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During the 100th Convention held in Billings, Montana 15-18 June 2022 awards were given out.



Post 6774 Commander Randy Stiles is presented with the Host Post plaque by State Commander Ron Merwin and Commander-In-Chief Fritz Mihelcic.



Post 3107 Glasgow Commander Art Widhalm accepts the Boy Scout of the Year award for Blake Lloyd



It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Past State Commander Chuck Carroll. Chuck lost his battle with cancer on June 25th. Chuck was laid to rest in Yellowstone National Cemetery on July 1st surrounded by those that cared about him. 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*.

October 15, 2022 Dec-Jan-Feb-Mar

February 15, 2023 Apr-May-June-July

June 15, 2023 Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov

Coming Events

DISTRICT 2		SEPT 17		LEWISTOWN, MT		08:00-10:00
DISTRICT 4		SEPT 24		EAST HELENA, MT		10:00-12:00
DISTRICT 1		OCT 1		BIG FORK, MT		08:00-10:00
DISTRICT 3		OCT 8		BILLINGS, MT		10:00-12:00
DISTRICT 6		OCT 9		GLENDIVE, MT		10:00-12:00
DISTRICT 5		OCT 16		MALTA, MT		10:00-12:00

COMMANDER'S REPORT



JEFF SCHEPP

Greetings Comrades,

Like we always say, "where did last year go?" It does not feel like it has been a year since we left Lewistown, MT and we said, "We will see each other in Billings 15-18 June 2022." The 100th Convention was an outstanding success thanks to Post 6774 and the Auxiliary for all the outstanding work they did prior to the start of the convention and all the hours you did during convention sure showed a Great Job! For the first time in many years the State of Montana had the great pleasure of having the Commander-In-Chief Fritz Mihelcic and Auxiliary President Jean Hamil both attend our convention.

Thank you for voting me the Commander for 2022-2023.

My motto this year is "IT'S NEVER TOO LATE." The old saying, "we have been doing it this way forever" needs to change. "IT'S NEVER TOO LATE" to look for fresh new ideas. "IT'S NEVER TOO LATE" to start doing events at the Posts and Districts that involve families. This may attract other veterans and their families who are not members of the VFW but want to join the VFW and the Auxiliaries.

The State of Montana currently has over 1,000 soldiers deployed throughout the world and for many it's their first time.

The first Yellow Ribbon event is in Lewistown, MT 15 October 2022 at the Yogo Inn with several to follow.

I'm only a phone call away. I can come to your town, city and posts to help with recruiting, attending meetings or whatever you need me to do. We are a team.

"IT'S NEVER TOO LATE." Have a great summer. I will see some of you comrades at the National Convention, 16-18 July 2022 in Kansas, MO in a few weeks. Remember School of Instruction is 12-13 August 2022 at Post 1087, Great Falls, MT.



I have my Commander shirts on sale right now. If you are interested and want one, please give me a call at 406-465-9500. The shirts are Teal in color and come in Men's long and short sleeve and Women's 3/4 sleeve. The shirts cost \$35.00.

"IT'S NEVER TOO LATE"

Jeff Schepp
State Commander

SR. VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



JIM LAYTON

Comrades,

I want to thank each of you for your continued support and the opportunity to continue serving this great Department as the State Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year. I am proud to be part of this team and the work we do to support and improve the quality of life for our fellow veterans. I am excited to continue working alongside each of you and will endeavor to give you my best effort each day.

For those of you that were able to attend the Department of Montana VFW's Convention, I hope you were able to take as much away from it as I was. Seeing so many of you there

represented your posts and districts was excellent. For those unable to be with us, I encourage you to attend the next convention that will be held in beautiful Whitefish, Montana. These are opportunities to get to know other veterans across our state, share experiences or ideas and build comradery.

Your dedication and hard work are what make this organization the standard to rise to for all other departments. As we continue to serve in our various capacities, I implore you to reach out to our department team if you have questions or need assistance; we are here to serve you and this great organization. Once again, thank you for all that you do to make the Department of Montana the success that it is. Please take a moment to pause and recharge, and then let's get back to working for our veterans.

