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TIMOTHY C. PETERS
JR. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SELECT FOR
2024



Our own State Adjutant/Quartermaster, Tim Peters was successful in his bid to become our national commander in 2026-2027. At the national convention in Phoenix this July, Tim Peters was elected as the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Select for 2024. That means that next July he will be the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

After 4 long years campaigning around the Western Conference he was able to gain the support of more than half of the delegates in attendance during the election. Having now been elected, Tim will ascend the chairs each year until he becomes the Commander-in-Chief in July, 2026.

The Department of Montana would like to congratulate Tim on being elected and wish him well as he goes through the chairs. Tim will not be leaving us; he will remain as our State Adjutant/Quartermaster for the rest of the year and then we will elect a new Quartermaster at the state convention in Miles City in June 2024. After that he will be traveling back and forth from Montana, he will still be living in Helena.

It is such a great honor to have another Commander-in-Chief from Montana. Montana has had three other Commander-in-Chiefs in the past. Robert Merrill from Post 1087 in Great Falls 1942-1943, John Mahan from Post 1116 in Helena 1958-1959 and Tom Pouliot also from Post 1116 in Helena 1998-1999. Having 4 Chiefs from Montana says a lot about the quality of members here in Montana. The next time you see Tim congratulate him and wish him well.

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*.

October 15, 2023 Dec-Jan-Feb-Mar
 February 15, 2024 Apr-May-June-July
 June 15, 2024 Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov

Coming Events 2023

DISTRICT 4		AUG 26		BOZEMAN, MT		09:00-11:00
DISTRICT 6		SEPT 9		MILES CITY, MT		10:00-12:00
DISTRICT 5		SEPT 10		PLENTYWOOD, MT		10:00-12:00
DISTRICT 2		SEPT 16		LEWISTOWN, MT		08:00-10:00
DISTRICT 1		SEPT 23		TROY, MT		08:00-10:00
DISTRICT 3		OCT 7		WORDEN, MT		08:00-10:00
WESTERN CONFERENCE NOV 2-5 SALT LAKE CITY						

COMMANDER'S REPORT



JIM LAYTON

Comrades,

I am both honored and humbled to be entrusted with being your State Commander for the 2023-2024 year and I am proud to be a member of the Department of Montana, Veterans of Foreign Wars. We had an excellent 101st State Convention and I would like to thank Lion Mountain Post 276 for all their hard work in preparing and making it such a wonderful event for this department to come together, build camaraderie, and conduct the business of our department.

I would like to leave a few thoughts with you as we head into this new VFW year. On the VFW website you can find our purpose as an organization summarized in the mission statement there inscribed. "To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans."

The first of this three-point mission statement is "to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts." What is camaraderie? It is team bonding and a sense of belonging. Often, we come to our meetings and there are too many empty chairs among us. As I see it, the only chairs in our halls should be the chairs reserved at the POW/MIA table, and even those I wish to God were filled. They are not able to be here anymore, but we are. Too many of our fellow service members gave the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and too many more succumb to the demons that follow them back from the battlefield. Many come home and are suddenly thrust back into civilian life and find themselves without the team that they built a unique bond with. Well, here is that team. Let us not be too timid to reach out and invite them to be part of this team and continue to perpetuate the ideals of this organization.

The second point is "to serve our veterans, the military and our communities." Comrades, service is part of who we are. There is a reason that our time in the Armed Forces is referred to as a term of service. That is why I chose for these years focus and motto "Make Service Your Legacy."

Each of us took an oath when we entered the armed forces, and we carry with us still that same oath and obligation. It did not end when we separated from the military. Our fellow veterans and communities still stand in need of citizens of good character to stand up and render assistance where it is needed. We did not get here by happenstance; others paved the way for us through their service and now it is our turn to pick up the torch and carry it forward. I may not know the names and faces of those who came before me, but I remember the service they rendered. Likewise, years from now others may not remember our names or our faces, but I promise you they will remember the service we render to them.

Years ago, I had a mentor and leader who encouraged us to set long- and short-term goals and then conduct a self-assessment at the end of each week to see how we did on achieving those goals. He stated that the last question we should ask ourselves during our self-assessment should be "is it better because I was here." He meant for us to gauge how we have improved the quality of life of those around us and ourselves. That is our legacy of service, as veterans we have benefited by the service of those who came before us. The freedoms we enjoy and the benefits we receive were not granted easily, they were hard won, and we now stand on this path to continue the perpetuation of that service and legacy.

Lastly, the mission statement reads "to advocate for all veterans." Notice it states all veterans. Those who gave the ultimate sacrifice can no longer use their own voice to advocate for themselves, we must be their voice. Likewise, there are many who have come back who cannot advocate for themselves because they do not know how or where to start. Here is where they can start, we must be fervent in gathering our fellow veterans into our organization because our voices are stronger together than they are apart.

