222% our goal as a state was to be at 100% by December 31 2020. Montana only needs little over 500 new members or paid members to be at 100% with 2 1/2 months left I know we can be at a 100%. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-winter. Until then stay safe!!

Jeff Schepp
State Jr Vice Commander



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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



JIM PORTER

Greetings Comrades, Fellow Officers, and Auxiliary members, Annie & I pray that you are doing well, staying clean & healthy, and free of the COVID – 19. For any of you that do not know it, it can be passed to dogs as well. I am not sure about cats, but I did read that it can be passed to your 4 – legged kids in the household.

Now on to serious business. All the District meetings are over by now. So now, for myself and several other fellow department officers, its off to Cheyenne, WY. for the Western Conference. In case you do not know it, I am in the running for Western Conference Chaplain. From what I understand, there is a Comrade from Oregon and one from Washington that I am running against. Now I do not know anything about these other two gentlemen, but most of you will agree, (I hope) that I am very well qualified and experienced in my position. So if any of you want to say a little prayer on my behalf, please, feel free. I need all the help I can get. {No sarcastic remarks would be appreciated} When we get back, we should have quite a bit of info for everyone at the Mid-Winter at Post 1087, on January 23, 2021.

There is no use in telling you all to get out and vote. By the time you are reading this, all of this political stuff will be over for four more years. I realize we have to have elections, and, thank God, it is our “hard fought for right” to get out and vote. This just seems like it has been an unusually long build-up. Anyway, whatever decision we all make, we are going to have to live with it for at least four more years.

I would sincerely like to remind everyone once again, please. If you have any sickness, illness, or deaths in your post, district, or family, please let me know so I can get an appropriate card on the way.

May you all stay healthy, happy, as we would much rather talk to you than read about you. Take care everyone, and My God Bless each of you & your families.

Jim Porter
State Chaplain

NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT



JACK HAWLEY

Comrades,

Not a whole lot has happened with the National Council so I will use my space to talk to you about membership. I enjoyed the District meetings, and we also attended a District Zoom meeting for District 5 even though the turnout was small it worked and we even had Jim Layton on line from some remote area overseas at his deployed location. Membership is doing great and I/we appreciate all the posts that have done their part and got the members renewed (extended), reinstated, or new. We are currently at 92.88% and my personal goal is to be 95% by the time we go to the Western Conference in Wyoming on 4-8

November. Keep pushing to get your members to extend their membership. We have 32 posts that are 100% in membership. I suggested to the posts I addressed at the District meetings to use your money you received for your posts life membership and reinvest it back into membership especially now when your members could use a free year of membership so that they can get back on their feet after this COVID-19. We have endured for 8 months so far with no relief in sight. Keep up the great work your posts are doing and always remember we cannot survive without membership and each and every ones hard work and dedication. If you need anything please contact me at jack.hawley.1@us.af.mil or jack.hawley.1@icloud.com Or Call me at 899-3973 cell phone or 731-6003 work.

