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Department Meat Raffle

At the Mid-Winter conference held in Great Falls MT at Post 1087 this January, the drawing was held for the 10 coolers of meat and many other surprises that were in the coolers. This year's raffle had an incentive for the Post's, Auxiliary's and District's to sell tickets \$2.00 of each ticket went to the Post/Aux that sold the ticket and \$.50 went to the district. The Post/Aux's raised more than \$5000.00 and the District's raised more than \$1300.00. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks for supporting our fund raiser. The following is a list of the winners.

1. Harold Grogan Post 9040 Dillon
2. Scott Renville Post 3107 Glasgow
3. Ray Pidcock Post 1551 Harlowton
4. Dan Risland Post 3596 Plains
5. Kasandra Pettis Post 4669 Black Eagle
6. Gary Erickson Post 5514 Troy
7. Lonnie Johnson Post 4018 Plentywood
8. Kevin Miller Post 4669 Black Eagle
9. Fred Brocking Post 1087 Great Falls
10. Gordon French Post 4018 Plentywood

Governor's Veteran Commendation Award

Governor Greg Gianforte recently announced 31 recipients of the Governor's Veteran Commendation Award. Of the 31 recipients selected, 22 were VFW members. "To be nominated is extremely humbling but to be selected, WOW what an honor" as stated by one of the recipients.

The recipients were as follows: John Alstad Post 8952 Sunburst, Dan Barta Post 4925 Roundup, Darren Bergsing Post 2154 Livingston, Ken Bogner Post 1579 Miles City, Rick Braley Post 4762 Columbus, Lynn Clendenen, Jr. Post 1579 Miles City, Francis Dahl Post 3177 Laurel, Matt Egloff Post 1448 Butte, Blake Fuhrman Post 6774 Billings, David Gauslow Post 3177 laurel, Ed Gilbert Post 2154 Livingston, Anton Johnson Post 209 Missoula, James Long Post 1448 Butte, Scott miller Post 4725 Red Lodge, Corry Mordeaux Post 7407 Warden, Tim Peters Post 10010 East Helena, Tom Price Post 6786 Eureka, Dennis Radish Post 6786 Eureka, Tom Reynolds, Jr. Post 1579 Miles City, Rondo Scharfe Post 209 Missoula, Cory Sena Post 3648 Basin, Mark Teeters Post 1579 Miles City.

Among the recipients were Post Quartermasters, Commanders and our State Quartermaster. It's so impressive to see so many of our members and officers being recognized by the Governor in this way. This was the first year this award has been presented by governor Gianforte We hope he continues it in years to come. We have so many members that should be recognized by not only us but those outside the VFW.

Our congratulations go out to all of the recipients and be sure to congratulate them when you see them. They are all deserving. We do know by talking to the governor's office, that the Governor's office checked into all the nominees to make sure they were truly worthy before they made their selections. It just shows that "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS" as our tag line says. It's another proud day for the Department of Montana VFW.



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*.

- June 15, 2022 Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov
- October 15, 2022 Dec-Jan-Feb-Mar
- February 15, 2023 Apr-May-June-July

Coming Events

DISTRICT 3	APR 2	RED LODGE, MT	08:00-10:00
DISTRICT 1	APR 16	LIBBY, MT	08:00-10:00
DISTRICT 2	APR 9	HAVRE, MT	08:00-10:00
DISTRICT 5	APR 9	GLASGOW, MT	10:00-12:00
DISTRICT 6	APR 10	EKALAKA, MT	10:00-12:00
DISTRICT 4	APR 23	DILLON, MT	10:00-12:00
CONVENTION	JUNE 15-18	BILLINGS	

COMMANDER'S REPORT



RON MERWIN

First and foremost, you did it! 100% Membership on 7 December 2021, the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. As of this writing, Montana remains the only Department at 100%. Thanks to all of you and a very special thank you to Tim Peters, Jack Hawley, Jeff Schepp, Fred Hamilton and Whitefish Post, and Lonnie Johnson and Plentywood Post. Congratulations to District 4, now all Districts are at 100% in their membership.

I have continued traveling many miles albeit slowed with winter roads. Most recently we just finished the Midwinter Council Meeting in Great Falls. I want to thank all of you who attended the Midwinter. It was a real good turnout and an excellent training session. Posts who were not in attendance

please schedule your time to attend the District meetings starting April 2. The Raffle winners were drawn and the proceeds were good and supported Posts and Districts and Auxiliaries as well. Get your tickets for the current raffle, Weatherby with scope, drawing to be held at the convention in Billings in June.

James Layton, our Jr Vice Cdr., was assigned to the southern border four times since March of 2021. He just got back home again February 10th. Welcome home James! Another reason for you to be sure and attend the upcoming District meetings is to visit with James and learn about the challenges we all can expect with these surges in migration that are not being checked.

New members, new activities in the community, new social media outlets from our Posts get the word out on all that you are doing in your community. Remember your Quarterly reports and the upcoming election reports. As we draw closer to Memorial Day don't forget to check on Unmarked Veteran Graves. Request Medallions if you need them. "Remember Lest We Forget." Also, Saturday, May 7th is the kick off day for the Inaugural VFW Day of Service.

The VFW Day of Service is an outgrowth of the organization's #StillServing
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SR. VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



JEFF SCHEPP

Greetings Comrades,

The last 3 months have been busy and a lot has happened. At the state convention Commander Ron Merwin set a goal to make the state 100% by 7 December 2021 after lots of phone calls, emails and snail mail the state achieved Commanders Merwin's goal of achieving 100% in membership by December 7th. With Montana still the only Department at a 100% to this day.

VOD and Patriot Pen both went very well this year with some post seeing record number of participants in both programs. Congratulations to all of the winners on the post, district and the state level.

