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VFW Auxiliary National President Visits Montana!



Auxiliary National President Jane Reape arrived in Great Falls in the late afternoon of September 3rd. She was greeted at the airport by a delegation of Department, Post and Auxiliary members. Hosted by Department Commander Jeff Schepp and President Tamee Havrilla, the group proceeded to The Montana Club for dinner.

Following the dinner, President Jane was taken to the Birthplace of Montana, Fort Benton with the usual excitement of close calls

with wandering deer! Exhausted from her trip and a good meal, President Jane was escorted to the Grand Union Hotel for a much needed rest. The following day, President Jane was given a tour of Historic Fort Benton including the old Immaculate Conception Church, a guided tour of the Old Fort and Museum, Veterans Park and of course the Forever Faithful Shep monument and grave site. While up on the hill at Shep's grave overlooking Fort Benton, we also went to the Riverview Cemetery Military section with more views of the town below.

After all the travels and touring, The Freeze provided refreshing ice cream and drinks

to the entourage which now included Auxiliary members from Malta and Miles City.

We all took a break to relax and freshen up for the 6 pm Banquet at the Grand Union. Joining us at the Banquet was Fort Benton Mayor Lanny Walker and his wife Connie. Unexpectedly we were the victims of an attempted robbery by The Missouri River Breaks Gang! The actors of the Old West demanded money from the "Lady from New York with lots of money!"

Post Auxiliary member Chaplain Cindy Farwick, also a member of "The Gang," still dressed in her Bar Girl outfit offered the meal blessing and according to President Jane, "Gave new meaning to Montana's Auxiliary Chaplains!"

Department President Tamee presented President Jane with a tri level wooden cross hand crafted by Bob Onstad, a Life Member of Post 4047 and Vietnam veteran.

The evening ended peacefully and early as President Jane had a very early departure the next morning. She was driven to Great Falls airport by Department Quartermaster Tim Peters and his wife Barb.

We can only hope that President Jane enjoyed her visit to Montana as much as we did hosting her!



It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of the passing of our Post State Service Officer Bob Schwegel. Bob passed away on Sunday October 23rd. Services for Bob have not been set at this time. Bob was our State Service Officer for more than a decade and helped thousands of Montana veterans in that capacity.

May he Rest In Peace.

Deadlines

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

February 15, 2023 Apr-May-June-July

June 15, 2023 Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov

October 15, 2023 Dec-Jan-Feb-Mar

Coming Events 2023

MID-WINTER	JAN. 21	GREAT FALLS POST 1087	09:00
DISTRICT 3	APRIL 1	ABSAROOKEE, MT	08:00-10:00
DISTRICT 1	APRIL 15	EUREKA, MT	08:00-10:00
DISTRICT 2	APRIL 15	GREAT FALLS, MT	08:00-10:00
DISTRICT 4	APRIL 22	BUTTE, MT	10:00-12:00
DISTRICT 6	APRIL 29	JORDAN, MT	10:00-12:00
DISTRICT 5	APRIL 30	SIDNEY, MT	10:00-12:00

COMMANDER'S REPORT



JEFF SCHEPP

Comrades,

I would like to take this time to thank Post 1703 Lewistown, Post 10010 East Helena, Post 4042 Bigfork, Post 6774 Billings, Post 1125 Glendive and Post 6067 Malta for hosting the district meeting. It was nice to see all the members that attended my homecoming on 24 September 2022. I had a great time and the dinner was awesome thanks to Barb Peters.

As of 10/26/2022 we have 12 posts that have achieved 100% membership. I want to thank the posts for the work they have done. Post 276 Whitefish, Post 2252 Kalispell, Post 5514 Troy, Post 6697 Darby, Post 6786, Post 4669 Black Eagle, Post 8952 Sunburst, Post 7311 Absarokee, Post 8292

Maxville, Post 173 Sobey, Post 4067 Malta and Post 7886 Jordan. We have several posts that are very close and will be 100% any day now. I feel very strongly that we can make our goal of 100% by 31 December 2022 if we all work together as a team the goal can be achieved. Let's make sure we are doing the recruiting events, calling or mailing expire members. If you need anything, please feel free to call and I will help any way possible to help make the department achieve 100%

In closing I want to thank everyone for the hard work and dedication to the VFW and how proud I am to be part of this great organization. I look forward to seeing you at mid-winter in Great Falls 21 January 2023.

"IT'S NEVER TOO LATE"

Jeff Schepp
State Commander

SR. VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



JIM LAYTON

Comrades, I want first to thank all the districts and host posts for the excellent fall district meetings. I always enjoy being able to travel around our state, connect with our members, and learn from your experiences and examples of service. Seeing our members' committed efforts and dedication as I have traveled to your various districts and posts, it is easy to see why they say, "no one does more for veterans."

