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**DAV/DAVA September 2017**

**NEWSLETTER**



**DAV Auxiliary**  
Making a Difference



**TOGETHER AS ONE**

**DAV Commander's Corner:**

I recently watched history being made as the President Trump signed the Veterans Modernization and Appeals Bill in Reno. This is the biggest bill to pass that affects appeals on claims that so many of our comrades have been waiting so long to receive. Nowhere did it say when we swore to Support, Defend and Protect the Constitution of the United States, we should wait five years to receive benefits that we deserved from our service? The answer is nowhere and hopefully this bill will get the answers on back claims. All we ask is to review the claims in a timely manner.

There have been some questions asked and I would like to clarify them. The first is: "Why do the For-Get-Me-Nots only have DAV on them and not Disabled American Veterans on the tag?" The answer that I was given, was due to the size of the tag makes the words almost impossible to read. Therefore, DAV is being used. I know some have had issues with that, so here is my suggestion. When we distribute them, be proactive and talk with people about who we are and why we are fund-raising. Don't sit back waiting for people to approach us. Another talking point refers to the new DAV logo. The decision to make a change was not taken lightly. The new logo was well researched and found to be more attractive to younger Veterans than other images, including the old logo. Without the addition of new, young members, DAV will eventually cease to exist. So, the logo was changed. In the hope that it will attract younger Veterans.

Another question regards use of the word "Comrade." To some it seems to refer to the Communist Party. After talking with some of our National Officers, I give to you a different point of view. The word "Comrade" was used to represent Comradeship among buddies during World War I. It refers to the promise to protect, serve and band together as a group for a greater cause than any individual. So, I say to you, words do have different meanings and I hope that we use the word Comradeship the way our DAV Founding Fathers intended it to be used. For the Dough Boys of World War I were also part of the Greatest Generation.

I continue to travel to attend Chapter meetings. Thank-you to everyone for your support at the meetings I have been to. I look forward to attending the others that are scheduled. Thank you all for what you do each day to help each other and the VETERANS.

Kevin J Owens  
Commander

## **Department Officers**

**Senior Vice Commander** – no input

**Junior Vice** – no input

**Adjutant** -

Mid-Year Conference is Next Month! Yes! It really is September already! And that means the Department of Oregon Mid-Year Conference is right around the corner. As has been noted several times earlier, the conference will be held on Saturday, October 14th at the home of Coos County Chapter #38, 1402 Airport Way, North Bend OR 97459.

Chapter #38 has arranged a special room rate at the Mill Casino Hotel for members attending the Mid-Year Conference on October 14, 2017, in North Bend. Rooms will be \$93 plus tax. Just call the hotel at (541) 435-0757, and mention the DAV. 15 rooms have been reserved, but more can be arranged, if necessary. Let us know right away if you order a room and they say there are none available at the DAV rate.

Our Mid-Year Conferences are a series of training seminars to educate chapter officers on the rules and best practices for doing their jobs. So, if you hold an office in your chapter — or hope to do so one day in the future — please plan on attending this conference. Make your hotel reservations and put it in your calendar now!

Officer Report Issues. Some chapters have had it of trouble filling out Officer Reports recently. The primary problem is not ensuring people who are elected or appointed are actually members of the chapter and in good standing. In some cases, they are not listed as a member of the chapter — perhaps they transferred in but the chapter never submitted an Official Transfer Form to move them into the chapter. The best fix for this is to fill out a transfer form, have the chapter vote to approve the transfer, and submit the signed form with the Officer Report. In another instance, the member is listed, but is not in good standing because they are behind in making payments toward their Life Membership. Obviously, the best fix for this is to make sure their payments are up to date!

I do my best to catch errors as they occur, but I'm not perfect, and occasionally one slips by me. My suggestion is that the Chapter Adjutant, when filling out the Officer Report, check the chapter's Membership List, available from [www.DAVMEMBERS.ORG](http://www.DAVMEMBERS.ORG), and ensure each member elected or appointed is listed as a member of the chapter and in good standing.

By the way, filling out Officer Reports correctly is one of the many important subjects that will be presented during the Mid-Year Conference!