Mid-Winter was held at post 1087 in Great Falls on 29 January 2022 with the COA meeting in the morning session. In the afternoon session we had the pleasure of having Johnathan Duncan (Director of Administrative Operations) and Joshua Schreck (National Parliamentarian) provide the membership with some outstanding training. Both Johnathan and Joshua were very good trainers and helped answer many questions. We also had a guest from the State of Washington Senior Vice Commander Paul Herra attended our meeting as well as the training on Saturday.

We are a little over four months away from our 100th convention in Billings MT, 15-18 June 2022 and the planning and preparations are well under way. With this being our 100th convention, I would like to see the biggest turnout ever. Like the Mid-Winter I will start calling the post in May, 2022 to get an idea of who and how many will be there.

Hope to see a lot of the membership with the Spring district meetings starting on 2 April 2022 in Red Lodge MT.

Jeff Schepp
State Senior Vice Commander

JR. VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



JIM LAYTON

Greetings Comrades,

Well, it took nearly two years, but the Corona finally got to me, and not the good kind. I am happy to say my symptoms were mild compared to many others I know, and I have fully recovered. I regret that I could not see you all at our Mid-Winter Meeting due to being ill with COVID at the time, but I am thrilled to be back to work with our outstanding department.

I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to each of you for your unceasing dedication and relentless efforts to help our department achieve the membership goal for this year. I recently was on a zoom meeting with the Junior Vice

Commander-in-Chief Duane Sarmiento and other State Junior Vice Commanders to discuss Department and National efforts to advance the VFW's mission, and I cannot tell

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campaign launched in 2020 to recognize the ongoing dedication of veterans and service members who continue to serve their communities. VFW Day of Service, led by veterans and in concert with other organizations and civic groups, is open for anyone to participate. The inaugural VFW Day of Service kicks off the first Saturday in May (May 7), marking the start of veteran-led community service projects to take place throughout the month.

"The positive feedback from VFW members and the communities we serve tells us the stage is set to expand our #StillServing initiative," said Fritz Mihelcic, VFW national commander. "We have already seen how the campaign amplifies the volunteer efforts and camaraderie of America's veterans. The time is now to take its visibility to the next level."

Veterans are more likely than civilians to volunteer in their communities, according to a recent civic health survey¹ of veterans. The same study showed veterans donate to charities, register to vote, and are involved in their communities and local government at a greater rate than their civilian counterparts.

"We are calling on all VFW Posts and members across America and around the world to join in the VFW Day of Service by planning an activity for May 7, or at another point during the month, to show that we never stop serving" said Mihelcic.

The VFW urges its members and all veterans to visit VFWDayofService.org to register their event on the interactive Day of Service map and receive a special participation decal, or find a local event to join and see what other veterans around the country are doing to make a difference.

Our continued success is dependent on all of us working together to support our veterans and our communities. As we work together, we can take pride in our accomplishments knowing that together as Comrades and members of the VFW we have met the challenges put before us and that 'NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS THAN THE VFW'. Thank you and God bless you for your service to our great country and your continued service to your community! Hope to see You at your District's meeting and at the Convention Center in Billings, June 15-18. This will be our 100th Department Convention. Plan to Attend.

Ron Merwin
State Commander

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you how proud I was to represent the Department of Montana in that meeting. I don't know if by design or happenstance, but I was the last Junior Vice Commander called on to give my report and the only one able to say we had met our membership goal already. We were and continue to exceed standards across the board.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate all the winners of our youth scholarship programs, Teacher of the Year and First Responders. I was privileged to chair the Voice of Democracy this year and was genuinely impressed with the quality of the submissions we received. It is these youth that continually renews my faith in our future generations. A huge thank you goes out to all the post and district chairs who work tirelessly to make these programs the successes they are every year.

We have made tremendous strides this year, yet I know there is still more we can accomplish in the time that remains this year. I challenge each of us to look for ways to serve our fellow veterans and communities better. There is always more that we can do. It is truly a privilege to serve this department, and I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming spring District Meetings.

Jim Layton
State Jr. Vice Commander

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT



JACK HAWLEY

Comrades,

Everything is fairly quiet on the business end for the National Council. I am going to Washington DC on 27 February until 3 March for a Council meeting. We are going to have some personnel changes in Kansas City at the National headquarters. Debra Anderson National VFW Quartermaster General will be retiring right after our Council meeting in March and Kevin Jones National Adjutant General will be retiring right after the National Convention in July so that will be opening up two very important positions at National Headquarters. On the State VFW side I want to congratulate

all the Posts and Districts and State for being 100% in membership on December 7 the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. The Commanders goal was to be 100% on that day to honor the men and women who lost their lives and you made it happen. On 1 November we were 900 members short for making it happen and thirty with the help of Tim and Jeff it got done. I didn't believe it could get done in that short of time and that many members short. So hold your heads high and be proud of what you accomplished. Please support Jeff Schepp when he is State Commander as you supported Ron Merwin. I don't know how many districts I'll be attending in the spring but I'll try to do as many as possible and I hope to see everyone there. So see you in the spring.

Jack Hawley
National Council Member Montana

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



JIM PORTER

My Dear Fellow Officers, Comrades, and Auxiliary members, Well, the Mid-Winter is over, and on to the Spring District meetings. I am very happy to say that we had a very good attendance at the Mid-Winter in Great Falls at V.F.W. Post 1087. All of the members who helped set things up, and put out all the goodies, thank you for a job "well done." We have lost a couple of auxiliary members, and only a couple of V.F.W. members, that I know of as I am writing this article. All of the members and auxiliary are in my prayers each & every night. As you all may, or may not know, "there is no limit to the power of prayer." Maybe, with any luck at all, and God's good graces, we will have an early

Spring. I pray that we get the Spring rain that we so badly need. I also pray and ask our Good Lord to let it come a little at a time, so there is no worry about flooding or washing out the seeded fields.

