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**T**his will be the last printed issue of the Montana Veteran. From now on the Montana Veteran will be available online only. Due to the high cost of postage and printing and unpreventable budget cuts, the delegates at the state convention in Helena last June voted to stop printing and mailing the Montana Veteran to our members. Obviously this was not an easy decision but one that had to be made. The Montana Veteran will still be issued three times a year on the same schedule as it currently is, but it will only be available on the Montana VFW website located at [mtvfw.org](http://mtvfw.org). Please continue to send your articles and pictures to Department Headquarters to be placed into future online editions. We highly encourage you to print copies of the new digital version for those members of your Post that don't have computers and make it available for review in your clubs.

## Gold Star Mother's Ceremony 2016 September 25th held in Ronan, MT



Charleen Crenshaw, VFW Auxiliary member of 5652, sang the National Anthem with Joe Warren, Army Survivor Outreach Services & MC.



Looking onward intently Rocki Davis, VFW Auxiliary member 5652, read, "Hold My Hand," by Carol Lane, surviving mother of Sgt. Bryon Lane; Margaret Fay, VFW Auxiliary member 5652, read "I Raised A Hero," by Linda Lamie, surviving mother of Sgt. Gene Lamie. Guest speaker, Lara Poulton, GS sister of Cutbank, MT.

### 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, 2017 ..... Apr-May-June-July  
 June 15, 2017 ..... Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov  
 October 15, 2017 ..... Dec-Jan-Feb-Mar

### Coming Events

- JAN 28 | MID-WINTER, POST 1087 GT. FALLS**
- APR 1 | DISTRICT #3 REED POINT**
- APR 8 | DISTRICT # 1 POLSON**
- APR 8 | DISTRICT #5 SIDNEY**
- APR 9 | DISTRICT #6 JORDAN**
- APR 22 | DISTRICT #4 BELGRADE**
- APR 22 | DISTRICT #2 FT. BENTON**

# COMMANDER'S REPORT



**JACK HAWLEY**

Comrades,  
ALOHA. Getting ready for my trip to the Western Conference meeting in Hawaii. I can't believe that I'm a quarter of the way through my commandship and I have so much I want to accomplish before the end of my term of office maybe I'll have to renew (just kidding Chuck). Talking about renew, comrades, friends this year is an opportunity that you may never see again. Renew members that are already in your posts and receive money by doing that. For some who haven't heard of my membership incentive program, I am rewarding posts and districts money if they are 100% in membership by 31 December 2016. Posts will receive \$250 each and districts will receive \$1,000 each. The catch is and there is always a little small print involved, the district has to be 100% in membership by 31 December in order for the post to receive their rewards. I have checked the stats and every district has the numbers to be 100% in membership the hard part is get your members to extend their membership early. A lot of you have gotten off the couch and are out there

bringing in new members, and renewing existing members. I'm proud of each and every one of you and I know who you are and what you have accomplished. I was thinking if every one of you go out and bring in 1 to 3 new members or get some past members to come back our numbers would flourish and I will have to buy some more coins to present you. I have listings of past members who never renewed, members that moved here from another State and never renewed, and some members who are members at large meaning they don't belong to any post that have not renewed their membership. These tools are available to you just by asking. Everything is there in place for you to succeed, you just got to want it, and go out and get it done. Success doesn't happen by wishing and wanting it's done by working and doing and taking the no's with same dignity as the Yes's. Whether you're a wisher or a doer I'm proud of each and every one of you, keep striving towards the finish line.

We just finished up with the District meetings and I would like to thank Glendive, Eureka, Glasgow, Fairfield, Hardin, and Pony for the very best hospitality to me and all the state officers that accompanied me, and if we got a little winded I apologize we have so much information to give you we tend to go over our time. Another post I would like

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# SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



**CHARLES CARROLL**

The strength of our organization lies in the number of our members that we have. Another way of putting it: The greater the number of members we have is directly proportional to our lobby strength in Washington D.C. Folks, our membership rolls are decreasing every year. We need to bolster our membership by a significant number just to remain even. If everyone would recruit just one member per year, then our membership woes would be significantly reduced. I am sure that everyone knows of at least one veteran who may be eligible for VFW membership. Please extend an invitation to him/her to join. If we all did this then in no time our annual recruiting goals would be surpassed. Perhaps we should adapt a new battle cry: "I got my one"! Let's work on it together. Please recruit at least one new member this year.

Over the last several months our media has bombarded us with images of social

injustice, racism, and the trampling of minority rights. So here is where I get on my soap box again. Less than 9% of all Americans are Veterans and less than 2% of our young folks are joining a branch of the military. Unlike nearly every other "minority group" our minority group of Veterans is getting smaller every day. The candidate pool for VFW has shrunk as well, because the branches of the military are not recruiting as many new folks as they have in the past. This means that those warriors who have been in harm's way on various deployments are sent out again and again. I believe that the burden of freedom is the responsibility of every American to ensure that freedom remains for future generations, just as our forefathers did for us. The unfortunate aspect of this theory is that many Americans do not care about anything outside of their small sphere of life or that the freedoms that they enjoy were earned for them by members of the U.S. Military. As we ponder our future as a military organization, I urge all of you to become more proactive concerning Veteran's causes and "blow your own horns". Don't let the bureaucrats in Washington D.C. forget us or our warriors

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**Where Do My  
Dues Go?**

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



JOE FLETCHER

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary,

Our year is off to a good start and we have a long road ahead of us before state convention next summer. Let me urge all of our committee chairs to strive hard to insure that

all required actions are completed and reports submitted on time. That way you can receive the recognition and awards that you so richly deserve.

I was able to attend a number of District Meetings all the way from Eureka to Pony and locations between. Very informative and showed me that you are dedicated to serving our fellow veterans. I apologize to those locations I did not get to attend due to conflicts or work requirements. I will do my very best to attend those in this coming year that I

did not get to visit with during our past district meetings. I am already looking forward to "Mid-Winter" and hearing reports as to successes achieved.

Let me encourage each of you to continue working toward your goals this year and participating in our programs especially those for our young folks. Let's make a special effort to continue growing our membership, especially our younger troops that have come home from deployment.