The bar has been raised in our organization comrades; we cannot afford to be idle as we strive to fulfill our mission. Incoming Commander-In-Chief Duane Sarmiento has set the bar for membership at 102% for each department, district, and post. I will be the first to say this is not an easy goal, but I do believe it is an achievable goal, and I am confident that we as a department will achieve that goal. That we will rise to meet the challenge not just for a number, but to ensure that more of our fellow veterans are among us to build camaraderie and to add their voices to our own.

**"Make Service
Your Legacy"**



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SR. VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



Lonnie Johnson

First of all, I want to say thank you to the members of the Department of Montana. Thank you for entrusting me as your State Senior Vice-Commander for the next year. My term as your Junior Vice-Commander went so fast, I can't believe it came to an end. I look forward to assisting Commander Layton in achieving his goals this next year. Traveling the State this last year, I learned one important lesson, structure. Every Post no matter how big or small must have some kind of structure in order to succeed. Without it, it seems everything tends to turn into chaos. I encourage all of us to utilize the Podium Edition as much as

possible and do not forget Robert's Rules. Sometimes what takes 3 hours in a meeting could have been accomplished in 30 minutes had the meeting followed some sort of structure. All in all, I look forward to traveling the State again this year and doing my part for our great organization. And don't forget, Be Visible!

JR. VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



Heather Allen

Comrades,

Thank you all your faith in me and the support you gave me as I campaigned across the state. I am honored that you elected me as your Department Jr. Vice Commander for the ensuing year. That being said, I will do what I can to serve your post and its needs to the best of my ability.

For those of you who attended the convention, you heard me tell you that my mission, as I go through the chairs, is to find out the goals of every post and help you achieve them. Dream big! If you need a building, write that down. If you want to renovate the building you have, write that down. If you just want to pay off all debts your post has, that can be

your goal. Start a list now of all goals, wants, and needs because I will start contacting each and every post to learn what those are so I can start formulating a plan to make it all happen. I believe if each post achieves their goals, that would help involve the community as well as bring more Veterans to the post as potential members.

The sooner I know your goals, the sooner we can formulate a plan to accomplish them. Please send your wants and needs for the post to me at vfww3596@gmail.com or call me at 406-240-8444.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



Mike Pryor

Greetings and blessings to all! First, I would like to thank the Montana VFW members for their support and trust in me for another year as your State Chaplain. It was a pleasure to serve you last year and am looking forward to doing more this year. I enjoy chatting with all of you and having an opportunity to catch up with many people during the convention. I heard nothing but positive comments about this year's memorial as it was much different than years past. We again lost many folks, and it is good to memorialize them in a fitting way.

You know by now Post Chaplains are no longer elected, but instead appointed. Some Posts are losing members at an alarming rate and members may have to wear more than one hat. You can only hold one elected office so you may have to do two positions, one being appointed. Also, a bylaw change allows the chaplain to make the decision whether or not to uncover during a prayer. This has caused concerns to some. I suggest you talk with your members before you make any changes to your rituals.

This year, I would like to continue with one of my themes. That is the importance of family and how we must remember them. When a comrade has passed, family members need the support of all. Not just with a "sorry to hear" the next time we see them. District and Post Chaplains and Post Service Officers must work together to ensure spouses and/or children know their loved one will be respectfully remembered. The same should be done when a family member is sick or dies. Contact your comrade and offer them your support.

I'm sure you have heard me say many times Chaplains should become more involved. Take the time to send a card whenever appropriate. Follow up with a phone call to let them know you care. The VFW is a family, and we should care for everyone. I will certainly send cards to comrades when informed.

We begin a new year soon. It will be challenging, exciting and more action verbs we can ever imagine. Membership will be playing a big role. Involvement is absolutely important. Most importantly we have our own lives, and we all need to live them. Let's work together and make this year the best. As always, keep me informed of your members and how I can help your District or Post. Thank you for your support in the upcoming year.

State Auxiliary President's Message



As the 2022-2023 year comes to an end everyone needs to look back on what you have accomplished for our Veterans, military service personnel and their families and be proud of what you have done. Remember the commitment doesn't end it's a never-ending commitment, because more and more Veterans, military service personnel and their families will still be needing our help.

We had a great State Convention with National Conductress Donna Mills. Lots of certificates and awards were given out and our new Officers for 2023-2024 were elected and installed.

We have helped the VFW Post fight the front lines to pass legislation that helps Veterans, military service personnel and their families. We have raised money for the Montana Homestead at National Home, Scholarships and so many other programs the VFW has to offer. We did an excellent job this year in helping our Veterans, military service personnel and their families.