As you all know by now, I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Chaplain for the last 3 years, and I hope that I will be re-elected again at the state convention in Billings. I know & realize that I have some pretty stiff competition this year, but regardless of how it comes out, I will always honor the results of the voting by the membership if Montana.

I want to ask you all once again, please, if there is a sickness, or death in your post or auxiliary, please, please, drop me a line, send me a text, or just give me a phone call, so I can get the appropriate card on the way. Thank you all so much for putting your faith in me. If I am lucky enough to be elected once again, I promise to give you 110%, and do the very best job I can.

Thank you all again so very much. May God Bless you and your families, and keep you wrapped in His Loving Arms always.

Jim Porter
State Chaplain

VFW Post 276

VFW Post 276 sponsored the winter retreat of Montana Chapter of Veterans Community Response. The retreat is designed to assist veterans of all eras adjust to life after service. Post member Brandon Spangler and veteran advocate, said because the retreat was a huge success, two more are planned for this year. He is encouraging all veterans to attend.

For more information, contact him at blspangler2012@gmail.com



VFW Post 1448

Post 1448 members with new signage being installed Monday, 11/22/2021 on Mount Highland Drive.



*Front: Craig Williams from BSB installed new sign.
Back (L-R): Jr. Vice Cdr Mike Lawson, Cdr Dan Kohr, QM Jerry Powers, Sr. Vice Cdr Dick McLeod.*

Post 1448 members with Previous Community Service Award being installed on Iron Street, Monday 11/22/2021



(L-R): Tom Muntzer, Cdr Dan Kohr, QM Jerry Powers, Sr. Vice Cdr Dick McLeod, Jr. Vice Mike Lawson.

Background:

National Community Service Award is given to the one VFW Post annual that was rated the best in the United States for its amount of community service based on members contributions of time and labor to the community.

Following is from the National VFW website:

We understand first-hand the essence of rallying community support and the positive, life-changing impact we have on the world around us. That's why VFW members volunteer more than 9 million hours to community service projects annually, with volunteerism benefiting morale, education, the environment, health sciences and civic projects.

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VFW Post 6786

Until 2020, VFW Post 6786, and American Legion Post 74 and their Auxiliaries have given back to the community by making a Thanksgiving meal at the local Senior Center in Eureka, Montana. Again this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they continued the tradition by giving away 63 Thanksgiving bags containing a choice of turkey or ham, stuffing, gravy, and other essential accompaniments for the holiday meal. By continuing our tradition, we provided enough holiday meals for 224 people in the community. What a pleasure to serve our community.



The Joy is in the Giving

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.