Happy to report that I am now a "Gold Legacy Member" and let encourage you to make that a goal for yourself. This is how we can leave our personal legacy of continuing to support our fellow veterans even when we have answered the "Supreme Commander's Final Call."

I wish each of you and your loved ones a truly great holiday season filled with joy, love and happiness.

Joe Fletcher  
Jr. Vice State Commander

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



JIM PORTER

My Dear Comrades, fellow Officers, and Auxiliary, greetings to each of you and your families. I hope all of you exercised your American right to vote, that our Comrades before us fought & died to get. I realize there isn't much of a choice this election, but that is still no reason not to vote. I am not going to even try to detail the choices or who to vote for or against. The main thing is, get out and vote.

I was just exemplified as 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus. That does not mean that I am any closer to Heaven than before, it just simply means that now I have more on my plate, or as the saying goes, "I have one more iron in the fire." I am not complaining mind you, it just means I have a little less time

for fishing or doing things that I really enjoy. Anyway I will always take time for my Comrades, no matter what the need as it arises.

The next thing is your District meetings. If it is at all possible, PLEASE, PLEASE, try to make them. There are a lot of your Comrades & Sisters, that are giving up their day to make sure you get the info that you are supposed to have and are kept updated on what is happening with your VFW state-wide.

The last thing is membership, both Life Membership & Legacy Life as well. I do not have the figures to quote, but we are losing our members at an alarming rate. We have to fill the gap somehow, and it really should not rest on the shoulders of just a few. Please encourage your comrades and any new applicants to consider signing up for VFW life membership. Once again, if you have any sicknesses or deaths in your post or auxiliary, please let me know so I can get an appropriate card on the way. Annie & I wish each of you and your families a very happy, safe, and holy holiday season. May God bless & keep all of you 'till we meet again.

Your Chaplain,  
Jim Porter

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## Marine Corps Memorial Dedication

On a gray, somber Patriot's Day 2016, veterans, active duty Marines, members of the Butte Marine Corps League, family and friends trekked up 7 miles of rough mountain road to participate in the unveiling of a two-year project. Retired Marine Gerald "Griz" Deas and his wife Theresa among others, created a lasting tribute to fallen/wounded Marines of all time. The photo depicts Marine Corps League members raising the USMC flag while others salute. Sand from every war Marines have fought in was sprinkled across the threshold to the memorial and roses were placed on a headstone by participants in memory of a lost loved one who served.

Photo by Diane DeChaine



## Army Vet Floyd Johnston

The 15th person and his uniform was honored at the Anaconda Deer Lodge County Courthouse on Friday, September 4, 2016. Tech. 5 Army Vet Floyd Johnston stood tall as his five children and two grandchildren observed while his bio was read and his uniform was unveiled in front of a large crowd of friends and fellow Vets. Floyd landed at Normandy, France with the 51st Engineer Combat Battalion. The battalion participated in several operations including the Battle of the Bulge. The Anaconda American Legion Post 21 Honor Guard provided the presentation of colors.



Photo by Anaconda Leader Journalist James Rosein

# 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 you 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

## Hot Springs Post 5159 becomes first Post in the world to be 100% Gold Legacy Life

All 32 members of Hot Springs Post 5159 have become Gold Legacy Life members. This monumental achievement is a first in the VFW. No other Post in the world is 100% Gold Legacy Life. We would like to congratulate all the members of Post 5159 for achieving this high status. The Post will be receive a Legacy Society Post Proclamation for achieving 25 or more Legacy Life members and a commendation from the Commander-In-Chief. Each member will also be receiving a special coin from Commander-In-Chief Brian Duffy for their efforts. Again the Department of Montana VFW congratulates the members of Post 5159. Which Post will be next?

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Rachel R. Fisher	Gold Post 5159	Troy H. Garza	Bronze Post 4099
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Randall E. Giese	Gold Post 5159	Louie A. Kuylen	Bronze Post 4099
Derwin F. Halvorson Jr.	Gold Post 5159	Harold E. Lorenz	Bronze Post 4099
Henry F. Hanson	Gold Post 5159	Eugene N. Ronningen	Bronze Post 4099
Lloyd G. Heinselmann	Gold Post 5159	Stanley K. Rosaean	Bronze Post 4099
Victor Holmberg	Gold Post 5159	Lawrence R. Troutd	Bronze Post 4099
Robert L. Jackson II	Gold Post 5159	Vernon E. Wilson*	Bronze Post 4099
Howell K. Joiner	Gold Post 5159	Paul L. Holmgren*	Bronze Post 4762
Thomas W. Magera	Gold Post 5159	Alfred J. Adolph	Bronze Post 4925
Zachary Malinak	Gold Post 5159	Daniel C. Barta	Bronze Post 4925
Alan J. McCoy	Gold Post 5159	Jack L. Burger*	Bronze Post 4925
Daniel M. Oberlander	Gold Post 5159	Loren R. Erbe	Bronze Post 4925
Stephen M. Sedladko	Gold Post 5159	Harry Kowalczyk	Bronze Post 4925
Victor J. Stobie	Gold Post 5159	John G. Leggett	Bronze Post 4925
Jerry A. Sutton	Gold Post 5159	Paul R. Meged	Bronze Post 4925
Joel W. Thomas	Gold Post 5159	Douglas H. Parrott	Bronze Post 4925
Clifford S. Tolman	Gold Post 5159	Henry A. Plott*	Bronze Post 4925
James L. Wellington	Gold Post 5159	Will D. Juhl	Bronze Post 6774
Clayton H. White	Gold Post 5159	Donald R. Kendall	Bronze Post 6774
Ted H. Wilburn	Gold Post 5159	Clifford E. Schleusner*	Bronze Post 6774
D. B. Zimmer	Gold Post 5159	Robert J. Sutton	Bronze Post 6774
John C. Fay	Gold Post 5652	Howard J. Aemisegger	Bronze Post 6786
Richard L. Osborn	Gold Post 5748	James H. Burns	Bronze Post 6786
Paul R. Harper	Gold Post 6774	James H. Follensbee	Bronze Post 6786
John C. Lattimer*	Gold Post 6774	Leo A. Howe	Bronze Post 6786
Russell H. Mobraaten	Gold Post 6774	J. P. Hume*	Bronze Post 6786
Francis E. Croucher	Gold Post 6786	John C. Mueller	Bronze Post 6786
Robert T. Schwegel	Gold Post 6786	Thomas H. Price	Bronze Post 6786
Ken R. Utter	Gold Post 6786	Francis L. Utter	Bronze Post 6786
Gary O. Borland	Gold Post 7311	Carl M. Carver	Bronze Post 8292
Charles M. Handley	Gold Post 7311	Paul E. Coble	Bronze Post 8292
John T. Freely	Gold Post 7407	Carl J. Graham	Bronze Post 8292
Terry W. Lambert	Gold Post 8292	Charles R. Thompson	Bronze Post 9040
William I. Mackley	Gold Post 8292	Edward J. Boucher	Bronze Post 10010
George F. Fryett, Jr	Gold Post 9040	John R. Buckley	Bronze Post 10010
Elmer D. Bernard	Gold Post 10010	LeRoy S. Johnson	Bronze Post 10010
William R. Bovee*	Gold Post 10010	David F. Johnson	Bronze Post 10010
Michael C. Buckley	Gold Post 10010	Melvin V. Johnson*	Bronze Post 10010
Lyle F. Pedersen	Gold Post 10010	Dale A. Person	Bronze Post 10010
Timothy C. Peters	Gold Post 10010	Robert J. Russ*	Bronze Post 10010
Ruthie M. Buttrick-Best	Gold Post 15027	Roy E. Jordan	Bronze Post 15027
Dale J. Bender	Silver Post 3107		