Jim Layton
State Sr. Vice Commander



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JR. VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



Lonnie J. Johnson

Comrades,

First I sincerely express my gratitude and appreciation for your support and trust in electing me as your State Junior Vice Commander. It is an honor to be able to serve the members of this great organization. It is going to be a busy year. As some of you already know, I have taken on a couple of new challenges this year. I look forward in doing my part in supporting the programs of the VFW and also working with our Commander Jeff and Senior Vice Commander Jim. Our 100th Convention was a milestone for Montana. But we don't stop there. Now we work on the next 100 Conventions.

Stay visible in our communities so that we can keep on moving forward. Don't forget to work with the other organizations in our areas. Sometimes it can be a great way to recruit new members. Membership is the key to keeping our organization alive and fulfilling our promise to our Veterans. Again, I look forward to serving with you and continuing to move forward.

Lonnie J. Johnson
State Jr. Vice Commander

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



MIKE PRYOR

As most know, Montana lost a great Past State Commander. Charles "Chuck" Carroll recently past away shortly after our State convention, losing his battle with cancer. Comrade Carroll served as State Commander in 2018. He was a long-time active member of Post 6774 in Billings and will be missed by all.

Our 100th Convention was a huge success and a thank you to all members of Post 6774 for hosting our event. The barbeque was great, and the pulled pork was a hit! Sorry I couldn't eat more.

I wish to thank all who supported me to be your State Chaplain for the ensuring year. I know your expectations are high and I plan on living up to those standards. I enjoyed meeting many of you at District and Post meetings and look forward to seeing you again.

To all Post Officers, especially you Chaplains, please contact me directly by email at michael-pryor@att.net and I will get back to you quickly. Please let me know of any members passing or illnesses so I can reach out.

I look forward to an exciting year to support the Department and all of you. I will see you at the School of Instruction and our Mid-Winter conference. Again, please contact me at anytime if I can assist your Post or its members.

Mike Pryor
State Chaplain

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DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA 100TH STATE CONVENTION

ON SATURDAY MORNING 18 JUNE 2022 OFFICERS WERE SWORN INTO THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS

2022-2023



**Dave Tupper and
Commander Jeff Schepp**



**Jeff Schepp Post 10010 being sworn in as
State Commander for 2022-2023**



**State Commander Jeff Schepp has been given
the Gavel by Commander-in-Chief Fritz Mihelcic**



**The State Officers are being sworn in by
Commander-in-Chief Fritz Mihelcic**

AWARDS GIVEN OUT AT 100TH CONVENTION

The Department of Montana 100th State Convention was hosted by VFW Post 6774 and its Auxiliary in Billings MT 15-18 June 2022. Due to Mother Nature and some of the worst flooding in decades in the Red Lodge, Livingston, Yellowstone and Northwestern Montana, the turnout was good.

GUEST SPEAKERS



**Senior Vice Commander
Post 4067 Malta Jim Layton**



**The Department of Montana had the great pleasure of having
the sitting Commander-in-Chief: Fritz Mihelcic**



**Junior Vice Commander
Post 4018 Plentywood Lonnie Johnson**



**The Department of Montana Auxiliary had the great pleasure of
having the sitting National President: Jean Hamil**



**(L) State Chaplain
Post 276 Whitefish
Mike Pryor**

**(R) Judge Advocate/
Chief-of-Staff
Post 276
Fred Hamilton**



**Commander
Ron**



**Fritz
Speaking**



Senator: Steve Daines



National Home Representative: Kim Sloan



Director of the VA Health Care System: Dr. Judy Hyman



Administrator, MT Veterans Affairs Division: Kelly Ackerman

CONVENTION BANQUET & AWARDS

The Banquet, which was held on Friday 17 June 2022 at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center, was a huge success. Post 6774 and the Auxiliary did an outstanding job. After the meal it was time to hand out the awards.