LEGACY LIFE MEMBER EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

MEMBER INCENTIVES

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



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Kenneth C. Williams*	Gold Post 3177	Jerry P. Stewart	Bronze Post 2252
Joseph E. Eisenbrandt Sr.	Gold Post 3596	James L. Amundson	Bronze Post 3107
Otto J. Otnes	Gold Post 3596	Lance A. Bender	Bronze Post 3107
Charles Oelschlager	Gold Post 3596	Charles Bradford Jr.	Bronze Post 3107
Lonnie J. Johnson	Gold Post 4018	Reid B. Coldwell	Bronze Post 3107
James L. Layton	Gold Post 4067	Michael K. Corey	Bronze Post 3107
Dennis D. Burns	Gold Post 4669	Earl Fuhrman*	Bronze Post 3107
Russ A. Jacques	Gold Post 4669	Floyd R. Hopstad	Bronze Post 3107
James G. Porter	Gold Post 4669	Michael J. Lenoir	Bronze Post 3107
Shannon R. Wilson	Gold Post 4669	Byron M. Lindsay*	Bronze Post 3107
Robert W. Moran*	Gold Post 4725	Gerald F. Myers*	Bronze Post 3107
Gary L. Race*	Gold Post 4725	Marvin J. Olson	Bronze Post 3107
Irwin D. Bangen	Gold Post 5159	Kenneth E. Page*	Bronze Post 3107
Orville M. Bjorge*	Gold Post 5159	Steve Page	Bronze Post 3107
John C. Bras	Gold Post 5159	Richard J. Partridge	Bronze Post 3107
Steven L. Buck	Gold Post 5159	Leon H. Pearce	Bronze Post 3107
Hugh R. Butler*	Gold Post 5159	Harold A. Potter*	Bronze Post 3107
Russell J. Carey*	Gold Post 5159	Marvin L. Potter*	Bronze Post 3107
Donald A. Carr	Gold Post 5159	LeRoy R. Stein*	Bronze Post 3107
Roy M. DeLong*	Gold Post 5159	Manley L. Tiffany	Bronze Post 3107
Donald M. Decker*	Gold Post 5159	Edwin M. Yohn	Bronze Post 3107
Larry J. Douglass*	Gold Post 5159	Adam R. Zamborowski	Bronze Post 3107
Lyle T. Fisher	Gold Post 5159	Edwin M. Zamborowski	Bronze Post 3107
Rachel R. Fisher	Gold Post 5159	Everett E. Crum Jr.	Bronze Post 4099
Randall E. Geise	Gold Post 5159	Troy H. Garza	Bronze Post 4099
Derwin F. Halvorson Jr.	Gold Post 5159	Joe M. Halversen*	Bronze Post 4099
Henry F. Hanson	Gold Post 5159	Louie A. Kuylen*	Bronze Post 4099
Lloyd G. Heinselmann	Gold Post 5159	Harold E. Lorenz*	Bronze Post 4099
Victor Holmberg	Gold Post 5159	Eugene N. Ronningen	Bronze Post 4099
Robert L. Jackson II	Gold Post 5159	Stanley K. Rosaaen	Bronze Post 4099
Howell K. Joiner	Gold Post 5159	Lawrence R. Troutd	Bronze Post 4099
Thomas W. Magera	Gold Post 5159	Vernon E. Wilson*	Bronze Post 4099
Zachary Malinak	Gold Post 5159	Paul L. Holmgren*	Bronze Post 4762
Alan J. McCoy	Gold Post 5159	Alfred J. Adolph*	Bronze Post 4925
Daniel M. Oberlander	Gold Post 5159	Daniel C. Barta	Bronze Post 4925
Stephen M. Sedladko	Gold Post 5159	Jack L. Burger *	Bronze Post 4925
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Clifford S. Tolman	Gold Post 5159	Henry A. Piott*	Bronze Post 4925
James L. Wellington	Gold Post 5159	Juan E. Santos, Jr.	Bronze Post 5514
Clayton H. White	Gold Post 5159	Paul G. Metzger*	Bronze Post 5652
Ted H. Wilburn	Gold Post 5159	Dale E. Morgan	Bronze Post 5652
D. B. Zimmer	Gold Post 5159	Will D. Juhl	Bronze Post 6774
Juan E. Santos Jr.	Gold Post 5514	Thomas F. Kelly	Bronze Post 6774
John C. Fay	Gold Post 5652	Clifford E. Schleusner*	Bronze Post 6774
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David M. Oberwegner	Gold Post 5652	Stanley A. Burns	Bronze Post 6786
Austin W. Bromley	Gold Post 6697	James H. Follensbee	Bronze Post 6786
John T. Freetly*	Gold Post 6774	Leo A. Howe*	Bronze Post 6786
Paul R. Harper	Gold Post 6774	J. P. Hume*	Bronze Post 6786
John C. Lattimer*	Gold Post 6774	Patrick L. McKeever	Bronze Post 6786
Russell H. Mobraaten	Gold Post 6774	John C. Mueller*	Bronze Post 6786
Howard J. Aemisegger	Gold Post 6786	Thomas H. Price	Bronze Post 6786
Francis E. Croucher	Gold Post 6786	Francis L. Utter*	Bronze Post 6786
Ken R. Utter	Gold Post 6786	Dale F. Wassmann	Bronze Post 7311
Melody J. Weldon	Gold Post 6786	Robert M. Stout	Bronze Post 7407
Richard N. Weldon	Gold Post 6786	Jason W. Aaron	Bronze Post 8292
Gary O. Borland	Gold Post 7311	Paul E. Coble*	Bronze Post 8292
Charles M. Handley*	Gold Post 7311	Ace M. Hanson	Bronze Post 8292
Barton W. Lawson	Gold Post 7311	Zane G. Murfitt	Bronze Post 8292
Edward A. Viig	Gold Post 7311	Jesse B. Paxton	Bronze Post 8292
Joseph F. Welter	Gold Post 7311	James G. Prusa	Bronze Post 8292
Corry Mordeaux	Gold Post 7407	Charles R. Thompson	Bronze Post 9040
Charles R. Noland	Gold Post 7407	Edward J. Boucher	Bronze Post 10010
Leslie L. Poland	Gold Post 7885	John R. Buckley*	Bronze Post 10010
James W. Ryan*	Gold Post 7886	David F. Johnson	Bronze Post 10010
Thomas H. Armstrong	Gold Post 8292	Melvin V. Johnson*	Bronze Post 10010
Carl M. Carver	Gold Post 8292	Dale A. Person*	Bronze Post 10010
Leonard W. Eik	Gold Post 8292	Robert J. Russ*	Bronze Post 10010
Terry W. Lambert	Gold Post 8292	George C. Stump Jr.*	Bronze Post 10010
William I. Mackley	Gold Post 8292	Art J. Alvarado	Bronze Post 12181
George F. Fryett, Jr.	Gold Post 9040	Vern L. McCants	Bronze Post 12181
Elmer D. Bernard*	Gold Post 10010	John M. Ward	Bronze Post 12181
William R. Bovee*	Gold Post 10010	Roy E. Jordan	Bronze Post 15027
Michael C. Buckley	Gold Post 10010	* Deceased	Total 260

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Comrades & Friends, _____

Having the full support of my family and unanimous endorsement from my Post I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the office of State Sr. Vice Commander for the 2022-2023 year.

I earned my eligibility to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for my service during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005-06. I joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 2006, shortly after my return from Iraq. I am a 22-year veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve. I am a Gold Legacy Life member of VFW Post 4067 in Malta, Montana.

VFW EXPERIENCE

POST

All-American Post Commander (2)
All-State Post Commander (3)

DISTRICT

District Commander (2019-2020)
District Senior Vice Commander (2018-2019)

DEPARTMENT

State Junior Vice Commander (2021-2022)
Chairman Voice of Democracy (2019-20, 2021-22)
Transition Committee (2020-2021)
Assistant Webmaster

NATIONAL

National Aide-De-Camp (2017-2018)
National By-Laws Committee (2017-2018)
National General Resolutions Committee (2018-2019)



MICHAEL A. PRYOR
CANDIDATE FOR
STATE CHAPLAIN
POST
PAST ALL-STATE COMMANDER
POST ADJUTANT
DISTRICT
DISTRICT 1 INSPECTOR
DEPARTMENT
VOD CHAIRMAN
CITIZENSHIP AND EDUCATION
CHAIRMAN
NATIONAL
NATIONAL SECURITY &
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE
GENERAL RESOLUTION
COMMITTEE

Comrades and Friends,

Having full support of my family and the unanimous endorsement of my Post, I wish to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the office of State Chaplain. My eligibility to the VFW was earned for my service during Desert Shield/Desert Storm and am a veteran of over 23 years in the United States Air Force. I have been a member of the VFW for 25 plus years and a Gold Legacy Life member of Post 276 in Whitefish, Montana.

As the Department Chaplain it is important to know the needs of each Post and its members, know I am approachable and to feel comfortable contacting me. For these reasons I feel I am the right person to be your next Department Chaplain.

Another part of my campaign is to offer a different perspective with new ideas. I have talked with many members who feel they are forgotten by never having the opportunity to advance. Elected positions are not meant to be permanent. Positions should be fluid, giving anyone a chance to grow within the VFW. All members have a voice in Department policies and procedures and are encouraged to follow a path to become more involved.