### **HOTEL Information**

Mill Casino Hotel to host members attending the Mid-Year Conference on October 14, 2017, in North Bend who may wish to spend the night.

Rooms will be \$93 plus tax. Just call the hotel at (541) 435-0757, and mention the DAV. 15 rooms have been reserved, but more can be arranged for if necessary so let us know right away if you order a room and they say there are none available at the DAV rate.

### **Historian**

September 11, 1777 - The Battle of Brandywine Creek was fought between the American army of General George Washington and the British army of General Sir William Howe.

September 12, 1812 - The Battle of Baltimore was a sea/land battle fought between British army and naval forces and American defenders.

September 13, 1861 - Entering Confederate controlled Pensacola harbor in Florida, Lt. John Russell destroys the ship, Judah, marking the first naval action of the Civil War.

September 12, 1918 - The first stand-alone attack by American forces occurs as the 1st Army engage the Germans in the southernmost portion of the Western Front.

September 2, 1945 - Aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, Japan formally surrenders to the Allies, bringing an end to World War II

September 15, 1950 - U.S. forces land at Inchon, the west coast of Korea.

September 5, 1971 - Operation Jefferson Glenn was the last major operation in which U.S. ground forces participated in Vietnam.

September 11, 2001 – Al-Qaeda terrorists hi-jacked 4 commercial airplanes and flew 2 into the World Trade Center in New York, and 1 into the Pentagon in Washington, DC. The 4<sup>th</sup> was forced down into a field in Pennsylvania by passengers who fought back to prevent the plane from reaching its intended target. Over 3,000 people were killed that day, nearly 300 were military personnel and civilian employees at the Pentagon.

#### Birthdays

September 13, 1860 - General of the Armies, John J. "Black Jack" Pershing was a senior Army officer. His most famous command was that of the American Expeditionary Force on the Western Front in World War I.

September 18, 1947 - USAF was formed as a separate branch of the American military under the National Security Act of 1947.

**Department Chaplain:** No input

## ***September 15 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day***

This is a day to take time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are still missing in action (MIA) as well as their families.

#### **Director Of Services**

David Wentz has agreed to become the new driver coordinator in Albany.

#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### **National Service Office**

Don't forget the new Decision Ready Claim process. This initiative applies to Disability Increase Claims and DIC claims only. You MUST submit through a Veteran Service Organization (such as DAV). Because of the method of submission, VA will not accept this application through e-benefits or through any method of submission other than through your VSO. This process can NOT be used to submit a new claim for service connection or secondary service connection. You must submit all supporting medical evidence and exams at the time of filing. Once VA accepts the claim, a decision will be rendered within 30 days. Contact your local CSO, DSO or the Portland NSO office.

#### **PORTLAND NSO OFFICE**

##### **National Service Officers**

Tal Clark, Supervisor

Amber Niemi, Assistant Supervisor

Charles Pugh, Senior Associate National Service Officer

Matthew Paige, National Service Officer

Joyce Judge, Lead Secretary

Nicholas Hale, Secretary

#### **ADDRESS**

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Thursday: 0900-1200.

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Brigitte Marker, DSO

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**Convention Chair:**

**Department Conventions (held in May each year):**

2018 - Running Y, Klamath Falls, May 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, hosted by Dewey Powell Chapter #12  
(Service Officer Training May 10, 2018, & Advanced May 11, 2018)

2019 - North Bend, OR (venue to be chosen), hosted by Coos County Chapter #38

2020 - Lebanon Veterans Home

2021 - Portland, OR

**Mid-Year Conferences (held in October each year):**

2017 - Coos County Chapter #38, North Bend, OR

2018 – Springfield Chapter #42, Springfield OR

2019 – Portland, OR (Chapter 1)

2020- Lincoln City, OR (Yamhill #5)

**Treasurer/Fund-raising:**

Current Account Balances (as of 15 September)

General:	\$122,779.12
HSC Operations (payroll and taxes):	\$ 47,170.35
Van Fund:	\$ 38,032.25
National Campaign:	\$ 2,756.79
FEMA:	\$ 65,727.64

When you start planning your fund-raising event, let Brigitte know as she may be able to get a van to display at your event so people can see what they are supporting. You may also have some local van riders who would be willing to come out and tell their stories to potential donors so the community can see how important this service is.