Banquet Head Table



Centerpieces on the tables at Banquet



Post 276 Whitefish MT Community Activities National Winner

POPPY DISPLAY WINNERS



Category 3

**Post 6774 Billings
1st Place
Jane Loucks and Post
Commander
Randy Stiles**



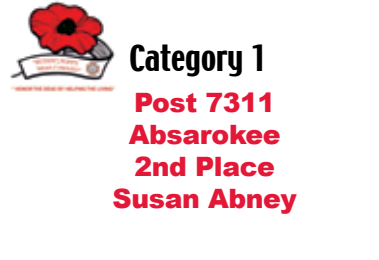
Category 2

**Post 276 Whitefish
2nd Place
Bee Pryor**



Category 2

**Post 5514 Troy
1st Place
Accepting Award
QM Jerry Erickson**



Category 1

**Post 7311
Absarokee
2nd Place
Susan Abney**



Category 1

**Post 1087
Great Falls
1st Place
Georgie Mackall**

All-State Posts



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Post 4041 Big Fork



Post 2154 Livingston



Post 3596 Plains

**No Photo
Post 1579 Miles City**



Post 6774 Billings



THE AUXILIARY GOT INVOLVED WITH SOME LAUGHS AND ALSO RAISED SOME MONEY FOR GOOD CAUSES TOO.

The Auxiliary Dancers ready to start the show. They sold the aprons they wore under their robes to raise money.

The Auxiliary preparing to walk and show off hat they made to be sold off to the highest bidder.

The handmade Afgan was donated to the Auxiliary to be raffled off. Mike Pyror from Post 276 Whitefish MT was the lucky winner.



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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Juan E. Santos Jr.	Gold Post 5514	Terry Beezley	Bronze Post 6786
John C. Fay	Gold Post 5652	Stanley A. Burns	Bronze Post 6786
Ronald J. Merwin	Gold Post 5652	James H. Follensbee	Bronze Post 6786
David M. Oberwegner	Gold Post 5652	Leo A. Howe*	Bronze Post 6786
Austin W. Bromley	Gold Post 6697	J. P. Hume*	Bronze Post 6786
John T. Freely*	Gold Post 6774	Patrick L. McKeever	Bronze Post 6786
Paul R. Harper	Gold Post 6774	John C. Mueller*	Bronze Post 6786
John C. Lattimer*	Gold Post 6774	Thomas H. Price	Bronze Post 6786
Russell H. Mobraaten*	Gold Post 6774	Francis L. Utter*	Bronze Post 6786
Robert J. Sutton	Gold Post 6774	Dale F. Wassmann	Bronze Post 7311
Howard J. Aemisegger	Gold Post 6786	Robert M. Stout	Bronze Post 7407
Ken J. Bartells	Gold Post 6786	Paul E. Coble*	Bronze Post 8292
Francis E. Croucher	Gold Post 6786	Mark R. Drake	Bronze Post 8292
Ken R. Utter	Gold Post 6786	Zane G. Murfitt	Bronze Post 8292
Melody J. Weldon	Gold Post 6786	James G. Prusa	Bronze Post 8292
Richard N. Weldon	Gold Post 6786	Charles R. Thompson	Bronze Post 9040
Gary O. Borland	Gold Post 7311	Edward J. Boucher	Bronze Post 10010
Charles M. Handley*	Gold Post 7311	John R. Buckley*	Bronze Post 10010
Barton W. Lawson	Gold Post 7311	David F. Johnson	Bronze Post 10010
Edward A. Viig	Gold Post 7311	Melvin V. Johnson*	Bronze Post 10010
Joseph F. Welter	Gold Post 7311	Dale A. Person*	Bronze Post 10010
Corry Mordeaux	Gold Post 7407	Robert J. Russ*	Bronze Post 10010
Charles R. Noland	Gold Post 7407	George C. Stump Jr.*	Bronze Post 10010
Leslie L. Poland	Gold Post 7885	Art J. Alvarado	Bronze Post 12181
James W. Ryan*	Gold Post 7886	Vern L. McCants	Bronze Post 12181
Thomas H. Armstrong	Gold Post 8292	John M. Ward	Bronze Post 12181
Carl M. Carver	Gold Post 8292	Roy E. Jordan	Bronze Post 15027
Leonard W. Eik	Gold Post 8292	* Deceased	Total 252
Terry W. Lambert	Gold Post 8292		

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

VFW Post 4042



VFW Post 4042 Commander Rob Gambino and his children made it a family affair putting flags on veterans graves at Linepine Cemetery in Bigfork.



East Helena High School JROTC marching in the parade.

VFW Post 10010

MONTANA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE. IT WAS A GREAT TURNOUT



Quartermaster Tim Peters preparing to fire the cannon to start parade.



Color Guard pausing at the bridge while the wreath is placed in the Prickly Pear Park



Marching down Main Street-East Helena, Montana.