During every district meeting, Commander Jeff Schepp challenged each of us to recruit one new member and to be 100% by December 31st, a challenge I am confident we can meet. Too often, many of us are guilty of seeing our membership goals as an overwhelming obstacle. Especially at the

beginning of our year, the number of member renewals and recruiting necessary may seem daunting. I think Commander Schepp's challenge is an excellent example of how we can break down this overall goal into smaller tasks. If each of us recruits or reinstates one member, we will meet our goal in no time.

Time and again, I have seen this Department rise to each challenge, and I am confident we will do it again. I believe our posts are where the rubber meets the road in meeting these challenges. It is because of your hard work and dedication that we can reach so many veterans and serve our communities the way we do. As always, I ask that you let us know how our department leadership may best help you in your efforts.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Western Conference in Portland, Oregon. Moreover, since we are quickly approaching the holiday season, I wish you each a happy holiday, however you choose to celebrate. May you be surrounded by family and friends and build memories to last a lifetime.

Jim Layton
State Sr. Vice Commander

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JR. VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



LONNIE J. JOHNSON

Comrades,

It has been a very busy past couple of months. I have made several trips around the state and just spent a few days in Kansas City for Jr. Vice Cdr. Training. For those Districts that I was able to visit, thank you for your hospitality. Networking in this organization is one of the best advantages we can have in order to find what works best in our organization when it comes to our programs, our membership, and our families. I was able to attend a couple of festivals and county fairs this year. It was great to see our Posts in the community being "Visible". I firmly believe that the more people see us in the community the easier it is for us to grow our membership. As

we finish off 2022 let's get out there and be seen and achieve our goals for the year.

In Comradeship,

Lonnie J Johnson

State Jr. Vice Commander

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



MIKE PRYOR

Greetings to all Comrades! Many things are starting to happen as we begin another busy quarter of the VFW. Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, Teacher of the Year, and Scout of the Year are just a few programs which have deadlines to meet, and we all want our winners to succeed. To top it off, we have the holidays coming up and look forward to time with family and old friends we haven't seen in a long while. It's just busy! At the same time, we think of family and friends who are missing from our lives. I've had the opportunity to attend some District meetings and able to share with members many of my feelings about this. One very important issue for me is to work

with District Chaplains, especially when a member passed away. Montana has lost at least 35 members since July 1. I'm sure Posts ensure a proper ceremony is given yet very few Posts notify their District Chaplains of a death so their condolences can be offered. Most importantly, family members must know the VFW cares and are there to assist in their time of need. Cards and phone calls help them know we care and that loved ones are not thought of as just a number. I've said many times that "Every Family Member Counts." It is important for you to let them know. You can find get well and sympathy cards in the VFW catalog that are very inexpensive. I'm sure if District or Post Chaplains present a bill for cards and stamps to their Quartermaster, it will be approved unanimously. Remember, the District Chaplain position is more than just two meetings a year. Post Chaplains are more than 12 meetings a year. Become involved with your membership.

The next time we will all be able to meet is at the Mid-Winter Conference, January 21, 2023, held at Great Falls Post 1087. I hope to see all of you there and have a chance to talk about many things. Safe Holidays everyone!

Mike Pryor

State Chaplain

Yellow Ribbon event held for the 143rd Military Police

On 15 October 2022 the Department of Montana along with Posts 1703 Lewiston, 3107 Glasgow, 4067 Malta, 4047 Fort Benton and 3596 Plains held a recruiting event at the Yogo Inn during the Yellow Ribbon event held for the 143rd Military Police. The Team educated the younger veterans and their families on what the VFW can do for them. The event got 4 Lifetime members and several good prospects.



NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT



JACK HAWLEY

Comrades,

Good to see old friends at the district meetings that I attended. I flew to Kansas City to attend a National Council meeting in August, and we passed our new working budget for the year so all's well in VFW nation. Membership is always a topic that I address and once again our overall goal is 100% in membership. The State Commander challenges us to be 100% by 31 December and each member recruits 1 new or reinstated member. I know you will all step up to the challenge after all Montana Veterans don't back down from nothing.

Covid-19 is still on going and our veterans might still need help paying their dues if your post can afford it use your life membership monies you received in September and reinvest it into your members.

Our business is helping our fellow veterans and this is a small way to do that. During each month the National Commander has membership challenges that might put some money back into your post and the way you do that is renewing your current members, reinstate past members, and get new members. We will let you know each month what the challenge is for that month.