Jack Hawley
National Council Member

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MEMBER INCENTIVES

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
	\$400	\$800	\$1200
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Lapel Pin	●	●	●
Hat Pin	●	●	●
Distinctive Emblem & Supply Line for Legacy Life Members	●	●	●
Framed Certificate for Legacy Life Membership	●	●	●
Recognition on Internet & Convention Program	●	●	●
Recognition at Kiosks at Memorial Building in Washington, D.C. and Museum at National Headquarters	●	●	●
Special Plaque	●	●	●
Hat Patch	●	●	●
Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza	●	●	●
Emblem & Supply Discounts (For Personal Use Only)	5%	10%	15%
Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance	\$2000	\$3500	\$5000
Annual Endowment: Post	\$6	\$12	\$18
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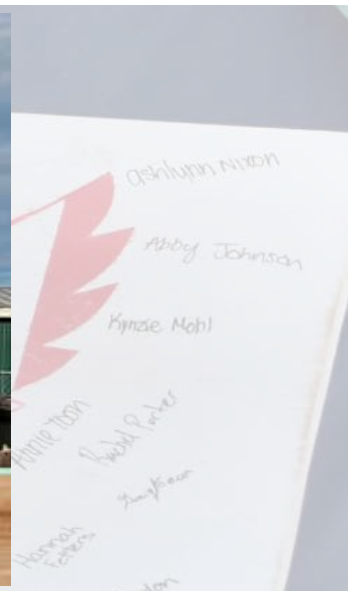
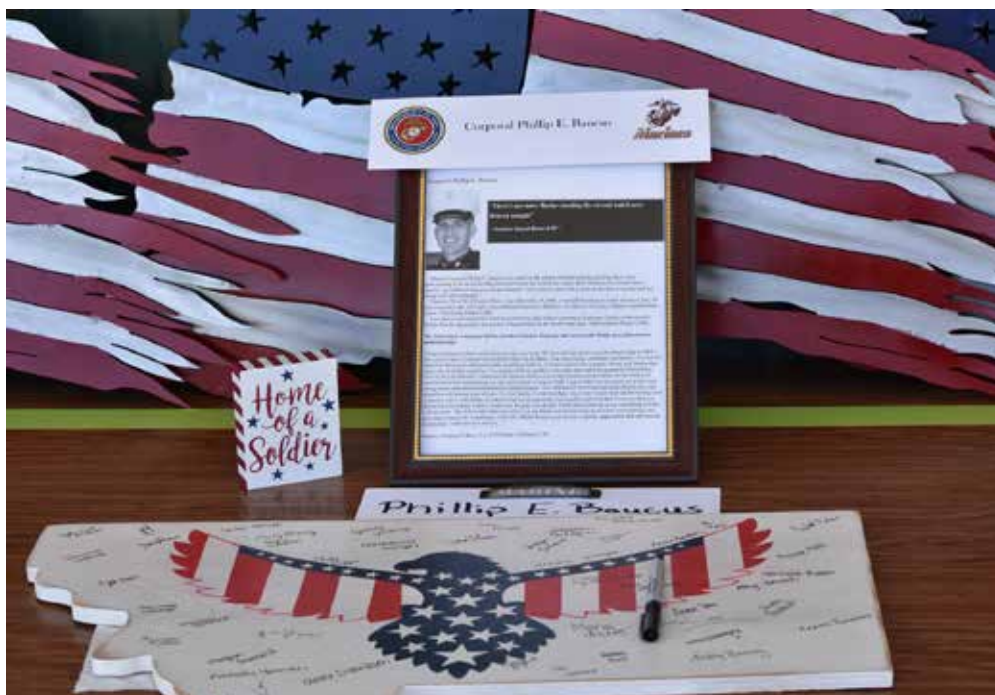
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7TH ANNUAL VETERANS MEMORIAL SOFTBALL CLASSIC

In spite of COVID restrictions, VFW Post 12112 received approval for our operation of our 7th Annual Veterans Memorial Softball Classic from the Gallatin City-County Health Board and Superintendent of Belgrade Schools Godfrey Saunders. On August 7th & 8th the softball classic was executed and nearly 60 high school softball players from across the state of Montana and their families descended on the Belgrade High School Softball Complex to participate in the 2-day tournament honoring Montana's fallen. The Phillip Baucus Marines Team dominated this year's event going 4-0 over the weekend. Honored at the event this year was Marine Corporal Phillip Baucus of Helena, Robert Green a Navy Corpsman from Harlem, Gail Moore Jr. an Army Air Corp Pilot from Bozeman, Ronald Albright and Air Force Airmen 1st Class of Bozeman, and Morris Beeson a Coast Guard Engineman of Louisiana (the last of 7 Coast Guardsmen that were killed in Vietnam).