In the words of Margaret Mead, cultural anthropologist, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

So, in closing I would like to say remember to Bridge the Gap! Through Honor, Respect, and Integrity, work as a Team we to make Montana VFW and Auxiliary strong. Thank you all for a great Year.

With sincere appreciation,
Tamee Havrilla,
Your State Auxiliary President



National Auxiliary Conductress Donna Mills speaks to the members of the VFW at the State Convention held in Whitefish, MT 14-17 June 2023



National Auxiliary Conductress Donna Mills and State Auxiliary President Tamee Havrilla at the State Convention.



What is a Legacy Life Member?

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 contributions 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 3 prestigious 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 will feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are helping not only today's veterans but the veterans of tomorrow. Future generations will know and remember you for the sacrifices you've made during your time in uniform in addition to the contributions you've made as a VFW Legacy Life Member. 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. If you are a life member and are interested in this program simply contact your Department Headquarters at (406)324-3992 for an application.

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	\$400	\$800	\$1200
Plated Engraved Life Member Card	●	●	●
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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
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Annual Endowment: Dept.	\$6	\$12	\$18



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Henry F. Hanson	Gold Post 5159	Steve Page	Bronze Post 3107
Lloyd G. Heinselman	Gold Post 5159	Leon H. Pearce	Bronze Post 3107
Victor Holmberg	Gold Post 5159	Harold A. Potter*	Bronze Post 3107
Robert L. Jackson II	Gold Post 5159	Marvin L. Potter*	Bronze Post 3107
Howell K. Joiner	Gold Post 5159	James Scot Renville	Bronze Post 3107
Thomas W. Magera	Gold Post 5159	LeRoy R. Stein*	Bronze Post 3107
Zachary Malinak	Gold Post 5159	Manley L. Tiffany*	Bronze Post 3107
Alan J. McCoy	Gold Post 5159	Edwin M. Yohn	Bronze Post 3107
Daniel M. Oberlander	Gold Post 5159	Adam R. Zamborowski	Bronze Post 3107
Stephen M. Sedladko	Gold Post 5159	Edwin M. Zamborowski	Bronze Post 3107
Victor J. Stobie	Gold Post 5159	Raymond L. Middleton	Bronze Post 3596
Jerry A. Sutton	Gold Post 5159	Danny S. Albrecht	Bronze Post 4099
Charles B. Theademan	Gold Post 5159	Everett E. Crum Jr.	Bronze Post 4099
Joel W. Thomas	Gold Post 5159	Troy H. Garza	Bronze Post 4099
Clifford S. Tolman	Gold Post 5159	Joe M. Halversen*	Bronze Post 4099
James L. Wellington	Gold Post 5159	Louie A. Kuylen*	Bronze Post 4099
Clayton H. White	Gold Post 5159	Harold E. Lorenz*	Bronze Post 4099
Ted H. Wilburn	Gold Post 5159	Eugene N. Ronningen	Bronze Post 4099
D. B. Zimmer	Gold Post 5159	Stanley K. Rosaaen	Bronze Post 4099
Juan E. Santos Jr.	Gold Post 5514	Lawrence R. Trout	Bronze Post 4099
John C. Fay	Gold Post 5652	Vernon E. Wilson*	Bronze Post 4099
Ronald J. Merwin	Gold Post 5652	James H. Yeagley III	Bronze Post 4099
David M. Oberwegner	Gold Post 5652	Paul L. Holmgren*	Bronze Post 4762
Austin W. Bromley	Gold Post 6697	Alfred J. Adolph*	Bronze Post 4925
Charles M. Carroll*	Gold Post 6774	Daniel C. Barta	Bronze Post 4925
John T. Freetty*	Gold Post 6774	Jack L. Burger*	Bronze Post 4925
Paul R. Harper	Gold Post 6774	Loren R. Erbe*	Bronze Post 4925
Thomas F. Kelly	Gold Post 6774	John G. Liggett*	Bronze Post 4925
John C. Lattimer*	Gold Post 6774	Paul R. Meged*	Bronze Post 4925
Russell H. Mobraaten*	Gold Post 6774	Douglas H. Parrott	Bronze Post 4925
David C. Redmon	Gold Post 6774	Henry A. Plott*	Bronze Post 4925
Robert J. Sutton	Gold Post 6774	Wayne H. Moser*	Bronze Post 5514
Howard J. Aemisegger	Gold Post 6786	Paul G. Metzger*	Bronze Post 5652
Ken J. Bartells	Gold Post 6786	George O. Stonehocker*	Bronze Post 5652
Jerret Bratton	Gold Post 6786	Gordon L. Ewell	Bronze Post 6774
Francis E. Croucher	Gold Post 6786	Will D. Juhl	Bronze Post 6774
Ken R. Utter	Gold Post 6786	Clifford E. Schleusner*	Bronze Post 6774
Melody J. Weldon	Gold Post 6786	Terry Beezley	Bronze Post 6786
Richard N. Weldon	Gold Post 6786	Stanley A. Burns	Bronze Post 6786