Memorial Day ceremonial at East Helena Main Street Park.



Taking East Helena Mayor Kelly Harris, our guest speaker, to the park.



Auxiliary members preparing the lunch meal after the parade and ceremony. Served over 225 meals - leftovers went to God's Love in Helena, a homeless shelter.

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State Service Officer Dan Arnold at the podium at State Convention



Members at State Convention



Fritz and Jean at State Convention



Sandi Sullivan at State Convention



Senator John Tester at State Convention



Ron, Fred and Tim



Memorial Service



Ron, Jeff and Tim



It's Never Too Late



**10th Annual
VFW District 4 Picnic**

**August 20, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**East Helena JFK Park
402 Harrison Ave N, East Helena MT 59635
(3 blocks North of Main Street Park)
(inclement weather—move to Post)**

**Hosted by VFW Post 10010
Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Sides, Deserts
and Refreshments**

Music
This is a family friendly event with kid's games and activities (prize fishing pond, money pit with 1k dollars.)
Information for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy, along with other VFW programs is available.
Bring your family, grown kids, grand kids, Veteran Supporters.

Come out and have some fun!!

Iron Riders



Troopers Bobby McDonald and Ron Jones

**IRON RIDERS
1897-2022
125th ANNIVERSARY
25th INFANTRY BICYCLE CORPS**

In July 1897, the all-Black Buffalo Soldiers Bicycle Corps of the 95th Infantry embarked on an epic bicycle ride of more than 1,900 miles from Fort Huachuca, Arizona to St. Louis, Missouri, as part of an experiment by the U.S. Army to determine the effectiveness of troop movement by bicycle. Overcoming many obstacles including extreme weather and shortage of supplies, the 25 men on this journey earned the nickname "Iron Riders" for their iron-hard constitutions and for the heavy one-speed bicycles they pedaled.

Missouri State Parks is hosting a series of events along the historic route to commemorate this epic ride:

WHEN & WHERE

- July 17, 2022, 1-5 p.m. Big Lake State Park
- July 19, 2022, 4-8 p.m. Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood Home State Historic Site
- July 21, 2022, 4-8 p.m. St. Jude's Square in Monroe City
- July 24, 2022, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Missouri History Museum in Forest Park

ACTIVITIES

- Bicycle rodeo and other activities for kids
- Live music
- Replica bicycle and Buffalo Soldier's uniform
- Exhibits of the route and the riders
- Programs and speakers
- Track the progress of Erick Cedeno, the Bicycle Nomad, as he reenacts the 1,900-mile ride

MISSOURI STATE PARKS
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Iron Riders Replica Display

VFW Rifle & Side of Beef Raffle



**2022-2023
FN 15 M4
5.56 Rifle
&
Side of Beef**



**The first prize will be a FN
15 M4 5.56 Rifle.
The second prize will be a
side of beef.**

****More than 200 pounds of meat****

Make money for your Post, District and Department all at the same time.
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DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS 2022 - 2023 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM



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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, 2023.

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, 2023 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 2023 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, 2023 will receive \$400 for your District.

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

MONTHLY COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

October Challenge: The Post that has the largest increase in paid members between 1 October and 31 October, 2023 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, 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.

*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.

1. Your Post must be greater than 100% in the Membership Program by June 30, 2023
2. Your Post must be inspected by 15 October, 2022.
3. Your Post must have Four (4) Quarterly Post Audits for the year April 1, 2022–March 31, 2022 on file with the Department Quartermaster. Specifically, the Quarterly Audits for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarters, calendar year 2022 and the 1st, Quarter, of calendar year 2023 must be received before 30 April, 2023. 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.
4. Your Post must have a representative at both the Fall and Spring District meetings.
5. You must have a 2023–2024, Election Report on file at the Department Headquarters by May 1, 2023.

MEMBERSHIP

Points can be credited by achieving the following goals by the dates posted:
Posts 100% by **December 31, 2022.** 100 Points
Achieving 100% plus 1 25 Points
Cutoff date April 30, 2023. 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, 2023 but is 100% by June 30, 2023 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'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 2022.

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

District 100% Membership by June 30, 2023	Total	30 Points
Every Post in the District 100% by April 30, 2023	Total	100 Points
District 100% Inspected by October 15, 2022	Total	40 Points
District 100% of Posts reporting in Community Activities Programs by April 30, 2023	Total	80 Points
Districts 100% of Posts purchasing Buddy Poppies by April 30, 2023	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 deduced 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.