I want to say CONGRADULATIONS to the following posts that have reached 100% in membership. They are Whitefish, Kalispell, Troy, Darby, Eureka, Black Eagle, Sunburst, Absarokee, Maxville, Scobey, Malta, and Jordon. I know that we have another 30 posts that need 10 or less renewals, reinstates, or new members to reach 100%. If anyone needs some help or information or just someone to talk to contact Me, Tim or Jeff and we will answer your questions. That's all for this quarter everyone has a great Holliday season and you'll be hearing from me up to we reach our goal of 100% and then we can move on to doing our community projects.

Jack Hawley

National Council Member

Greetings from the Southwest Montana's newest Veteran's Home

After a busy summer with outdoor cookouts and parties, where we celebrated the 100th Birthday of 2 World War II veterans, it is time to move to indoor activities.

Residents are excited to use the new pool tables and shuffle board equipment, that was purchased by the Foundation.

Football season has kicked off and there is a friendly competition like Fantasy Football with weekly prizes for the winners. A pick up game will be held each week with the Super Bowl being the Grand Finale there will be a bigger prize.

For those that wish to play Bingo is 3 times a week at the Belmont Senior Center where our veterans interact with the local Senior population. Residents from cottages 1, 2, and 3 rotate weeks and go shopping at Walmart and are able to pick up items for those in cottage 4.

Cribbage is an event that continues with the Cribbage Club coming in once a week.

Halloween is next up and the residents will be passing out candy to costumed youngsters as the drive by with their parents.

Veteran's Day will have Ceremonies in each of the cottages by local Veteran Service Organizations.

Thanksgiving and Christmas is when Families will be joining the residents for meals. Residents will be able to select gifts for their families from a store provided by donations organized by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Anyone that wishes to volunteer time, or groups that would like to schedule an event is encouraged to call 406 792 3100, Ext3111 for information.

The Walkway Project is underway and is scheduled for completion in 2023.

Current status is 43 beds of the 46 available, 2 beds in cottage 4 are not available at this time due to the Walkway Project.

Cottages 4 and 5 have now been turned over to the State and are awaiting certification by the VA. Cottage 5 will be taking residents sometime in November or December

Mel Kieninger

Veterans Home Liaison, Butte Montana

VFW Post 4669



Picture are L-R: Frank Tuss, Post Commander; Dennis Burns, Post Sr. Vice Commander; Shannon Wilson, Post Adjutant.

VFW Post 4669 in Black Eagle took part in several events over the summer to help build membership in our post and let folks know all that the VFW does.

We had a table set up at the 'Wreaths Across America' display when it came to Great Falls on July 24th, and a table at the Black Eagle Community's Show N' Shine car show on August 21st. We handed out a lot of membership applications, and have already signed up several new members. To learn more about our post, visit vfwpost4669.org

VFW Post 1116

VFW Post 1116 Helena working on behalf of KEECOW socks delivered 50 pairs of socks to God's Love Homeless Shelter in Helena MT.

KEECOW socks will donate 2 pairs of socks to the homeless for every package ordered. They can be found on Amazon.



VFW Post 12177



Post 12177 Fort Harrison held a recruiting event at Carrol College during their homecoming football game on 24 September 2022 Halo the Carroll college mascot stopped by to get a bottle of water.



From left to right State Sr. Vice Commander James Layton, District 1 Commander Heather Allen and Samantha Bebb from post 3596 and Lonnie Cook from Post 12177 who is 3rd from the right posed for a picture with the Carroll College ROTC cadets at their recruiting event held at Carroll College on 24 September 2022

VFW Post 6786



VFW Post 6786 members (L-R): Al Oberdorf, Steve Fehlberg and Lamar Mower are filling potholes with aggregate purchased with money received from the VFW National Still Serving Grant.



VFW Post 6786 members working to fill potholes in Eureka parking lot.

VFW Post 6786 members (L-R): Lamar Mower, Commander Richard Weldon and Steve Fehlberg are filling potholes behind the post in Eureka MT. The post used money received from the VFW Still Serving Grant to purchase needed materials to complete this community project.



VFW Post 4042

The Ladies from the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce presented a check for \$2500.00 for the VFW Post 4042 Scholarship Funds from proceeds from the Rumble in the Bay Car Show.



L-R: VFW Post Commander Rob Gambino, Janine Beaubien, Diane Kautzman and Senior Vice Commander Steve Gordon.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4042 News

These VFW members are the Board of Directors for the Veterans Coalition of Northwest Montana for Suicide Prevention and Awareness training. The Coalition was presented a plaque from Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education for their work in Suicide Prevention training in the State of Montana on October 6 2022 at the Bigfork VFW Post.



(L-R) Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4042 members Michael Stone, Doug Shanks, LD Gross, Michael Shepard; VFW Post 1548 member Doug Gilbertson and Jason Alves, Director of Veterans Initiatives for Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Not pictured VFW members are Ron Wenzel-VFW Post 4042 Bigfork MT and Jim Higgins-VFW Post 1548 Libby MT.