\* Deceased Total 175

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# Membership Report 2016

Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year*	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
209	1	258	16	0	14	288	315	91.42%	3		MISSOULA	MT	3	54	29.63%
276	1	110	1	0	18	129	152	84.86%	5		WHITEFISH	MT	1	42	40.48%
1430	1	28	0	0	1	29	35	82.85%	10		HAMILTON	MT	0	4	25.00%
1507	1	46	0	0	2	48	56	85.71%	9		STEVENSVILLE	MT	0	5	20.00%
1548	1	203	0	0	12	215	236	91.10%	4		LIBBY	MT	2	29	48.28%
2252	1	287	2	1	35	325	384	84.63%	2		KALISPELL	MT	2	79	36.71%
2986	1	109	0	0	7	116	129	89.92%	6		POLSON	MT	0	19	31.58%
3596	1	183	0	0	12	195	221	88.23%	4		PLAINS	MT	0	36	38.89%
4042	1	88	0	0	6	94	105	89.52%	7		BIGFORK	MT	1	11	54.55%
5159	1	31	0	0	1	32	29	110.34%	10		HOT SPRINGS	MT	2	5	100.00%
5514	1	115	0	0	0	115	117	98.29%	6		TROY	MT	1	1	100.00%
5556	1	21	0	0	1	22	23	95.65%	10		NOXON	MT	0	2	50.00%
5652	1	61	1	0	6	68	73	93.15%	8		RONAN	MT	0	15	40.00%
6238	1	19	0	0	7	26	27	96.29%	10		SUPERIOR	MT	0	8	87.50%
6697	1	14	0	0	0	14	15	93.33%	10		DARBY	MT	0	1	0.00%
6786	1	95	3	0	7	105	122	86.06%	6		EUREKA	MT	0	24	33.33%
0	1	1668	23	1	129	1821	2039	89.30%					12		%
497	2	112	1	0	6	119	127	93.70%	6		HAVRE	MT	0	10	70.00%
1087	2	650	17	8	46	721	777	92.79%	1		GREAT FALLS	MT	3	112	39.29%
1703	2	35	3	0	10	48	47	102.12%	10		LEWISTOWN	MT	0	11	81.82%
2484	2	30	0	0	2	32	35	91.42%	10		SHELBY	MT	0	3	33.33%
3997	2	11	0	0	0	11	17	64.70%	10		CHESTER	MT	0	2	0.00%
4047	2	33	0	0	4	37	42	88.09%	10		FORT BENTON	MT	0	7	57.14%
4109	2	55	0	0	5	60	68	88.23%	8		FAIRFIELD	MT	0	11	45.45%
4198	2	41	0	0	0	41	40	102.50%	10		BELT	MT	0	1	0.00%
4620	2	30	0	0	4	34	36	94.44%	10		CHINOOK	MT	0	5	80.00%
4669	2	41	0	0	2	43	46	93.47%	10		BLACK EAGLE	MT	1	8	37.50%
4744	2	28	0	0	0	28	29	96.55%	10		HARLEM	MT	0	1	0.00%
7655	2	71	1	0	4	76	85	89.41%	8		CONRAD	MT	0	8	50.00%
8952	2	47	1	0	1	49	50	98.00%	10		SUNBURST	MT	1	1	100.00%
0	2	1184	23	8	84	1299	1399	92.85%					5		%
1025	3	19	0	0	0	19	19	100.00%	10		REEDPOINT	MT	0	0	100.00%
1543	3	10	0	0	1	11	15	73.33%	10		BRIDGER	MT	0	5	20.00%
1551	3	27	1	0	2	30	32	93.75%	10		HARLOWTON	MT	0	5	40.00%
1634	3	140	1	0	11	152	177	85.87%	5		BILLINGS	MT	0	22	40.91%
2154	3	39	3	0	10	52	60	86.66%	9		LIVINGSTON	MT	0	21	42.86%
3177	3	46	2	0	4	52	57	91.22%	9		LAUREL	MT	0	11	27.27%
4725	3	31	2	0	6	39	52	75.00%	9		RED LODGE	MT	0	22	36.36%
4762	3	43	1	0	1	45	48	93.75%	10		COLUMBUS	MT	0	3	0.00%
4925	3	34	1	0	11	46	42	109.52%	10		ROUNDUP	MT	1	9	100.00%
5748	3	25	4	0	3	32	35	91.42%	10		JOLIET	MT	0	13	53.85%
6774	3	217	1	0	39	257	304	84.53%	3		BILLINGS	MT	1	83	50.60%
7311	3	48	0	0	4	52	68	76.47%	8		ABSAROKEE	MT	0	21	38.10%
7407	3	29	0	0	8	37	42	88.09%	10		WORDEN	MT	0	15	66.67%
7481	3	31	0	0	0	31	35	88.57%	10		HARDIN	MT	0	2	0.00%
0	3	739	16	0	100	855	986	86.71%					2		%
689	4	35	0	0	6	41	53	77.35%	9		DEER LODGE	MT	0	9	66.67%
903	4	32	0	0	5	37	46	80.43%	10		BOZEMAN	MT	0	11	45.45%
1116	4	52	0	0	3	55	64	85.93%	9		HELENA	MT	1	6	83.33%
1448	4	72	2	0	12	86	102	84.31%	7		BUTTE	MT	0	31	54.84%
1723	4	23	0	0	1	24	28	85.71%	10		ENNIS	MT	0	3	33.33%
1876	4	94	1	0	13	108	129	83.72%	6		ANACONDA	MT	0	25	52.00%
3648	4	19	0	0	1	20	20	100.00%	10		BASIN	MT	0	1	0.00%
3831	4	31	1	0	7	39	42	92.85%	10		PONY	MT	0	11	72.73%
4603	4	29	3	0	3	35	38	92.10%	10		WHITEHALL	MT	0	7	42.86%
7621	4	25	1	0	2	28	33	84.84%	10		THREE FORKS	MT	0	9	11.11%
8292	4	42	0	0	1	43	43	100.00%	10		MAXVILLE	MT	0	2	100.00%
9040	4	37	2	0	10	49	64	76.56%	9		DILLON	MT	1	28	39.29%
10010	4	276	13	0	28	317	338	93.78%	3		EAST HELENA	MT	4	62	46.77%
12112	4	24	2	0	1	27	32	84.37%	10		BELGRADE	MT	0	9	11.11%
0	4	791	25	0	93	909	1032	88.08%					6		%
173	5	17	0	0	2	19	23	82.60%	10		SCOBAY	MT	0	3	66.67%
107	5	216	3	0	20	239	256	93.35%	3		GLASGOW	MT	2	41	53.66%
4018	5	16	0	0	2	18	18	100.00%	10		PLENTYWOOD	MT	0	2	100.00%
067	5	53	0	1	4	58	68	85.29%	8		MALTA	MT	0	12	41.67%
4099	5	156	1	0	8	165	178	92.69%	5		SIDNEY	MT	1	21	38.10%
4813	5	46	0	0	0	46	49	93.87%	10		CIRCLE	MT	0	1	0.00%
7887	5	4	0	0	7	11	11	100.00%	10		RICHEY	MT	0	6	100.00%
8869	5	25	0	1	2	28	28	100.00%	10		MEDICINE LAKE	MT	0	1	100.00%
0	5	533	4	2	45	584	631	92.55%					3		%
1125	6	108	0	0	9	117	127	92.12%	6		GLENDIVE	MT	0	18	77.78%
1579	6	170	0	1	10	181	196	92.34%	4		MILES CITY	MT	0	22	45.45%
1595	6	47	0	0	1	48	49	97.95%	10		BROADUS	MT	1	2	50.00%
1849	6	30	0	0	5	35	35	100.00%	10		FORSYTH	MT	0	5	80.00%
7885	6	43	0	0	0	43	44	97.72%	10		EKALAKA	MT	1	0	100.00%
7886	6	47	0	0	0	47	46	102.17%	10		JORDAN	MT	2	0	100.00%
0	6	445	0	1	25	471	497	94.76%					4		%
15027	99	470	11	7	49	537	610	88.03%	2		HELENA	MT	3		%
0	99	470	11	7	49	537	610	88.03%					3		%
0	255	5830	102	19	525	6476	7194	90.01%					35		%