TAPS

Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Sur Name	Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Sur Name
209	Russell	B	Mork		1448	Gene	B	Fogarty	
209	Ralph	R	Reimann		1448	Jack	L	Hanley	
209	Donald	O	Steele		1448	Charles	E	Nugent	
276	Larrimore	E	Adams		1448	Ronald	R	Peterson	
276	Ralph	A	Ammondson		1448	Henry	F	Reed	
276	Robert	L	Bennett		1507	Donald	G	Millhouse	
276	John	K	Berger		1507	Howard	G	Sandford	
276	James	M	Bissell		1548	Gary	A	Hansen	
276	Don	A	Doyle		1548	Richard	W	Johnson	
276	Leonard	C	Doyle		1548	Jerry	J	McKay	
276	John	P	Feeken		1579	Richard		Coffman	
276	Walton	B	Fitzpatrick		1579	Daniel	D	Derenberger	
276	Jacque	R	Harris		1579	Wayne	L	Morgan	
276	Arthur	D	Havens		1579	Elden	D	Strand	
276	William		Johnson		1595	Billy	J	Schaffer	
276	William	G	Kindl		1634	Carl	I	Kochman	
276	J Roger		Knapton		1634	Richard	E	Larson	
276	Marlin		Koestler		1634	William	E	Mankin	
276	Robert	W	Morgan		1703	Anthony	D	Gies	
276	Gerald	E	Nelson		1703	Charles	L	Ingalls	
276	Stephen	O	Noble		1849	Jack		Schwend	
276	James	C	Sharp		1876	John	N	Radonich	
276	Barry	L	Smith		1876	John	E	Roche	
276	Jon	D	Sprague		1876	David	E	Snow	
276	John	Y	Vargas		1876	Gordon	M	Tracy	
276	Joseph	J	Voermans		2154	Donald	R	Garland	
689	Merlin	E	Cofer		2154	Fred	J	Gibson	
689	Paul	E	Harris		2154	James	F	Held	
689	Joseph	P	Mc Gillis		2154	Mervin	L	Hudson	
903	William	H	Baumann		2252	Robert	L	Croucher	
903	Robert	G	Duntsch		2252	Jerry		Meckler	
903	Rex	B	Easton		2252	Robert	P	Mohs	
1087	Max	K	Barker		2252	Harvey	A	Monroe	
1087	C	E	Berlien		2252	Ivan	G	Murdock	
1087	Burl	W	Brawley		2252	Clarence	A	Reed	
1087	Robert	G	Buley		2252	Jeremy	S	Sams	
1087	Jason	V	Christofferson		2252	Anton	J	Yeager	
1087	Penwell	S	Clint		2484	Walter	R	Kolstad	
1087	Joe	B	Crees		2484	Bruce	G	Lehnerz	
1087	Gifford		Doty		2986	Lee		Alderdice	
1087	Robert	C	Dovovan		2986	Frank	W	Fortney	
1087	Louis		Fontana		2986	Danny	R	Hogan	
1087	Robert	P	Friesen		2986	George	D	Smart	
1087	Gerry	D	George		2986	Edwin	W	Smout	
1087	Mervin		Getten		3107	Andrew		Anderson	
1087	Frank	F	Ghee		3107	Michael	L	Hansen	
1087	Gene	D	Griffith		3107	George		Kolstad	
1087	Roger	H	Grilley		3107	Melvin	C	Larsen	
1087	John	E	Haffner		3107	Edward	L	Mason	
1087	Robert	M	Hamers		3107	Leonard	A	Puchalla	
1087	Edward	D	Jones		3107	Robert	W	Tibbetts	
1087	William	A	Jones		3177	Ken	C	Gomer	
1087	Carl	J	Mallory		3177	Evan	J	Griffith	
1087	Bill	P	Mc Gillis		3177	Dennis	D	Klein	
1087	John	J	Mc Kinlay		3596	Richard		Beller	
1087	Douglas	C	Miller		3596	Gene	P	Conlin	
1087	William	P	Minnerly		3596	Joseph	E	Eisenbrandt	
1087	Larry	J	Nopen		3596	Douglas	L	Fewkes	
1087	William	E	Olinger		3596	Donnie	J	Ford	
1087	Thomas	R	Osterman		3596	Paul	F	Goetz	
1087	Jack	N	Osweiler		3596	Velmer	O	Gray	
1087	Serena	C	Roberson		3596	Harry	R	Greene	
1087	Roger	A	Roth		3596	Lyman	G	Hawken	
1087	Hugh	D	Rothweiler		3596	Albert	L	Mc Guigan	
1087	James	D	Sanger		3596	Justin	C	Payzant	
1087	James	E	Shanahan		3596	Glendon	W	Rummel	
1087	Robert	E	Tarello		3596	Gary	R	Sheehan	
1087	Michael	A	Thomson		3596	Walter	R	Volb	
1087	Curtis	O	Wetherell		4042	Rod	V	Lenz	
1116	Elbert	C	Fazenbaker		4042	Donald	C	Thelen	
1125	Jerome		Barth		4047	Donald	R	Allison	
1125	Albin	A	Begger		4047	Ken	R	Knudson	
1125	John	D	Groshart		4047	Warren	W	Siebenaler	
1125	Richard	T	Kruger		4067	John	G	Flansaas	
1125	John	H	Mankopf		4067	Gerald	L	Nordlund	
1125	Albert		Rojic		4099	Norma	D	Mitten	
1448	Henry	F	Beckman		4099	Gregory	L	Zadow	
1448	Raymond	R	Brandl		4109	John	B	Sutton	
1448	Charles	M	Dilly		4198	Gerald	D	Maberry	