The Marines team picture is attached. Also attached is a picture of Adjutant/ Quartermaster and tournament founder/organizer Jim Matter Jr. with Len Albright the nephew of Ronald Albright. Pictures of Phillip Baucus' and Robert Green's memorial displays as well as the entire display. A picture of Robert Green Jr. and his mother Shirley Getten, Robert Green's Gold Star son and widow. Robert Green Jr. was only six weeks old when his father deployed to Vietnam. In the picture titled scholarship, from left to right is Post 12112 Sr. Vice Commander Bobby Crowe, Al Bloem, Gold Star Father of our pos's and the scholarship's namesake, and Post 12112 Commander Jon Williams. Accepting one of the three \$1,000 scholarship awards presented on the weekend, in the #10 Coast Guard Jesey is Allee Meyer of Glacier High in Kalispell.

Here is a link to a video of the opening ceremony and highlights of game play throughout the weekend. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W_VN0RlZSg4gGwaGSab87VLJgM-eMIAU/view?usp=drive_web



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276	Richard	L	Gaertner	
497	Robert	J	De France	
497	Clint	L	Dumas	
497	Willard	J	Langlois	
497	John		Mc Intosh	
497	Rod	R	Oberg	
1087	Chris	k	Johnson	
1087	Ronald	E	LaCoss	
1087	William		Sullivan	
1116	Richard	A	Juvik	
1116	Eugene	H	Olson	
1125	Phillip		Siegle	
1125	Paul		Winhofer	
1448	David	L	Farris	
1507	James	G	Shockley	
1507	Ronald	E	Smith	
1548	John	C	Chewning	
1548	Richard	E	Darsow	
1548	Karl	L	Priest	
1579	David	D	Dinardi	
1579	Iggie		Grywusiewicz	
1579	John	P	Grywusiewicz	
1634	Michael	D	Morgan	
2154	Richard	F	Grundmeier	
2252	Justin	M	Brewer	
2252	Marlin	J	Metcalf	
2484	Robert		Appley	
2484	Thomas	R	Chisholm	
3107	Leon	E	Doucette	
3107	Kenneth	C	Hansen	
3107	Larry	L	Kwasney Jr	
3177	Jerry	E	Cooney	
3177	Henry		Kaiser	
3596	John	E	Basham	
4067	Timothy	F	Allen	
4744	Charles		Brekke	
4813	Wendell	H	Pawlowski	
5652	Robert	L	Todd	
6774	Kelly	D	Besel	
6774	William	F	Moen	
6774	Eugene	G	Shima	
6786	Leo	A	Howe	
6786	Arthur	R	Howell	
6786	John	C	Mueller	
6786	Darrell	J	Pitman	
7481	Bill		Gardner Jr	
10010	Roger	D	Duel	
15027	Henry	A	Hendrickson	
15027	Donald	M	Russell	

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Post 4109 Presented With Diamond Jubilee Award

State Jr. Vice Jeff Schepp presents Post 4109 with a citation for their Post being 75 years old.



Post 276 Selected As National Community Service Award Post

Tim Peters and State Sr. Vice Ron Merwin presents Post 276 Commander with a plaque for being selected as National Community Service Award Post.