Legacy Life Honor Roll continued

James H. Follensbee*	Bronze Post 6786	Robert J. Clemo	Bronze Post 10010
Leo A. Howe*	Bronze Post 6786	Timothy R. Graff	Bronze Post 10010
Cory J. Hildebrand	Bronze Post 6786	Melvin V. Johnson*	Bronze Post 10010
J. P. Hume*	Bronze Post 6786	Steven Z. Larson	Bronze Post 10010
Patrick L. McKeever	Bronze Post 6786	Eugene E. Olson*	Bronze Post 10010
John C. Mueller*	Bronze Post 6786	Dale A. Person*	Bronze Post 10010
Thomas H. Price	Bronze Post 6786	Robert J. Russ*	Bronze Post 10010
Francis L. Utter*	Bronze Post 6786	Kale J. Schmidt	Bronze Post 10010
Dale F. Wassmann	Bronze Post 7311	Timothy J. Sowa	Bronze Post 10010
Robert M. Stout	Bronze Post 7407	George C. Stump Jr.*	Bronze Post 10010
Paul E. Coble*	Bronze Post 8292	Joseph E. Wagner	Bronze Post 10010
Mark R. Drake	Bronze Post 8292	Steven E. Walraven	Bronze Post 10010
Zane G. Murfitt	Bronze Post 8292	Art J. Alvarado	Bronze Post 12181
James G. Prusa	Bronze Post 8292	Vern L. McCants	Bronze Post 12181
Zachariah C. Bain	Bronze Post 10010	Clayton H. Dethlefsen	Bronze Post 15027
Frank L. Belgarde III	Bronze Post 10010	Roy E. Jordan*	Bronze Post 15027
John R. Buckley*	Bronze Post 10010		
James H. Clark	Bronze Post 10010		

* Deceased

Total 303

VFW Post 4925

On 17 June 2023 Musselshell Valley Post 4925 Roundup held the Rededication Ceremony of their newly upgraded War Memorial. The idea the War Memorial was originated in 1994 and was dedicated 15 October, 1997. This new project took three years to complete and with and without the help of the community and all the donations of time, labor, cash and materials this would not have happened.



National Jr. CIC Al Lipphardt and State Commander Jeff Schepp at the 101st VFW State Convention hosted by Post 276 Whitefish MT. 14-17 June, 2023.



From (Left to Right). Commander Post 276 Fred Hamilton, National Jr. Vice CIC Al Lipphardt, Montana State Representative Ryan Zinke and State Cmdr. Jeff Schepp. Representative Ryan Zinke, who is also a Lifetime member of Post 276, was presented coins by both Al and Jeff.

VFW Post 3596



From (Left to Right) Joe Fletcher, Tim Peters, Ron Merwin, Jeff Schepp, Dean House, Harold Wheeler and Jack Hawley.



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Department of Montana 101st State Convention Whitefish, Montana 14-17 June 2023



State Commander James Layton being sworn in by National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt at the 101st VFW State Convention in Whitefish, Montana 17 June, 2023.



Newly elected Senior Vice Commander Lonnie Johnson, National Jr. Vice CIC Al Lipphardt, Past State Commander Jeff Schepp, newly elected State Commander James Layton and newly elected Junior Vice Commander Heather Allen after the elections on 17 June 2023.



National Jr. Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt and State Commander James Layton.

NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIAL GUEST

From (Left to Right) ADJ/QM Tim Peters, Jr., Vice Heather Allen, Senior Vice Lonnie Johnson, National Jr. Vice CIC Al Lipphardt, Past State Commander Jeff Schepp, State Commander James Layton, District 1 Commander Dave Oberwegner, State Chaplain Mike Pryor, Judge Advocate Fred Hamilton, District 3 Commander Randy Stiles, District 4 Commander Tom Johnson, District 5 Commander Randy Krebs, State Service Officer Dan Arnold, Missing District 2 Commander Loren Drivdahl and District 6 Commander Stan Swiontek.



Eric Maki Post 4198 was presented the 2022-2023 Lifetime Achievement Award by National Jr. Vice CIC Al Lipphardt and State Commander Jeff Schepp at the awards banquet on 16 June, 2023.