My goal is to learn more about the needs of our veterans and their families whenever called to do so. I look forward to speaking with many of you to discuss my ideas. Thank you for considering me as your next Department Chaplain.

Yours in service to God, family and country.

Michael A. Pryor

VFW Post 3107

Fort Peck Post #3107 in Glasgow has been busy over the last 4 months. In November, Kevin James finished up his refurbished "Flag Drop Box" and presented it to the post with Sr. Vice Commander Jason Partridge. He started with a rusty 1950's refrigerator and turned it into the work of art pictured. As a way of thanking the annual member-



Jason purchased a life membership for him saying, "We need more guys like you here!"

In November, Marlin Lee (a regular at the canteen) brought in a pair of Cornhole boards that he had built for canteen patrons' enjoyment. With a few games played, it was decided to be a fine addition- even some die-hard horseshoe players were seen enjoying the boards.

After years of discussion, December saw the arrival of a completely restored 1960 NSM Juke Box. Charles St. Clair and RJ Windrel are pictured and in charge of selecting which 45's get to be heard and danced to for the week. It's a whole lot more fun than an aerobics class!

The "Freedom Table" (which features our VFW logo, American and branch of service flags,

Commander's coins, POW/MIA and Lest We Forget Medallions) went from being a new Quartermaster's idea to a showpiece "buddy bar" in February. Pictured are Marlin Lee, Quartermaster Scot Renville and RJ Windrel.

We love meeting new people, so if you find yourself in North East Montana- stop in and experience our hospitality!

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State Adjutant/Quartermaster
Montana



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Old Armory

Hi my name is Stryder Kibbe I am 16 years old and I live in Plentywood, Montana. The photos below are of the Old Armory in our town. It was built in 1946, Company "C" 163rd Infantry. The Company made up of 19 men, 3 officers made up the Charter members, Capt. Arvild J. Christiansen was the first commanding officer, Then the unit was reorganized on March 1st 1953 it was redesigned as a Howitzer Battery 1st Recon. Sq., when the State National Guard changed from Infantry to Armed Cavalry. On January 1st 1960 the unit moved into the newly constructed Armory. In 1972 the unit was then reorganized again to :HOW BATTERY 1st Recon. Sqdn. 1/163AC and then on December 1st 1976 it became a Detachment Known as DET 2 TRP B 1/163 AC MT ARNG, With Sidney MT the Headquarters unit, with reorganization of the Montana National Guard in 1999 The Unit was Disbanded and moved to Culbertson. 22 years later a young man noticed a flag pole at the old armory site knowing something had to be done he had decided to buy rope and a flag and with a little help a American Flag had been risen over the Armory for the first time in 22 years this young man was me, I had decided to dedicate the raising of the flag over the Armory to Honor all Veterans of Montana and to those who served in that armory. As a closing quote "Our Flag Does Not Fly Due to Wind, it Flies with the Last Breath of the Soldiers Who Died Protecting it."



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Grave marker medallions are available from Department headquarters at no cost to our Posts. Visit your local cemeteries and determine how many veteran graves you have that do not have any veteran markings on them and let us know how many you need. Once you receive them simply epoxy them to the grave stone and next time you place flags on the graves you won't miss any.

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DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS 2021 - 2022 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM



"Remember, Lest We Forget"

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, 2022.**

100% MEMBERSHIP PIN

Every Post Commander and Post Quartermaster who becomes 100% in Membership as recorded in the VFW online membership system OMS, as of June 1, 2022 will receive a special 100% Membership Pin, Commander's Pin, Commander's Coin, and Commander-in-Chief Pin.

MEMBERSHIP

Each Post that reaches 100% in Membership by 31 December 2021 will be entered in a drawing for one of twenty \$250 awards. Awards to be drawn at the Mid-Winter meeting.

Each District that reaches 100% in membership by 31 December, 2021 will receive \$400 for your District.

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

Membership Program, continued on page 9

MONTHLY COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

October Challenge: The Post that has the largest increase in paid members between 1 October and 31 October, 2021 will receive \$200 for their Post.

November Challenge: The Post that has the largest percent increase in paid members between 1 November and 30 November, 2021 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, 2021 will receive \$200 for their Post.

State Headquarters will use information from the Online Membership System (OMS). Cutoff date will be the last day of the month and the reporting date will be the first day of the next month.

TOP RECRUITER

Member who signs up the most New, New Life or Reinstated Members will receive a citation. State Headquarters will use information from the National Monthly Recruiter Report. **Cutoff date April 30, 2022.**

ALL-STATE POST COMMANDERS & QUARTERMASTERS

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

- Your Post must be greater than 100% in the Membership Program by June 30, 2021
- Your Post must be inspected by 15 October, 2021.
- Your Post must have Four (4) Quarterly Post Audits for the year April 1, 2021–March 31, 2022 on file with the Department Quartermaster. Specifically, the Quarterly Audits for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarters, calendar year 2021 and the 1st, Quarter, of calendar year 2022 must be received before 30 April, 2022. 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.
- You must have a 2022–2023, Election Report on file at the Department Headquarters by May 1, 2022.

MEMBERSHIP

Points can be credited by achieving the following goals by the dates posted:
 Posts 100% by **December 31, 2021.** 100 Points
 Achieving 100% plus 1 25 Points
Cutoff date April 30, 2022. Total **125 Points**

PROGRAMS

Posts will receive **10 Points** for each of the following programs that they report in; Americanism, Community Activities, National Home, National Military Service, Scouting and Disabled Warrior. 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, to Department for judging. Total **110 Points**

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 five (5) Poppies per member 10 Points
 Purchase more than five (5) Poppies per member 50 Points
 Total **50 Points**
Grand Total 460 Points

The top ten (10) All-State Post Commanders and Quartermasters (5 each) will receive an All-State Commanders Cap and Lapel Pin/All-State Quartermaster Cap and Lapel pin. One (1) of the All-State Commanders will be selected as Captain and will receive an All-State Commanders Captain Cap. If your Post is not 100% by April 30, 2022 but is 100% by June 30, 2022 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 deducted 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's 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 All-State District Commander, Captain. And will receive a special All-State District Commanders Cap. If District is not 100% by April 30, 2022 but is 100% by June 30, 2022 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 2021.