**Remember, all fund-raising must be coordinated thru the Department IN ADVANCE of the event.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

There will be a finance committee meeting on the evening prior to the mid-year conference in North Bend. Finance Committee members should plan to attend and be prepared to discuss investment options. Between now and then, research investment options which you think should be considered by the Department. Bring references/data to support your recommendations. Please send me an e-mail at [wsjanus@hotmail.com](mailto:wsjanus@hotmail.com) to confirm your attendance.

/Wanda Janus, Treasurer

**LVAP Program:**

LVAP hours reported for August are as follows:

- Chapter #1 – 53 total hours, 4 members
- Chapter #12 – 618 total hours, 14 members
- Chapter 17 – 27 total hours, 1 member
- Department total: 698 total hours, 19 members

As a Department, we are getting our butts kicked by other Departments that are as small, or smaller, than we are. I KNOW there are lots of hours that are not being reported. Every Chapter should be reporting hours.

What can you report as LVAP hours? Visiting an ill or injured Veteran or their families; attending a Chapter meeting; mentoring another DAV member; Counselling a Veteran about services available to them; Helping around the house of a Veteran; Driving a Veteran to do errands or to medical appointments (Not driving a DAV van). *Basically, anything you do in support of Veterans, which includes DAV activities, should be reported under the LVAP program.*

Remember, the best way to submit your LVAP reports is by sending them via e-mail to [OregonLVAP@gmail.com](mailto:OregonLVAP@gmail.com) . If you mail them, please mail them directly to the LVAP coordinator Wanda Janus, 37615 SE Gordon Creek Rd, Corbett, OR 97019.

Send them to arrive BEFORE the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month. Reports are closed by National on the 4<sup>th</sup>, so if I don't get them before that, our numbers will not be accepted. DO NOT SEND THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OR ADJUTANT.

I strongly encourage you to send your LVAP hours via e-mail to: [OregonLVAP@gmail.com](mailto:OregonLVAP@gmail.com). You can download a fillable e-form from the Department web page.

***Remember, before reporting your hours, you must be registered in the LVAP system. You need to complete the registration form only once.*** A fillable e-form can be downloaded from the Department website.

If any Chapter needs help with this, let me know by sending an email to [OregonLVAP@gmail.com](mailto:OregonLVAP@gmail.com) or calling me at 503-695-6459.

/Wanda Janus, LVAP Coordinator

**HSC Supervisor:**

**HSC VA Phone Numbers:**

White City HSC- Jason Holland (541) 830- 7529  
Roseburg HSC- Andrea Bernhardt (541) 440-1293  
Portland HSC – Flo Riley (503) 220-8262 Ext 57804  
Assistant Portland HSC- Kelly Montgomery ( 503) 220-8262 Ext 57804

One thing we really need: Volunteers in the Portland DAV Transportation Office. Volunteering for a few hours a week would be tremendously rewarding as you have a direct impact of the quality of life for those you help. It also benefits the office tremendously by allowing the HSC's to focus their efforts on answering Veteran calls and scheduling. While our biggest need is in Portland. We are in need of Volunteer Drivers throughout the state and office help in White City and Roseburg, as well.

**Monthly Report : August- Still pending**

Hospital	Hours Donated	Miles Driven	Veterans Transported
Portland	Still be completed		
Roseburg	900	19245	257
White City	304	5843	148

Thank-you to all the great volunteers, WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU.....

**DAV HSC OFFICES**

**PORTLAND**

We are in desperate need of Volunteer Drivers in: Albany, Salem, The Dalles, Tillamook and Longview.

**ROSEBURG**

We are in need of volunteer drivers in Eugene, Local, Florence and Crescent City. Please call Andrea in Roseburg for more information.

**Need Volunteer Dispatcher at Eugene Clinic**

**Need Volunteer Local drivers in the Eugene/Springfield area to transport to the Eugene Clinic**

## **WHITE CITY**

We are in need of local and AM drivers. Please call Jason at White City for more information.