<p>WHITEFISH POST 276 Meeting 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Post and Auxiliary Club Room open 9:00 a.m. to ? 7 days a week</p>	<p>BLACK EAGLE POST 4669 Post Meetings – 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Club open daily at 12:00 p.m. Mon-Sat Lounge – Banquet Hall – Meeting Room Bowling Center, 2332 Smelter Ave. 453-4736</p>	<p>DAN ARNOLD DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday 406-452-2265 600 Central Plaza, Suite 300 • Great Falls, MT 59401</p>
<p>GREAT FALLS POST 1087 Meeting 2nd Thursday each month 6:00 p.m. Chicken & Steak Dinner – 3rd Sunday Breakfast Every Sunday – 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>POLSON POST 2986 Post & Auxiliary Meeting 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m. Club open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. 5th and Main in Polson</p>	<p>PONY VFW POST 3831 AND MOC PUP TENT #24 Post Meetings 2nd Saturday 1:00 p.m. at Pony Bar Members and Guests Welcome</p>
<p>LIBBY POST 1548 Meetings 1st Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bingo every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Club open daily at 12:00 Noon to 2:00 a.m. 7 days a week</p>	<p>KALISPELL POST 2252 Post Meets 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Breakfast available for purchase. 3rd Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lounge open 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Daily Come in and enjoy Flathead Camaraderie</p>	<p>BOZEMAN POST 903 121 W. Main (406) 577-2155 Meeting 3rd Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Club House Open 12 Noon - 11 p.m. daily Members and Guests Welcome</p>
<p>BIGFORK POST 4042 AND AUXILIARY VFW Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month/same time Auxiliary Meeting 1st Wednesday of the month Steak Night – 3rd Wednesday of the month</p>	<p>EUREKA POST 6786 Post Meeting 1st Tuesday – 6:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 1st Tuesday – 1:30 p.m. Club open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.</p>	<p>MISSOULA POST 209 Post Meeting 2nd Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 2nd Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Visit the Montana Military Museum At historic Fort Harrison, just west of Helena. Telling Montana's Military History and Recognizing Montanans For Their Service! For more information write to: Fort William Henry Harrison Museum Foundation & Montana Military Museum ATTN: Museum Director/Curator P.O. Box 125, Fort Harrison, MT 59636-0125 E-mail: myfun51@msn.com – 406-324-3550</p>	<p>EAST HELENA POST 10010 Post Meeting, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meetings, 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m. (April-Sept.) 2:00 p.m. (Oct.-March) Club Open from 11:00 a.m. to ? Stop By and Enjoy Our Smoke Free Club</p>	<p>TROY VFW POST 5514 Post Meeting, 2nd Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. Auxiliary Meeting, 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Jr. Girls Meeting, 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>GLASGOW POST 3107 AND AUXILIARY 1222 Highway 2 West Meeting 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Canteen open 2:00 p.m. to ?, Mon-Sat</p>	<p>PLENTYWOOD POST 4018 AND VETERAN'S CLUB Post Meeting 1st Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. American Legion Post 58 Meeting 2nd Monday – 8:00 p.m. Club Hours 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">e-Edition</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Same format as our printed edition. You can view current editions as well as back issues of the <i>Montana Veteran</i> on our website at vfwmt.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Montana Veteran Department of Montana VFW c/o Tim Peters P.O. Box 4789 Fort Harrison, MT 59636</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Montana Veteran is produced at American Publishing LLC Jenny DeBack, Owner americanpublishing8482@gmail.com</p> </div>
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<p>SIDNEY POST 4099 Meeting 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Club open daily 10:00 a.m. to Midnight Closed Sunday Phone: 433-9982</p>	<p>BILLINGS POST 1634 4242 State Ave. Post Meeting 1st Monday at 7 p.m. Kitchen Open Tuesday-Sunday Canteen Open 10:00 a.m. - Close</p>	
	<p>LEWISTOWN POST 1703 Post Meeting 3rd Monday – 7:00 p.m. Basement – American Legion Club</p>	

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<p>Option #1 Pharmacy (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refill 2. Renewal 3. Anticoag 4. Staff <p>**Refill Option is available 24 hours.</p>	<p>Option #2 Central Scheduling (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>Option #3 Mental Health (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appointments 2. Crisis Nurse 3. Staff <p>**If crisis nurse is needed after 4:30 p.m., call 406-442-6410</p>	<p>Option #4 VA Clinics (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Missoula, Kalispell, Cut Bank 2. Great Falls, Lewistown, Havre 3. Fort Harrison, Anaconda, Bozeman 4. Billings, Miles City, Glendive
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