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4198	Leonard	A	Thompson	
4603	Evan	C	Andren	
4603	Dennis	A	Bird	
4603	Tom	G	Carey	
4603	Robert	V	Shaw	
4620	Franklin	D	Pehrson	
4744	Walter	T	Funk	
4813	Allen	E	Bond	
4813	Robert		Kluth	
4813	Harvey	W	Kuntz	
4925	Billy	M	Strong	
5514	James	L	Bonifas	
5514	Robert	W	Herman	
5514	Tim		Taylor	
5514	George	D	Whedon	
5556	Gary	M	Carlson	
5556	Gary	L	Carlson	
5556	Richard	L	Graves	
5652	Joseph	G	Brooks	
5652	Charles	O	Whitson	
5748	Jerry	W	Caulfield	
5748	Rex	J	Ellis	
5748	Brian	L	Stene	
6238	Edward	F	Heppe	
6774	Donald	J	Brewer	
6774	Lyle	A	George	
6774	Matthew	W	Grandpre	
6774	Carl	A	Guerin	
6774	Eugene		Hoflin	
6774	Willard	F	LaCounte	
6774	James	C	Rowe	
6774	Gordon	W	Torno	
6774	Allen	L	Whittington	
6786	Edwin	L	Beyers	
6786	Wayne	J	Broom	
6786	John	W	Finkenbiner	
6786	James	H	Follensbee	

Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Sur Name
6786	Richard	W	Payton	
6786	Carl	E	Woltz	
7311	Lester	R	Lynn	
7407	Richard	L	Thein	
7655	Jason	J	Giard	
7655	Robert	A	Lamma	
7655	William	J	May	
7655	Buck		Traxler	
7655	Barney		Vandenbos	
10010	Paul	F	Brass	
10010	Gary	L	Thraikill	
10010	Dennis	R	Underwood	
10010	John	R	Woolsey	
10010	Joseph	W	Yuricic	
12112	Donald	L	Omdahl	
12112	John	C	Palmer	
12181	Perry	D	Nitcy	
12181	Charles		Osborn	
12181	Weldon	J	Reddig	
15027	Charles	R	Anderson	
15027	Larry	D	Beavers	
15027	Bruce	D	Davidson	
15027	Rex	D	Davis	
15027	William	R	Edens	
15027	Dave	A	Egeler	
15027	Rolland	C	Hebel	
15027	Lenny	K	Hinman	
15027	Michael		Jacobs	
15027	Kenneth	W	Rogers	
15027	William	J	Royce	
15027	L	C	Siebenaler	
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<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><small>**Refill Option is available 24 hours.</small></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><small>**If crisis nurse is needed after 4:30 p.m., call 406-442-6410</small></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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