## Billings Stand Down

VFW Post 6774 and its Auxiliary attended a stand down in Billings recently serving hundreds of veterans.



(L-R) Jane Loucks, Cathy Evans and Nancy Madovich



## SFC Jeremy Carney, U.S. Army

On a beautiful June (17th) Friday afternoon in Anaconda, friends, family and fellow Vets paid tribute to the son of Anaconda parents Elaine Lux-Burt and Paul Carney. SFC Jeremy Carney served twenty years in the U.S. Army with numerous deployments overseas in the fight against terror. He is the 14th person to have his uniform displayed. Jeremy is pictured with his brother Jeffrey to his right.



The Anaconda American Legion Post 21 Honor Guard provided the presentation of colors. Photo by Anaconda Leader Reporter Kathie Miller.



## Donald Ruhl Medal of Honor VFW Post 5748 - Joliet, Montana



On September 25, 2016, a new Auxiliary was instituted to Donald Ruhl Medal of Honor VFW Post 5748 in Joliet, Montana. Jane Loucks, Auxiliary State Secretary, Cathy Evans, State Senior Vice President, and Ernie Brester, District Senior Vice President, officiated at this ceremony. This Auxiliary will be a great asset to the community and also benefits the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Troops - our thoughts are with you. Stay safe.**

# VFW Post 3831

AUGUST 20, 2016



VFW Post 3831 leading the Pony Days Parade with colors on August 6, 2016.



Members of VFW Post 3831 from Pony gathered in Harrison, Montana to wait for the 2016 Ride to Remember. The Motorcycle ride goes from Helena to West Yellowstone each year to honor our country's POW/MIA military personnel and focuses on Montana's 55 personnel specifically.



Members of Post 3831 in the Pony Park after the parade. Pony Days is held every 3rd year in Pony.

## VFW Post 4042 Bigfork Montana's Honor Guard at their annual Veterans Day ceremony.



No one counted, but it is estimated that over 400 bikers participated.



Become a Veterans' Advocate

Join the VFW Action Corps here:  
[www.vfw.org/weekly](http://www.vfw.org/weekly)  
 and receive the Washington Weekly e-newsletter  
 and All VFW Action Alerts.

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## VFW Auxiliary Post 5652

The VFW Auxiliary Post 5652 of Ronan had a birthday party in July for someone who turned 240 years old—AMERICA!!! We had patriotic cupcakes and necklaces as gifts. Our Eagle was included!