2. The following criteria and points will be used to determine the All-State District Commanders.

District 100% Membership by June 30, 2022	Total	30 Points
Every Post in the District 100% by April 30, 2022	Total	100 Points
District 100% Inspected by October 15, 2021	Total	40 Points
District 100% Inspected after October 15, 2021	Total	20 Points
District 100% of Posts reporting in Community Activities Programs by April 30, 2022	Total	80 Points
Districts 100% of Posts purchasing Buddy Poppies by April 30, 2022	Total	30 Points
Grand Total		300 Points

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 deducted from above the Department will only purchase two (2) caps and unlimited Gold Stars. This does not limit the number of All-State District Commanders that may be recognized. If a District Commander qualifies for All-State but falls out of the two All State Cap limit, however it will be required for the District Commanders / Quartermaster's District to purchase an All-State cap if so desired. All-State Caps must be ordered through Department Headquarters.

All-American Criteria

The All-American program exists to recognize exceptional leadership and teamwork, authentic accomplishment in membership growth and VFW core programs.

All-American Post Criteria

- Membership greater than 100%
- Meet all the following Program Participation Criteria:
 - Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Overseas Post can donate \$75 to National in lieu of entry)
 - Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Overseas Post can donate \$75 to National in lieu of entry)
 - Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to Veterans & Military Support Programs Services, minimum of \$100.
 - Partner twice with two separate organizations like Team RWB, Operation Ramp It Up, Operation Gratitude, Team Rubicon, Merging Vets & Players and other VSOs to include our friends at Sport Clips and Burger King. (Submit both online reports through dashboard).
 - Create Post social media site or actively maintain existing site.
 - 5 New Action Corps Sign-Ups: To sign up: Text "VFW" to "50457" to sign-up 5 previously unsubscribed members or VFW supporters.
 - Have a 10% increase in total impact in Community Service. (\$ Donated + Hours = Total Impact) * Baseline has been established within the KPI Tools for Community Service. *See notes on page 16.

All-American Post Award

- All Posts that meet the Qualifying Percentage and the program participation criteria will receive an All-American Post Citation, Post Streamer and be recognized in the VFW magazine.

- The Top **25** Posts in each Division will receive:

- Acknowledgment in VFW Magazine
- Acknowledgement during the All-American Awards Ceremony at the National Convention
- All-American Post citation
- All-American Post streamer
- All-American citation - commander
- All-American name badge - commander
- All-American cap (commander only, quartermaster and Post members may purchase "Post Member" cap)
- All-American lapel pin (commander only, quartermaster may purchase pin)
- All-American Team Post Member lapel pin (25 pack)
- The top **five** commanders in each division will also receive:
 - A **\$1,000 stipend to be used toward attending the VFW National Convention.**
 - Reserved seating at the VFW National Convention joint opening session.



VFW Post 6786

VFW Post 6786 held a Christmas Gift Bag Drive for Veterans in the Columbia Falls Veterans Home and Mountain View Manor in Eurika, MT.

Eurika Middle School students assembled 31 Christmas gift bags to give to these veterans.



VFW Post 3107

VFW Post 3107 GETS NEW FLAG DISPOSAL BOX

The U.S. Flag Code says, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Fort Peck VFW Post 3107 is the go-to place in Glasgow if you'd like to have your American flag retired in a respectful manner. While there has been a flag disposal container at the VFW for numerous years (an old 1950's fridge), it was looking quite shoddy to say the least. It is now literally a work of art, and the artist was Kevin James. It was such an eyesore for so many years, so Jason Partridge wanted to pay for the cost of repairing it, but Kevin said he would be happy to do it. Jason was blown away at how it turned out. So not wanting Kevin to go empty handed for a job superbly done, Jason paid the Kevin's life membership!



TOYS FOR TOTS

'Tis the season for feel good Christmas Stories; well, the American Legion was honored to be able to participate in one. Our story begins with a phone call from the VFW of Montana Adjutant, Tim Peters and the offer to participate in this year's Toys for Tots Program. There was a surplus of toys and presents this year and the VFW was looking for help getting out some Christmas cheer. A few phone calls later, the Commander of American Legion Post #40 in Cut Bank; Travis Shook took us up on our offer of being Santa Claus and a heartwarming Christmas Story was born.

Commander Shook started making phone calls and the community responded in a way that would warm the Grinches heart. Community members from the American Legion; Moose Lodge; Elks Club and employees from the CHS and Front Range Pipeline LLC came together and made Christmas for families in need of Christmas Cheer.

While the elves went to work finding families in need of toys; Santa needed a sleigh to deliver them; and in steps Pat Hall from Front Range Pipeline. Volunteering not only the time and efforts of its employees, Pat drove to Helena; borrowed a sleigh trailer from top toy maker Tim Sowa and drove 25 bicycles and over 50 presents to the Cut Bank community; bringing Christmas cheer to those who needed it most.

A heartfelt thanks to all who made this little Christmas miracle happen and both in making kids happy Christmas morning and reminding us what we can do when we all come together for a single purpose.





PATRIOT'S PEN

Jaesun Yirsa, Seventh Grade Homeschool student from Big Sandy has won the Veterans of Foreign Wars State level Patriot's Pen competition!

Being selected as the best essay out of 68 entries, Jaesun's essay will be included in the VFW National competition this Spring. His writing is included in this article.