Polson Minutemen VFW

The Polson VFW put on a re-enactment of the battles of Lexington & Concord before the 4th July Parade.

We are under the name Polson Minutemen (picked by our youth). We had over 50 participants, 13 were British Red Coats.



Before the event, Tomy Parker (who lost both legs and one hand in Afghanistan) described the events that lead up our conflict with the British.



Paul Revere then came down then street warning us of the approaching troops.

VFW Post 5514



Post 5514 Post Commander presents Michael Lellesed with the rifle he won from the post raffle that was held in Libby MT.



Post 5514 Post and Auxiliary Libby Montana Presented 2 Checks to the Libby Firemen Fund. Post 5514 presented a check for \$3072.00 and Post 5514 Auxiliary presented a check for \$700.00



The Minutemen made the British surrender after a 90 second battle and then marched them down the road.

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 are 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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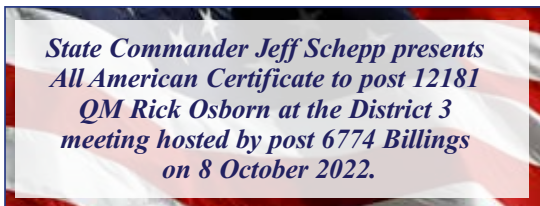
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Heather Allen



Candidate for Dept. of Montana Jr. Vice Commander 2023-2024

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I joined the VFW as a Life Member in 2018 at Post 3596 in Plains, MT. I was elected post Quartermaster in 2019 and continue to serve as their Quartermaster. I played an integral role in earning my post All-American status in 2020-2021 for the first time in its history and again in 2021-2022.

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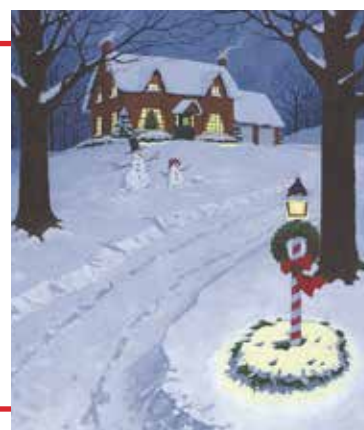
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209	Albert	H	Yee		3596	Gary	A	Jenson	
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903	William	D	Tester		4018	Robert	A	Mc Lean	
1087	Larry	E	Barghultz		4042	Henry	T	Demmons	
1087	Lesley	S	Cislo		4042	Joe	D	Herrin	
1087	Ralph	B	Cox		4042	William	D	Stout	
1087	Jeffrey	P	Hunt		4067	Ernest	E	Becker	
1087	Robert	V	Lemoine		4099	Charles	G	Albrecht	
1087	Howie	D	Pittman		4099	Richard	A	Ellwein	
1087	Richard	K	Rusk		4099	Joshua	W	Entzel	
1087	Frank	H	Snow		4099	Alfred	J	Falcon	
1087	Charles	L	Stephens		4109	Walter		Willson Jr	
1116	Edward	B	Andress Jr		4620	Mick	J	Thompson	
1116	Milton	A	Coty		5514	James	A	Carr	
1116	Robert	W	Leaf		5514	John	E	Erickson	
1125	Dale	B	Hewitt		5514	William	T	Lowe Jr.	
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1448	Ronnie	W	Norris		5652	Bert	D	Postlethwaite	
1507	Robert	D	Gwaltney		5652	Robert	J	Watson	
1507	Frank	E	Novotny Jr		6238	Johan	R	Nilsen	
1548	Terry	A	Holthaus		6774	John	R	Browning	
1548	Christ	R	Kuntz		6774	Charles	M	Carroll	
1548	John	M	Landon		6774	Fred	F	Reichert	
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1548	Marilyn	B	Smith		7621	David	W	Keith	
1548	Robert	E	Wenholz		7655	Michael	H	Crane	
1551	Kenneth	G	Voldseth		10010	Jonathan		Burdsall	
1579	Randy	M	Butala		10010	Melvin	T	Nelson	
1579	Randall	A	King		10010	John	C	Vaughn	
1579	Richard	D	Peterson		12112	Syd	A	Brosten	
1595	Howard	D	Best		12177	Al		Kinton	
1634	Jose		Riojas		12177	Robert	T	Schwegel	
1634	Harold	J	Weinmaster		12181	Wallace		Ory	
1703	Bill	L	Denning		15027	Harold	R	Cambell	
2252	Darrell	J	Christofferson		15027	Allen	F	Fox	
2252	Gherald	R	Fredericks		15027	Gary	M	Frisbie	
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2252	Michael	R	Jordan		15027	James	L	Mc Clure	
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