## New Bold Incentives for a New Program Year

Our new State Commander Jack Hawley, has set forward a new incentive program for recruiting new members. Please take advantage of this program and help yourself, Post, District and Department. We have been steadily decreasing our membership numbers over the past 7 years. In 2007 the Department had more than 10,000 members and now we have just over 7,000. If we keep up this trend we will be down to only about 4,000 members in 10 years and we will have about 20 less Posts. Remember the more members we have the stronger your Post is and the bigger our voice is in the state legislature. We need to continue to protect our veteran and military benefits in the state and national legislature and we can better do that with more members. **Please help us by signing up more members!**

Our goal this year is to achieve 100% in membership by 31 December 2016. That way we can spend the second half of the year increasing our numbers. Let your members know that we are asking them to renew their dues **now** instead of waiting until their dues expire. They will not lose any of their membership time by renewing early they will just be extending their membership by an entire year. Please pass the word.

### 2016-2017 RECRUITER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

**Recruit 10 members** – Receive a \$10 VFW Supply gift Certificate.

**Recruit 25 Members** – Receive a Special Gift from the State Commander.

**Recruit 50 Members** – Receive A Bronze Legacy Life Membership or Life Membership or \$250 Gift Certificate from the VFW Store.

**Recruit 75 Members** – Receive A Silver Life Legacy Membership or Life Membership or \$500 Gift Certificate from the VFW Store.

**Recruit 100 Members** – Receive a Gold Life Legacy Membership or Life Membership or \$1,000 Gift Certificate from the VFW Store.

**Posts Recruit 10 New Legacy Life Members** – Receive \$250.00 for your Post.

**Posts Recruit 25 New Legacy Life Members** – Receive \$500.00 for your Post.

**Districts that obtain 100% in Membership by 31 December 2016** – Receive \$1,000 for your District.

**Districts that obtain 100% Membership by 31 December 2016, All Posts that are 100% in that District** - Receive \$250.00 for their Post.

### MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

All members who recruit ten (10) or more New, New Life or Reinstated Members will be eligible for four (4) cash drawings of \$100.00 at the State Convention. Cutoff date April 30, 2017.

## Montana VFW Gun Raffle



### Monthly Gun Raffle

October to June 2017

12 - Rifles, Pistols and Shotguns  
1 Per Month, 2 in Jan and 3 in June  
Tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$20

**See Your Local VFW for Tickets**

## Department Gun Raffle Distribution List

October	Ruger, American Predator	Cal. 6.5 Creedmoor
November	Tikka, T-3 Lite	Cal. 300 WSM
December	Savage, Model 11	Cal. 243 Win
January	Ruger, American Rim Fire	Cal. 17 HMR
January	Ruger, AR-556	Cal. 223/556
February	Smith & Wesson, SD40VE	Cal. 40 Pistol
March	Ruger, American Rim Fire	Cal. 22 LR
April	Mossberg 500	Cal. 12 Gauge Pump
May	Remington, Model 700 SPS	Cal. 7MM Mag
June	Remington, 870	Cal. 12 Gauge Pump
June	Smith & Wesson, SD9VE	Cal. 9MM Pistol
June	Ruger, AR-556	Cal. 223/556

**12 Guns In All - Good Luck!**

**Drawings held on last Friday of each month.**



# TAPS

## Montana VFW comrades who have transferred to Post Everlasting

Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
209	Gerald	M	Ashmore	1876	George	R	Coward
903	John	S	Phillips	1876	Louis	J	Hutzenbiler
1087	David	J	Bellows	1876	Edward	J	Mc Carthy
1087	Conrad	R	Burns	1876	Joseph	G	Mihelic
1087	Max	E	Bush	1876	Alfred		Perna
1087	Floyd	W	Christensen	2154	Gene	S	Brooks
1087	Lee	E	Davison	2154	James	R	Dean
1087	Allen	E	Decker	2252	Leonard	P	Anderson
1087	Eugene	W	Dooling	2252	James		Cone
1087	Henry	L	Enochson	2252	James	B	Stephens
1087	Eugene	J	Erbetta	2252	Joshua	J	Thomas
1087	Robert	K	Fischer	2986	Maurice	J	Mills
1087	Joseph	S	Franchois	3107	Donald	H	Goddard
1087	Gerald	J	Guevin	3107	Jack	L	Jimison
1087	Leon	E	Hansen	3107	Richard	R	Renfroe
1087	Conrad	C	Heimbigner	3107	John	E	Tansey
1087	Calvin	D	Hering	3177	Roger	A	Bare
1087	Ted	R	Jones	3596	Louis	A	Colombini
1087	Jack	L	Keller	3596	Mickey	D	Herndon
1087	Thomas	J	Kirby	3596	Danny	W	Wormwood
1087	Eugene	L	Knoff	3648	Edward	M	Marguis
1087	William		Madison Jr	3831	Dave		Chapman
1087	Sherman	G	Maphies Jr.	4047	Cecil	W	Seright
1087	Terry	J	Mateka	4067	Leonard	J	Boos
1087	Richard	J	Motil	4067	Richard	I	Caves
1087	Hugh	W	Neill	4067	Leslie	E	Eskildsen
1087	Leonard	G	Palagi	4067	Daniel		Molloy
1087	Dennis	F	Paulson	4067	Ernest	A	Olson
1087	John	M	Pavlovich	4067	Peter	R	Score
1087	Arlo	H	Petersen	4067	William	R	Whitcrow
1087	Joseph	R	Platisha	4669	Raymond	L	Ault
1087	Henry	J	Politz	4669	Robert	U	James
1087	James	R	Pugh	4669	Rodger	E	Mc Connell
1087	William	S	Schulte	4669	William	A	Tonkovich
1087	Frank	M	Serwacki	4744	George		Horse Capture
1087	Charles	R	Stevenson	4813	Joe	A	Sokoloski
1087	Jim	O	Storkson	4925	Jack	L	Burger
1087	Freeman	J	Teague	4925	Henry	A	Plott
1087	Jack	L	Thornton	4925	Marko	J	Vranish
1087	Robert	L	Vernon	5514	Tyler	R	Boswell
1116	Wade	E	Clark	6774	James	L	Smith
1125	Eugene	S	Aby	6774	Benjamin	C	Steele
1125	Paul	H	Coyan	6774	Edwin	L	Ward
1125	Lawrence	E	Pedersen	6786	Russell	E	Clark
1125	Leon	A	Porter	7621	Paul	D	Strickland
1448	Walter	E	Vincent	7885	Donald	R	Rieger
1507	Alvin		Olsen	7885	Ira	T	Williams
1579	Claire	A	Bolton	9040	Leonard	C	Lashlee
1579	Pat	L	Hoagland	10010	Ronda	S	Scott
1703	Solomon	A	Schraeder	15027	Ted	F	Wirkus
1723	Robert	L	Harrison				

—SR. VICE COMMANDER, from page 2

currently serving in harm's way, protecting a way of life that 92% of Americans take for granted.