Jaesun was awarded a medal, plaque and a combined scholarship fund of \$700 from the State, District 2 and Fort Benton Post 4047 at the Big Sandy Library on Monday, February 7.

Presenters were Bill Wood, Post 4047 Commander, Marty Havrilla, District #2 and Post 4047 Adjutant/Quartermaster and Tamee Havrilla, Department Auxiliary Senior Vice President.

Attendees included Jaesun's parents, Grandparents and an uncle.



HOW CAN I BE A GOOD AMERICAN?

I can be a good American by knowing and doing what is right and just. Former governor of Minnesota, Jesse Ventura, said, "There is much more to being a patriot than reciting the pledge or raising the flag." A person cannot mindlessly copy everyone else, but needs to have a sense of truth and then act on it. This can be shown in the following character traits: respect, service, and loyalty. I believe this is what will make me a good American.

Respect, according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, is "to consider worthy of high regard." In order for me to do what is right, these are some figures of our country that I should respect. The flag, the symbol of heroism, purity, and justice, is something I must always respect by taking off my hat and attentively standing while singing the national anthem or saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The president and government officials are serving and representing our country, so I can show my respect by keeping my speech productive and positive. I also must respect other people's rights. If I respect these things I am being a good American.

Service is another example of good American traits. I will continue to serve my community both in church and in highway cleanup. In the future, I can vote for a leader that will help our country remain outstanding or possibly run for a position myself. If the time comes or if I choose, I will be ready to enlist in the military. It is right to serve our country.

Out of the three character traits, I believe that loyalty is the most important. Without loyalty there will not be respect for others or service for the country. I am proud to be in the greatest country to ever exist and honored to be an American citizen. I can learn America's history both in and out of school. I will always speak positively of this country, through its difficulties and successes. I will choose to stand up for my country whenever needed. In this way, I am doing right and showing loyalty.

In conclusion, being an American is knowing and choosing what is just. By making respect, serving, and loyalty to this great nation into habits, I am becoming a better American. If I, with others, am being a good American, the future of this country will be phenomenal.



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209	Donald	R	Beich		1087	John	E	Myett	
209	George		Broadwater		1087	Gene		Nader	
209	Robert	E	Connell		1087	Michael	L	Newgard	
209	William	A	Ellen		1087	Clarence	W	Olson	
209	Robyn	F	Goodman		1087	John	F	Pachek	
209	Elmer		Hoch		1087	Danny	L	Pickett	
209	Herb	E	Hunt		1087	Hugh	D	Rothweiler	
209	James	E	Kulbel		1087	Clarence	H	Salley	Jr
209	Julian	J	Lakin		1087	William		Schuff	
209	Robert	A	Larson		1087	Daniel	C	Shannon	
209	Robert	F	Rheinschmidt		1087	Lawrence	E	Tacke	
209	Laurence	M	Scholer		1087	James	A	Thul	
209	Dean	E	Stacy		1087	James	H	Vance	
209	Richard	W	Tyacke		1087	Raymond		Wells	Jr
209	Robert	L	Tyler		1087	Alfred	E	Whitaker	
276	Don	A	Doyle		1116	Gary	O	Benson	
276	Robert	G	Feenan		1116	Douglas	N	Brown	
276	Kenneth	L	Gavin		1116	Lloyd	E	Burton	III
276	Ronald	L	Gunnels		1116	Bruce	E	Facundus	
276	Charles	A	Hartman		1116	John	E	Nilan	
276	Albert	T	Hawkins		1116	Robert	A	Russell	
276	Vernon	C	Heppner		1125	Glen	W	Hansen	
276	James	N	Kaylor		1125	Donald	D	Heick	
276	Wayne	J	Kelch		1125	Michael	D	Mann	
276	Patrick	M	Marshall		1125	Daniel	L	Rootes	
276	Stephen	O	Noble		1125	Raymond	M	Stubberud	
276	Jacob	C	Rhodes		1448	Charles	M	Dilly	
276	Robert	E	Sagen		1448	Robert	C	Mc Dermott	
276	Richard	F	Schultz		1507	Merle	D	Drake	
276	Charles	W	Sellers		1507	Robert	L	Hawkinson	
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903	Gene		Hermanson		1579	Robert	A	Ashley	
1087	Don	T	Alford		1579	Teddy	L	Birnie	
1087	Harold	H	Bangen		1579	Bob		Bradley	
1087	Neal	K	Barnes		1579	Clifford	F	Brown	
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1087	Bill	P	Benjamin		1579	Carl	J	Buflod	
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1087	Pete	O	Brekke		1579	Thomas	A	Hanel	
1087	Herman		Bruno		1579	Edward	L	Herbertson	Jr
1087	Gary	D	Bucher		1579	Robert	D	Hickey	
1087	Robert	L	Charpentier		1579	Richard	B	Hobbs	
1087	Kenneth	M	Coffman		1579	William	E	Hodgson	
1087	Loren	W	Corrigan		1579	Calvin	J	Irish	
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1087	Bernard	E	Dickman		1579	William	T	Lawlor	
1087	Robert	C	Dovovan		1579	Magnus		Nevland	
1087	James	M	Egged		1579	Paul		Stengel	
1087	Lathan	R	Fladstol		1595	Robert	L	Dedon	
1087	Lynn	D	Frasier		1595	Benjamin	J	Early	
1087	Robert	P	Friesen		1634	Earl	D	Bear Crane	
1087	David	E	Gibson		1634	Robert	L	Detra	
1087	Greg	K	Giskaas		1634	William	M	Dimich	
1087	Orvis	A	Goetz		1634	Michael	J	Erickson	
1087	Roger	H	Grilley		1634	Ron	L	Free	
1087	Ernest	E	Hamann		1634	Joe	J	Garcia	
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1087	Tony	D	Hiatt		1634	Glendon	J	Kirch	
1087	Steven	L	Hix		1634	Lawrence	M	Ranes	
1087	Gary	W	Hoffman		1634	James	R	Stearns	
1087	Donald	P	Hogan		1634	Michael	V	Stryjewski	
1087	Donald	R	Huizenga		1634	Dennis	J	Winter	
1087	Kenneth	M	Kessner		1703	Robert	L	Durbin	
1087	John	W	Krause	Jr	1703	James	C	Fuller	