Left to Right State Cmdr. Jeff Schepp, District 1 Cmdr. Heather Allen, District 2 Cmdr. Loren Drivdahl, District 3 Cmdr. Joe Welter, District 4 Cmdr. District 5 Cmdr. Randy Krebs, District 6 Sr. Vice Casey Dusatko and State Auxiliary President Tamee Havrilla at the Joint Opening 16 June, 2023 in Whitefish, MT.



State Commander James Layton and his Fiancé Joana Dizon, Carol Lipphardt and Jr. Vice CIC at the State Commander's and State Auxiliary President's Reception held at Post 276 Whitefish, MT.

VFW Post 10010

VFW NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Post 10010 members Jeff Dahlin, Joe Wagner, Ken Liston and Eric Dunn along with other members completed a project at the VA in Fort Harrison MT.



BEFORE



AFTER



VFW Post 10010 CONT.



The DAV of Montana brought the SUV that Post 10010 of East Helena donated money to purchase over to the State VFW Headquarters.

VFW Post 4669



For the VFW National Day of Service, held on May 6th this year, VFW Post 4669 members assisted the Montana Veterans Memorial Association in cleanup at the memorial in preparation for the Memorial Day ceremony on May 29th. Pictured from (Left to Right) are Post Adjutant Shannon Wilson, Sr. Vice Commander Dennis Burns, Post members, Russ Jacques, Terri Tobiness, Marcie Watson and Post Service Officer Jim Porter.



State Voice of Democracy Winner Taryn Lodge Representing Post 4669 Black Eagle and State Commander Jeff Schepp in Washington DC.



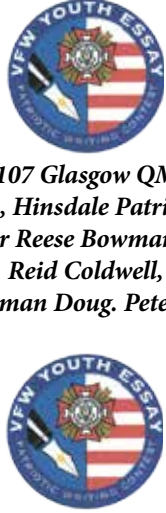
State Commander Jeff Schepp presents State Patriotists Pen winner Jude Johnson his check for \$500.00 and Chairman Joe Wagner presents Jude with his certificate.



VFW Post 3107



Post 3107 Glasgow QM Scot Renville, Hinsdale Patriots Pen winner Reese Bowman, Art Widhalm, Reid Coldwell, Program Chairman Doug Peterson.



Post 3107 Glasgow Art Widhalm, QM Scot Renville, Hinsdale Voice of Democracy winner London Holt, Reid Cold and Program Chairman Doug Peterson.