As a group we need to do more to acknowledge all of our fellow veterans' accomplishments. Talk to them, get their stories and tell them thanks for their service. We must never allow those exceptional stories of valor to be forgotten. Please take a moment to ask them if they would like to join the greatest military service organization: The Veterans of Foreign Wars. You know we are always on the hunt for new members. I have heard the metaphor that the VFW is the gun and the members are the bullets. I'm sure that you can remember your war time efforts and can appreciate "having enough ammunition." Folks we are in a war with the bureaucrats in Washington that are continually trying to balance the budget on the backs of Veterans and seniors. We can use all of the ammunition that we can get our hands on. Our nation has a propensity for war/conflicts. Look back in history over the last 200+ years and recount all of the wars/conflicts and skirmishes that we have been involved in. I don't believe that observation will change. I am concerned that those kids in the third or fourth grade today, won't have anyone standing there to support them in their time of war. We need to plan

for the future and our future lies with our kids. We have to nurture them, protect them and instill pride and honor to be successful. Part of protecting them is leaving a society that will ensure that they have the tools and resources to be successful and to return home to be productive citizens.

Our Commander, Jack Hawley, has a program to boost the membership in our organization. A key element of protecting the freedoms of our children and grandchildren is to recruit more members and younger members to ensure that our legacy of service is there for our future warriors. As I stated above. Our Country provides the social conscience for the rest of the world. We will probably always be involved on conflicts/wars. That next group of warriors are sitting in our elementary classrooms throughout our great nation. That next generation of warriors are also our kids and grandkids. We need to have the planning in place now, so that when they come back home there are means for them to be represented and taken care of. Please help us to recruit new members for our organization.

**Chuck Carroll**  
State Sr. Vice Commander

—COMMANDER, from page 2

to recognize is Post 5159 Hot Springs who not only became 100% Life Member Post but also a 100% Gold Life Legacy member post first one in the world. Life Legacy is way Life members can leave a small piece of their Legacy to their post for generations. I'm giving you a 10% discount for Life Legacy Membership until 31 December 2016. The catch is you need to process this through Tim Peters because we are giving the 10% discount not VFW National. One last note our first drawing for the State Gun Raffle is 28 October 2016, and on the last Friday of every month until the State Convention. If you have sold tickets get them into Tim Peters before the drawing. If you wish to buy Raffle tickets they're \$10.00 each or three for \$20.00. I hope you all have the very best holidays and I hope to see you at the Midwinter Meeting 28 January 2017 at Post 1087 Great Falls.

**Jack Hawley**  
State Commander



# NOW IS THE TIME TO EXTEND YOUR ANNUAL DUES

One of our goals this year is to get our membership back into an upward trend. The last few years it's been dwindling downward. Our goal this year is to have all of our annual members renewed before December 31st. We encourage each and every annual member to help us in our goal. The Department is so close we only need 10% more annual members to extend their membership. Please renew your membership now, by renewing your dues now you will simply be extending your current membership by one full year. An example would be Joe Smith's current membership expires on 31 Dec 2016, Joe pays his dues on 23 SEP 2016 his membership is now good until 31 Dec 2017. The State Commander, Jack Hawley's incentive program gives every District that is 100% in membership by 31 December \$1,000 and every Post in a 100% District will receive \$250 if their Post is also 100% by December 31st. Please help your Post by extending your membership now.

## LEGACY LIFE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Any life member that becomes a Legacy Life member or upgrades to a higher level by December 31st will receive a 10% discount. That's a \$40-120 savings. Page 4 describes what a Legacy Life member is and what the benefits are to our life members. This is a one-time offer and there's not much time to take advantage of it so don't wait. If you are interested simply contact our State Quartermaster/Adjutant Tim Peters at (406)324-3992 and he will be able to help you. Do not send your payment to National they are not offering the discount.

## Department Service Officer

Here in Montana, we work diligently to keep up with the new processes of doing business with the VA. Our investment into a paperless claims management system has paid off! Our agency has been invited to participate as a pilot site utilizing a new paperless claims submission program called Digit to Digit (D2D).

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) currently receives a large number of Veteran and Survivor claims and evidence is submitted and managed by our agency as the Veteran Service Organization acting on behalf of Veterans by way of a Power of Attorney (POA) relationship. Currently, all of the claims and evidence we manage is sent as paper submissions to VA via fax. To better manage the claims, last year we partnered with a software vendor to implement Vetraspec, a claims management system.

D2D is a data delivery service built to enable accredited service organizations to electronically submit data and related attachments from its claim management system to VA systems using a standardized and centralized method. It will reduce the time to submit VA claims and eliminate costs associated with filing paper claims by establishing secure and direct data transfers between the VA and accredited organizations.

The time savings will be tremendous! What use to take weeks, from submission by our organization to receipt by VA, will soon be immediate. We anticipate beginning this process in early January 2016. If you have never filed for VA benefits in the past, I encourage you to contact one of our Service Officers about beginning the process.

The goal of our 10 Montana Veterans Affairs Service Offices staffed with accredited Veterans Service Officers is to assist all veterans and their dependants with their VA benefits. Please contact us for more information.

Listed below are the MVAD/VFW offices throughout the state:

- Belgrade..... (406) 388-4601
- Billings..... (406) 248-8579
- Butte..... (406) 533-0910
- Great Falls..... (406) 452-2265
- Havre..... (406) 265-4225
- Helena..... (406) 495-2080/2081/2082
- Kalispell..... (406) 755-3795
- Lewistown..... (406) 538-3174
- Miles City..... (406) 232-1203
- Missoula..... (406) 542-2501

Thank you for your service to our great country!