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1703	Roy	L	Peters		4067	David	L	Turner	
1703	Kenneth		Youngbauer		4099	Holger		Baadsgaard	
1849	Steven	E	Kerr		4099	Gordon	L	Bradley	
1849	Clifford	L	Pulver		4099	Timothy	D	Dietrich	
1849	Karl		Roll		4099	Dana	J	Dore	
1849	Scott	L	Wagner		4099	Dale	B	Erickson	
1876	Donald	R	Kelley		4099	Harold	J	Fink	
1876	Albert	E	Kiehn		4099	Robert	C	Hall	
1876	David	T	Montgomery		4099	John	H	Hicks	
1876	Kenneth	J	Reiss		4099	Leroy	A	Iversen	
1876	Paul		Schimming		4099	Ted	W	Jensen	
2154	Robert	F	Kisthart		4099	Melvin	L	Miller	
2154	Walter	W	Schleicher		4099	Denis	J	Murphy	
2252	Richard	W	Allen		4099	Joseph	G	Reed	
2252	James		Braun		4099	Garry	A	Slabaugh	
2252	Donald	S	Chase		4099	Alan	R	Stevens	
2252	William	M	Hadly		4099	Neil		Williams	
2252	Barry	R	Hatton		4099	James		Zueger	
2252	H	L	Helgeson		4109	George	P	Bolen	
2252	Rodney	P	Hiam		4109	Donald		Wilson	Jr
2252	Jim	L	Jones		4198	Darrel	D	Delanoy	
2252	Richard	L	Jones		4198	Warren	L	Skog	
2252	Paul	J	Kirchoff		4620	William	R	Preeshl	
2252	Hollister		Larson		4620	Jerry	D	Shepherd	
2252	Terence	L	Leishman		4669	David	J	Hollingsworth	
2252	Franklin		Lundquist		4669	Rickey	D	Linafelter	
2252	Jerry		Miller		4669	John	R	Nerud	
2252	Benno	M	Ober		4669	Donald	G	Richards	
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2252	William	F	Shouler		4725	Roger		Ferguson	
2252	Reginald	F	Slater		4725	Wesley	D	Imlay	
2252	William	J	Weed		4744	Edward	W	Hilderman	
2252	Dale	C	Wilson		4744	C	D	Wendland	
2484	Ronald	E	Hanson		4813	Soren	P	Jensen	
2484	Laurence	R	Snyder		4813	Frank	A	Whitmus	Jr
2986	Roy	S	Ackroyd		4925	Walter	P	Atkinson	
2986	James	E	Boyle		4925	Stephen	C	Grantier	
2986	Michael	J	Burke		4925	Glenn	E	Kenda	
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2986	Thomas	L	Lapke		5514	John	A	Brown	
2986	Keith		Mc Curdy		5514	Robert	W	Herman	
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2986	Rodger	L	Peek		5652	Richard		Larsen	
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3596	Alexander		Martin		6774	Richard	L	Owen	
3596	Gerald	E	Mc Cartney		6774	John	J	Pereau	
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3596	Allen	H	Taylor		6786	Anthony	R	Moore	
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3831	David	A	Halvorson		7407	Richard	L	Thein	II
3831	Frank	X	Ybarra		7481	Charles	E	Finley	
4042	Russell	L	Bush		7621	Alvin	W	Matthis	
4042	Denis	F	Joyce		7655	Randal	G	Burke	
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4042	Roy	E	Powell		7885	Eddie	P	Hufford	
4042	Eugene	J	Van Den Heuvel		7885	Frank		Klauzer	
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10010	Donald	W	Boyce		15027	Raymond		Eggebrecht	
10010	Frank	I	Breznik		15027	Douglas		Ellsworth	
10010	John	P	Brophy		15027	Kenneth	R	Erickson	
10010	Kenneth	D	Caldwell		15027	Douglas	R	Ferree	
10010	Jerry	P	Campey		15027	Leslie		Frank	
10010	Frank	F	Cole		15027	Dale	R	Gamble	
10010	Che	C	Craig		15027	Stephen	R	Garrow	
10010	Harold	E	Craig		15027	Roger	F	Griffin	
10010	John	M	Denherder		15027	Kenneth	J	Grose	
10010	Richard	J	Dix		15027	Leland		Gundlach	
10010	Charles	H	Edwards		15027	Stanley	H	Hatfield	
10010	Jimmie	I	Fadness		15027	Michael	L	Haugan	
10010	Wallace	W	Fender		15027	Gary	C	Hubenthal	
10010	Gilbert	W	Fisher		15027	Roy	V	Jolley	
10010	Robert		Gonzalez		15027	Leo	L	Kimmet	
10010	Gerald	A	Graham		15027	Waiter		Knighton	
10010	Ron		Griffin		15027	Wayne		Knutson	
10010	Charles	B	Haynes		15027	Bob		Kondash	
10010	Huey	L	Hearty		15027	Daniel	A	Krapf	
10010	Melvin	D	Henwood		15027	Louis	R	La Rock	
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10010	James	R	Kercher		15027	Dale	P	Omsberg	
10010	Andrew	Y	Kim		15027	Kenneth		Palagi	
10010	Joseph	E	LaFromboise		15027	Fred	Q	Parker	
10010	Timothy	D	Lash		15027	Charles	D	Peterson	
10010	E	P	Maronick		15027	Ralph	T	Plenty	
10010	Earl	E	Martin		15027	Larry	E	Posey	
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10010	John	S	Ralls		15027	Gary	L	Roberson	
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