VFW Post 4042

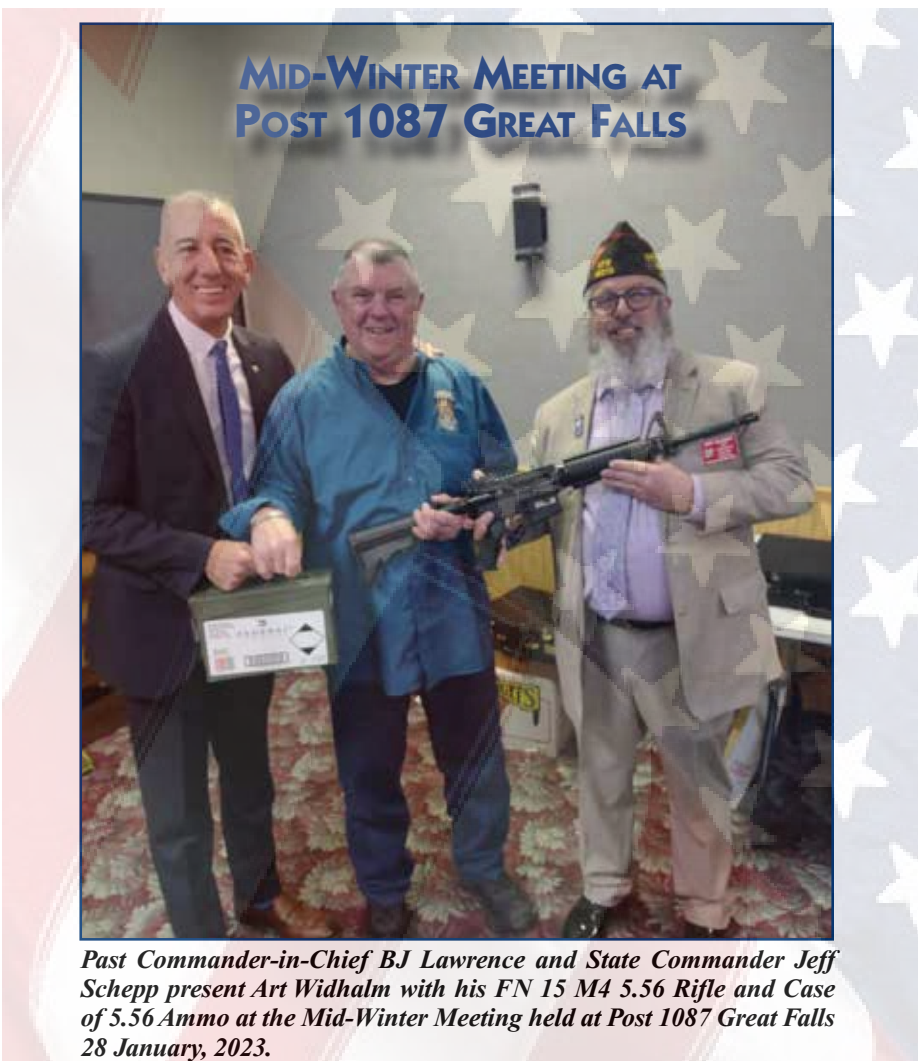


VFW Post 4042-member prospect Bill Austin, members Mike Shepard, LS Gross and Mike Stone presented a suicide awareness training at the Bigfork VFW Post on the VFW Day of Service, May 6 2023. All are members of the Veterans Coalition of Northwest Montana.



Bigfork Ladies Service Club presented VFW Post 4042 a check for \$500 in appreciation for the support the post has given the club. The ladies presented the check to Quartermaster Ron Wenzel (left) and Senior Vice Commander Steve Gordon.

VFW Post 1087



MID-WINTER MEETING AT POST 1087 GREAT FALLS

Past Commander-in-Chief BJ Lawrence and State Commander Jeff Schepp present Art Widhalm with his FN 15 M4 5.56 Rifle and Case of 5.56 Ammo at the Mid-Winter Meeting held at Post 1087 Great Falls 28 January, 2023.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE PUP TENT 10



Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent 10 East Helena had a lousy time when Grand Supreme Commander Dwight Hora visited our scratch. Seam Squirrel Zach Larson presented Grand Supreme Hora coins and other gifts.

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Mike Rogers bartender and member of Post 276 Whitefish checks the crowd during the State Commander's and State Auxiliaries Presidents Reception held 15 June 2023 during the State convention.

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MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Any member who recruits five (5) or more New, New Life or Reinstated Members will be eligible for three (3) cash drawings of \$100.00 and one (1) cash drawing of \$250.00 at the State Convention. Recruiters will receive (1) chance for every (5) members recruited Cutoff date April 30, 2024.

102% MEMBERSHIP PIN

Every Post Commander and Post Quartermaster who becomes 102% in Membership as recorded in the VFW Online Membership System (OMS), as of June 1, 2024, will receive a special 102% Membership Pin, Commander's Pin, Commander's Coin, and Commander-in-Chief Pin.

MEMBERSHIP

Each Post that reaches 88% in Membership by 30 September 2023, and or 93% in Membership by 31 October 2023, and or 100% in Membership by 30 November 2023 will be entered in a drawing for one of two \$100 awards at each benchmark. Additionally, each Post that reaches 102% in Membership by 31 December 2023 will be entered in a drawing for one of two \$500 awards. Awards to be drawn at the Mid-Winter meeting. (Posts can qualify for more than one award)

Each District that reaches 102% in membership by 31 December, 2023 will receive \$500 for your District.

The Department Commander will be contacting each District Commander monthly to receive updates on their District.

STATE COMMANDER'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

July Challenge: The Post that has the largest percent of continuous annual members that pay their dues between 1 July and 31 July, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post.

August Challenge: The Post that has the largest number of reinstated members to renew between 1 August and 31 August, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post.

September Challenge: The Post that has the largest percent increase of paid members between 1 September and 30 September, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post. (excluding life members)

October Challenge: The Post that has the largest number of annual members converted to life member between 1 October and 31 October, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post.

November Challenge: The Post that recruits the largest number of new members between 1 November and 30 November, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post.

December Challenge: The Post that has the largest number of new, reinstated, annual and life members paid between 1 December and 31 December, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post.

POST LEGACY LIFE AWARD

The post with the largest increase in new and upgraded Legacy Life members for the year will receive \$400.00. A point system will be used to determine the winner. Posts will receive 1 point for each level increased and 4 points for each new Gold Legacy Life member i.e., bronze to silver = 1 point, bronze to gold = 2 points, new silver = 2 points, new gold = 4 points.

State Headquarters will use information from the Online Membership System (OMS). Cutoff date will be 30 April 2024.

ALL-STATE POST COMMANDERS & QUARTERMASTERS

To qualify for All-State Post Commander and Quartermaster the following requirements are established.