**Daniel Arnold**  
Department Service Officer



## Veteran Service Offices

**Helena Armed Forces Reserve Center**  
1956 Mt. Majo • PO Box 5715 • Helena, Montana 59604  
Phone (406) 324-3740 • Fax (406) 324-3745

### Administration Offices

**FOSTER, Joe** -Administer Phone (406) 324-3741 jofoster@mt.gov  
**HALL, Lee Ann** -Budget Analyst Fax (406) 226-7459 Phone (406) 324-3740 lehall@mt.gov  
**RYCHALSKI, -Admin.** Support/Benefit Tech Phone (406) 324-3743 jrychalski@mt.gov

### Cemetery Offices

**HALL, Tom** -Cemetery Program Manager Phone (406) 324-3742 Cell (406) 202-0530 thall@mt.gov  
**WIGERT, Shawn** -Groundskeeper Cell (406) 202-1297  
**HOLMLUND, Kurt** -Cemetery Sexton Fax (406) 232-2019 Cell (406) 951-1325 kholmlund@mt.gov  
**AASVED, Curt** -Cemetery Sexton  
**PAUL, Brady** -Groundskeeper Fax (406) 543-2360 Cell (406) 396-8009 caasved@mt.gov

### Veteran Service Offices (Office Locations and Counties)

**BELGRADE**  
**Mahn, Janine** -Service Officer II jmahn@mt.gov  
**Edwards, Eavl** -Service Officer I eedwards@mt.gov  
 350 Airport Road  
 Belgrade, MT 59714  
 Phone (406)-388-4601  
 Fax (406) 388-4602  
**COUNTIES:** GALLATIN, PARK, S. MADISON, SWEET GRASS

**BILLINGS**  
**Heald, Cheryl** -Regional VSO cheald@mt.gov  
**Berge, Lindsay** -Service Officer I lberge@mt.gov  
**Love, Amanda** -Service Officer I alove@mt.gov  
**Vacant** -Service Officer I  
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 2795 Enterprise Ave.  
 Billings, MT 59102  
 Phone (406) 656-0584  
 Phone (406) 248-8579  
 Phone (406) 259-5419  
 Fax (406) 656-0617  
**COUNTIES:** BIG HORN, CARBON, STILLWATER, TREASURE, YELLOWSTONE, MUSSELLSHELL, GARFIELD

**BUTTE**  
**Muhammad, Saajid** -Service Officer II smuhammad@mt.gov  
 600 Gilman Ave.  
 Butte, MT 59701  
 Phone (406) 533-0910  
 Fax (406) 494-1273  
**COUNTIES:** BEAVERHEAD, DEER LODGE, GRANITE, S. JEFFERSON, N. MADISON, POWELL, SILVERBOW

**GREAT FALLS**  
**Arnold, Dan** -Service Officer II danarnold@mt.gov  
**Brunken, Kari** -Service Officer I kbrunken@mt.gov  
**Hering, Candice** -Service Officer I chering@mt.gov  
 600 Central Plaza #300  
 Great Falls, MT 59401  
 Phone (406) 452-2265  
 Fax (406) 453-5871  
**COUNTIES:** CASCADE, CHOUTEAU, PONDERA, TETON

**HAVRE**  
**Loendorf, Judy** -Regional VSO jloendorf@mt.gov  
**Mulonet, Steve** -Service Officer I smulonet@mt.gov  
 232 1st St. W.  
 Havre, MT 59501  
 Toll Free 1-877-265-VETS (8387)  
 Phone (406) 265-4225  
 Fax (406) 265-2666  
**COUNTIES:** LIBERTY, BLAINE, GLACIER, HILL, PHILLIPS, TOOLE, VALLEY

**HELENA**  
**Ackerman, Kelly** -Senior VSO kelly.ackerman@va.gov  
**Ingraham, Tim** -VSO II timothy.ingraham@va.gov  
**Baranyai, Krystelle** -VSO I krystelle.baranyai@va.gov  
 Veterans Service Center  
 Bldg. 3633 Veterans Drive, Rm. 110E  
 PO Box 1007  
 Ft. Harrison, MT 59636  
 Phone (406) 495-2080  
 Phone (406) 495-2081  
 Phone (406) 495-2082  
 Phone (406) 495-2083  
 Fax (406) 495-2003  
**COUNTIES:** LEWIS & CLARK, BROADWATER, N. JEFFERSON

**KALISPELL**  
**Keeler, Ryan** -Regional VSO rkeeler@mt.gov  
**Collins, Carolyn** -Service Officer I carolcollins@mt.gov  
**Zipp, Bryan** -Service Officer I bzipp@mt.gov  
 2989 Highway 93 North  
 Kalispell, MT 59901-9801  
 Phone (406) 755-3795  
 Fax (406) 755-1039  
**COUNTIES:** FLATHEAD, LINCOLN, LAKE

**LEWISTOWN**  
**Foster, Sue** -Service Officer II suefoster@mt.gov  
 505 W. Main, Ste. 217  
 Lewistown, MT 59457  
 Phone (406) 538-3174  
 Fax (406) 538-3186  
**COUNTIES:** GOLDEN VALLEY, MEAGHER, WHEATLAND, FERGUS, JUDITH BASIN, PETROLEUM

**MILES CITY**  
**Olson, Keith** -Service Officer II keitholson@mt.gov  
 VA Primary Care Clinic  
 210 S. Winchester  
 Miles City, MT 59301  
 Phone (406) 232-1203  
 Fax (406) 233-1217  
**COUNTIES:** CARTER, CUSTER, DAWSON, FALLON, POWDER RIVER, PRAIRIE, WIBAUX, MCCONE, RICHLAND, SHERIDAN, DANIELS, ROOSEVELT, ROSEBUD

**MISSOULA**  
**Hahn, Kate** -Service Officer II khahn@mt.gov  
**Cornelius, Peter** -Service Officer I pcornelius@mt.gov  
**Hale, Steve** -Service Officer I shale@mt.gov  
 1911 Tower Street  
 Missoula, MT 59804  
 Phone (406) 542-2501  
 Fax (406) 543-2360  
**COUNTIES:** MINERAL, MISSOULA, RAVALLI, SANDERS