- Your Post must be 102% in the Membership Program by **June 30, 2024**
- Your Post must be inspected by **15 October, 2023**.
- Your Post must have Four (4) Quarterly Post Audits for the year April 1, 2023–March 31, 2024, on file with the Department Quartermaster. Specifically, the Quarterly Audits for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarters, calendar year 2023 and the 1st, Quarter, of calendar year 2024 must be received before **30 April, 2024**. Any exception to this requirement must be addressed to the Department Quartermaster in advance of the report due date. Each audit is worth 25 points for a total of 100 points.

- Your Post must have a representative at both the Fall and Spring District meetings.
- Your Post must host or participate in a minimum of two (2) recruiting events and report results on the Community Activity Report or dashboard by **30 April 2024**.
- Your Post must participate in a minimum of one (1) community service special project and report the results on the Community Activity Report by **30 April 2024**.
- You must have a 2024–2025 Election Report on file at the Department Headquarters by **May 1, 2024**.
- Must turn in at least one (1) community activity report quarterly to Department headquarters.
- Posts that have failed to turn all documents in by the deadline will not be qualified for All-State.

MEMBERSHIP

Points can be credited by achieving the following goals by the dates posted:
 Posts 100% by **December 31, 2023**. 50 Points
 Achieving 102% 75 Points
 Cutoff date **June 30, 2024**.
 Total **125 Points**

PROGRAMS

Posts will receive 10 Points for each of the following programs that they report in; Americanism, Community Activities, Buddy Poppies, National Home, National Military Service, Safety, Scouting and Youth Activities. Information will be collected from the Post Community Activity Report and other reports. An additional 10 points each can be credited by forwarding, a Scout of the Year, Fireman of the Year, Emergency Medical Technician of the Year and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, 911 Dispatcher of the Year, Employer of the Year, or Member of the Year to Department for judging (entry forms available at vfwmt.org).

Submit a Citizenship Teacher of the Year to District 25 Points
 Submit a Patriot's Pen entry to District 25 Points
 Submit a Voice of Democracy entry to District 25 Points
 Total **75 Points**

BUDDY POPPY

Purchase less than three (3) Poppies per member 10 Points
 Purchase more than three (3) Poppies per member 50 Points
 Total **50 Points**

Grand Total **400 Points**

ALL-STATE

The top ten (10) All-State Post Commanders and Quartermasters (5 each) will receive an All-State Commanders Cap or All-State Quartermaster Cap respectively. One (1) of the All-State Commanders will be selected as Captain and (1) of the All-State Quartermasters will be selected as Captain and will receive All-State Commanders/Quartermaster Captain Caps. If your Post is not 102% by April 30, 2024 but is 102% by June 30, 2024 and you otherwise qualify for All-State Commander, Quartermaster the All-State star will be presented at a later date and an All-State cap can be ordered through the State Quartermaster at the officer or Post's expense.

NOTE: If you already own an All-State cap for this position, you will be offered a special insignia, a Gold Star, to place on your current cap instead of receiving a new cap. This will allow the next Commander in line to receive his/her first cap. As can be deduced from above the Department will only purchase ten (10) caps and unlimited Gold Stars. This does not limit the number of All-State Commanders that may be recognized. If a Commander qualifies for All-State but falls out of the ten All-State Cap limits, it will be required for the Commander / Quartermaster or their Post to purchase an All-State cap if so desired. All-State Caps must be ordered through the Department Headquarters.

ALL-STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS

The highest scoring District Commander will be selected as Captain - All-State District Commander, and will receive a special All-State District Commanders Cap. If no District is 102% by April 30, 2024, but is 102% by June 30, 2024 the All-State cap will be presented at a later date as long as you qualify for All-State.

To qualify for All-State the District must complete the following:

Each Post in the District MUST be inspected by **15 October 2023**.
 The following criteria and points will be used to determine the Captain of the All-State team of District Commanders:

District 102% Membership by **June 30, 2024** Total 30 Points
 Every Post in the District 102% by **April 30, 2024** Total 100 Points
 District 100% Inspected by **October 15, 2023** Total 60 Points
 District 100% of Posts reporting in Community Activities Programs by **April 30, 2024** Total 50 Points
 Districts 100% of Posts purchasing Buddy Poppies by **April 30, 2024** Total 40 Points
 Grand Total **280 Points**

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Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Sur Name	Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Sur Name
209	Dwaine	F	Selk		3831	Bobby	J	Hansen	
209	Daniel	J	Fowlkes		3831	Wade	S	Smith	
209	Michael	R	Priddy		4042	Floyd		La Brant	
276	Kim	A	Rogers		4047	Ronald	L	Van Horn	
497	Gary	J	Crossler		4067	David	J	Scheu	
689	Thomas		Lunceford		4099	Roy	E	Kallevig	
903	Jack	O	Rogers		4099	Ronald	F	Osborn	
903	Frank	A	Langevin		4109	Robert	D	Blossom	
1087	Wallace	O	Anderson		4109	James	E	Lamie	
1087	John	P	Carlson		4109	Keith	A	Renolds	
1087	Lowel	E	Caever		4109	Donovan	D	Schmidt	
1087	William	D	Johnson		4109	Karlyle	D	Vansetten	
1087	John	A	Knutson		4603	Herb	G	Fillbach Jr	
1087	Jesse	D	MC Ielland		4620	John	T	NC Master	
1087	Shirley	A	Carson Jr		4620	Leland	D	Standiford	
1087	Jon	H	Evers		4669	Joseph	A	Hocevar	
1087	William	D	Johnson		4669	John	C	Sanders	
1087	Cal	C	Keaveny Sr		4774	Wally		Beck	
1087	John	A	Knutson		5159	Alan	J	Mc Coy	
1087	Clyde	D	Minster		5514	Bobby	J	Basham	
1087	Lukas	E	Rankin		5652	James	N	Corcoran	
1087	William	M	Raynes		5652	Eugene	F	Leafy	
1087	Howard	W	Rowe		5748	Charles		Riggs	
1087	George	W	Tongate		6774	Billy	M	Drain	
1087	Gerald	E	Van Every		6774	Ernest	L	Flynn	
1125	Joseph	G	Borntrager		6774	Lois	W	Haagenson	
1125	Gerry	R	Dawson		6774	Ronald	J	Jenneke	
1125	George	C	Mitchell		6774	Efren		Sauceda	
1125	Robert	E	Olson		6774	Dennis	H	Tracy	
1125	Charles	L	Porter		6786	Joseph	M	Cheevers	
1548	Steven	G	Johnson		6786	Mark	A	Runyon	
1548	William	S	Lamey		7481	Randall	A	Angevine	
1548	Jim		Pierce		7655	Harry	A	Arvidson	
1579	Donald	F	Grauman		7655	Olier	W	Harris	
1595	Charles		Barbero Sr		7655	Georgia	R	Phillips	
1634	John		Clark		7886	Lloyd	N	Wright	
1634	James	G	Koch		8952	Thomas	A	Hayward	
1634	Leo	J	Koch		9040	Gerald	E	Hawkins	
1703	Marvin		Beck		9040	Patrick	J	Mahoney Jr	
1876	Raymond	G	Peterson		9040	Richard		Weaver	
1876	Lloyd	A	Wallin		10010	William	F	Chapek	
2154	Jon	J	Holmquist		10010	LeRoy		Christensen	
2154	Robert	H	Smith		10010	James	E	Heffernan	
2252	David	A	Anderson		10010	Le Roy	S	Johnson	
2252	Kenneth	W	Bauska		10010	Jerrold	L	Lundberg	
2252	Anthony	W	Lovenguth		10010	Le Roy	M	Nielson	
2252	Larry	W	Smith		10010	Harold	O	Olson	
2252	Donald	R	Webber		12112	Vern	H	Olson	
2484	Darold	P	Garner		12112	Ronnie	R	Rieger	
3107	William	E	Alexander		12112	Paul	D	Stoffel	
3107	Alivin	E	Austin		12181	Ronald	P	Jones	
3107	Robrt	J	Golimowski		15027	Ben	O	Askelson	
3107	Clarence	A	Hames		15027	Jack	L	Demmons	
3107	John	M	Hoyt		15027	George	E	Hubbard	
3107	Eimer	F	Zeller		15027	John	D	Mac lead	
3177	Dale	A	Lamphear		15027	James	L	Mc Clure	
3596	Joseph	M	Ducharme Sr		15027	Herbert	R	Monk	
3596	Terry	R	Fischer		15027	Peter	E	Nolan Jr	
3596	Edward	W	Manning		15027	Norman		Peters	
3596	David	A	Tupper		15027	Frank		Rosette	
3648	Daniel	V	Guevara		15027	George	B	Stipe	
3831	James	G	Caird		15027	Virgil	L	Toavs	



<p>WHITEFISH POST 276 Meeting 2nd 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 406-453-0473 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>
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<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>	<p>MALTA POST 4067 & AUXILIARY Post Meetings 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 2nd Wednesday at 6 p.m. Club Open 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday</p>
<p>PLAINS POST 3596 Post Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Auxiliary Meetings 2nd Monday Club – Bowling Alley – Banquet Hall You Are Always Welcome</p>	<p>BILLINGS HEIGHTS POST 6774 Post Meeting 2nd Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 2nd Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Canteen Open Daily</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 designed at American Publishing LLC Jenny DeBack, Owner americanpublishing8482@gmail.com</p> </div>
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	<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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