**SEASONAL EMPLOYEES**  
**Lantz, Jesse** -Groundskeeper  
 Missoula Veterans Cemetery  
 Helena Veterans Cemetery

<p><b>WHITEFISH POST 276</b> Meeting 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Post and Auxiliary Club Room open 9:00 a.m. to ? 7 days a week</p>	<p><b>BLACK EAGLE POST 4669</b> Post Meetings – 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Club open daily at 12:00 p.m. Mon-Sat Lounge – Banquet Hall – Meeting Room Bowling Center, 2332 Smelter Ave. 453-4736</p>	<p><b>DAN ARNOLD</b> <b>DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER</b> Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday 406-452-2265 600 Central Plaza, Suite 300 • Great Falls, MT 59401</p>
<p><b>GREAT FALLS POST 1087</b> Meeting 2nd Thursday each month 6:00 p.m. Chicken &amp; Steak Dinner – 3rd Sunday Breakfast Every Sunday – 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>POLSON POST 2986</b> Post &amp; 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><b>PONY VFW POST 3831</b> <b>AND MOC PUP TENT #24</b> Post Meetings 2nd Saturday 1:00 p.m. at Pony Bar Members and Guests Welcome</p>
<p><b>LIBBY POST 1548</b> 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><b>KALISPELL POST 2252</b> Post Meets 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Men's Auxiliary meets 2nd Wednesday 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 <b>Come in and enjoy Flathead Camaraderie</b></p>	<p><b>BOZEMAN POST 903</b> 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><b>BIGFORK POST 4042</b> <b>AND AUXILIARY</b> VFW Meeting 1st Tuesday of the month Auxiliary Meeting 1st Wednesday of the month Steak Night – 3rd Wednesday of the month</p>	<p><b>EUREKA POST 6786</b> Post Meeting 1st Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 1st Tuesday – 1:30 p.m. Club open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>MISSOULA POST 209</b> Post Meeting 2nd Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 2nd Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Visit the Montana Military Museum</b> At historic Fort Harrison, just west of Helena. Telling Montana's Military History and Recognizing Montanans For Their Service! For more information write to: <b>Fort William Henry Harrison Museum</b> <b>Foundation &amp; Montana Military Museum</b> ATTN: Museum Director/Curator P.O. Box 125, Fort Harrison, MT 59636-0125 E-mail: myfun51@msn.com – 406-324-3550</p>	<p><b>EAST HELENA POST 10010</b> Post Meeting, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meetings, 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m. (April-Sept.) 2:00 p.m. (Oct.-March) Club Open from 11:00 a.m. to ? <b>Stop By and Enjoy Our Smoke Free Club</b></p>	<p><b>TROY VFW POST 5514</b> Post Meeting, 2nd Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. Auxiliary Meeting, 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Jr. Girls Meeting, 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>GLASGOW POST 3107</b> <b>AND AUXILIARY</b> 1222 Highway 2 West Meeting 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Canteen open 2:00 p.m. to ?, Mon-Sat</p>	<p><b>PLENTYWOOD POST 4018</b> <b>AND VETERAN'S CLUB</b> 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><b>A Cabin on the Kootenai River</b> <b>NW Montana – Hwy 2 – mm10</b> <b>Troy, Montana</b></p> <p>Vacation cabin nestled in the trees. Available mid-April to mid-October. Dock available, bring your boat. (Catch a Trophy-Blue-Ribbon Trout) <b>Boat Launch nearby.</b></p> <p>Float the river, swim, fish or watch the floaters &amp; Outfitters drift by. Close to Kootenai Falls. Fire Pit &amp; BBQ – Pets with special permission. \$100 deposit at time of booking. 3 RV sites also available.</p> <p>Call Dan at (520)425-6281 or (406)295-4164 or Email him at <a href="mailto:CabinOnTheRiver@aol.com">CabinOnTheRiver@aol.com</a> or <a href="mailto:sigflo@aol.com">sigflo@aol.com</a></p>
<p><b>PLAINS POST 3596</b> Post Meetings 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays Auxiliary Meetings 2nd &amp; 4th Mondays Club – Bowling Alley – Banquet Hall You Are Always Welcome</p>	<p><b>BILLINGS HEIGHTS POST 6774</b> Post Meeting 2nd Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 2nd Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Mens Auxiliary Meeting 1st Monday - 6:00 p.m. Canteen Open Daily</p>	
<p><b>SIDNEY POST 4099</b> Meeting 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Club open daily 10:00 a.m. to Midnight Closed Sunday Phone: 433-9982</p>	<p><b>BILLINGS POST 1634</b> 4242 State Ave. Post Meeting 1st Monday at 7 p.m. Kitchen Open Tuesday-Sunday Canteen Open 10:00 a.m. - Close</p>	
	<p><b>LEWISTOWN POST 1703</b> Post Meeting 3rd Monday – 7:00 p.m. Basement – American Legion Club</p>	

**VA Montana Health Care System**  
**TOLL-FREE NUMBER**  
**1-877-468-8387 (M-F: 8:00-4:30)**

<p><b>Option #1</b> <b>Pharmacy</b> (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) 1. Refill 2. Renewal 3. Anticoag 4. Staff **Refill Option is available 24 hours.</p>	<p><b>Option #2</b> <b>Central Scheduling</b> (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Option #3</b> <b>Mental Health</b> (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) 1. Appointments 2. Crisis Nurse 3. Staff **If crisis nurse is needed after 4:30 p.m., call 406-442-6410</p>	<p><b>Option #4</b> <b>VA Clinics</b> (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) 1. Missoula, Kalispell, Cut Bank 2. Great Falls, Lewistown, Havre 3. Fort Harrison, Anaconda, Bozeman 4. Billings, Miles City, Glendive</p>
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**ALL - Please promote and publish this new incentive to every member possible in every manner, venue and publication available.**

## **"POT O' GOLD" MEMBER DRAWING**

Three (3) winners will be drawn and accompany the Commander-in-Chief on an all-expense paid trip to Ireland (Fall 2017) along with their spouse or guest.

For any new/reinstated member recruited between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017:

- You will receive one (1) chance for every five (5) new/reinstated members recruited
- You will receive ten (10) chances for every increment of 25 new/reinstated members recruited

**\* Attention Post and District Commander:**

- > You will receive ten (10) chances in recognition of 85%+ post and district retention

**Drawing will take place July 1, 2017**

*\*All awards are non-transferable\**



## **Senators and Representatives Contact Information**

**The Honorable Senator Jon Tester**  
311 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Washington Phone (202)224-2644

**The Honorable Senator Steve Daines**  
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