**VA News:** no input

**ODVA NEWS:** no input

**UGVO Report:** no input

**CHAPTERS:** Chapters can report any upcoming events or information concerning your chapter. IF you would like it in the newsletter, it will need to be to Brigitte Marker by the 1st of each month.

**Chapter 1-** Chapter #1's Membership Meeting has been suspended during the months of July and August. We have Strategic Planning Committee meetings going on and one of their goals is to update the Chapter building, the parking lot, etc. in the coming months. Keep an eye out for that. In September, we restart our monthly Membership Meetings. I'm eager to see how everyone's summer has gone.

**Chapter 4** – no input

**Chapter 5** - No Input

**Chapter 6** - No Input

**Chapter 7** – No input

**Chapter 8** -

**Chapter 11** - No Input

**Chapter 12** - As we leave summer signs behind and move into Fall, chapter 12 continues to serve veterans, first responders and family member a free breakfast every WED. We currently serve between 50-60 veterans every week. We will be holding our drawing the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in September. Our Service officer stays very busy helping veterans. Our LVAP hours again over 300 hours.

**Chapter 14** – Chapter 14 will have their regular monthly meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be doing our planning for the upcoming Veterans Day Parade to be held in Bend on November 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00 AM. This is the second largest Veterans Day parade in Oregon.

We are continuing to do outreach with disabled veterans and participating in LVAP (Local Veterans Assistance Program). The summer heat has slowed things down a bit, but we are still helping those veterans in need. We ask for participation from all veterans to help their fellow veterans in any way they can.

**Chapter 17** – No input

**Chapter 18** - No Input

**Chapter 20** - No Input

**Chapter 23** - No Input

**Chapter 25** - No input

**Chapter 38** - We continue to hold monthly meetings. Chapter 38 continues to make donations to the American Legion Auxiliary Bay Area Unit #34 for the coffee service that is provided at the North Bend CBOC as well as our monthly donation to the DAV Transportation Fund of fifty dollars. The Chapter is moving forward with visiting Veterans in the local retirement

homes that may not have anyone to visit with. What a great way to serve Veterans in need. As we approach the fall season we should see more activity within the Chapter as school begins and travelling comes to a close for most of our members

## **A DAY ON THE WATER**

### **River Cruise North Bend-Coos Bay**

Chapter 38 is holding a cruise on the river in Coos Bay to all DAV members being sponsored by the Miss Linda Research Vessel. The trip will be this fall and want to see how many people would be interested in coming. Trip is free, food will be provided accommodations are up to do and the goal is to get Veterans out of the house and enjoy the weather, the view and most important the bonding we have as Veterans. Please contact Kevin Owens at 541-756-2390 or e-mail commander@davoregon.org for information

Kevin Owens  
Adjutant/Treasurer  
Chapter 38

### **Chapter 39 - No Input**

**Chapter 42** - During the month of August, the chapter service officer made four visits to St. Vincent dePaul to assist homeless veterans new to the area to get their benefits. Also, in conjunction with the Homeless run the service officer held an Open House walk in at American Legion Hall, where our meetings are held.

The commander is now qualified to drive the van that should be coming to the Eugene Clinic. He is working on getting a room for DAV transportation to work out of and dispatch the drivers. So far, there are about eight drivers. The VA is not helping with getting out the word that we need drivers for the local and Portland run.

There is a sit down with the new clinic director soon.

Several organizations are looking for space to assist veterans with claims and other matters at the clinic.

The commander has once again started visiting the Oregon State Prison on State Street Salem. They have a large veteran population. There are sometimes he switches hats and does Service Officer work if necessary.

### **News from NATIONAL:**

### **EVENTS**

### **LEGISLATIVE:**

Commander's Action Network (CAN):

<https://www.dav.org/learn-more/legislation/join-action-network-take-action/>

This is the website to sign up to receive e-mail Alerts about pending legislation that DAV is working on. Timely communications with your representatives in DC is vital to making sure they know what you, their constituents, feel is important. Please visit the web site and sign up. With the CAN you can send messages to your representatives about pending Legislation that effect Veterans and their dependents.

## **Auxiliary News**

### **DAVA Commander –**

Hello Everyone,

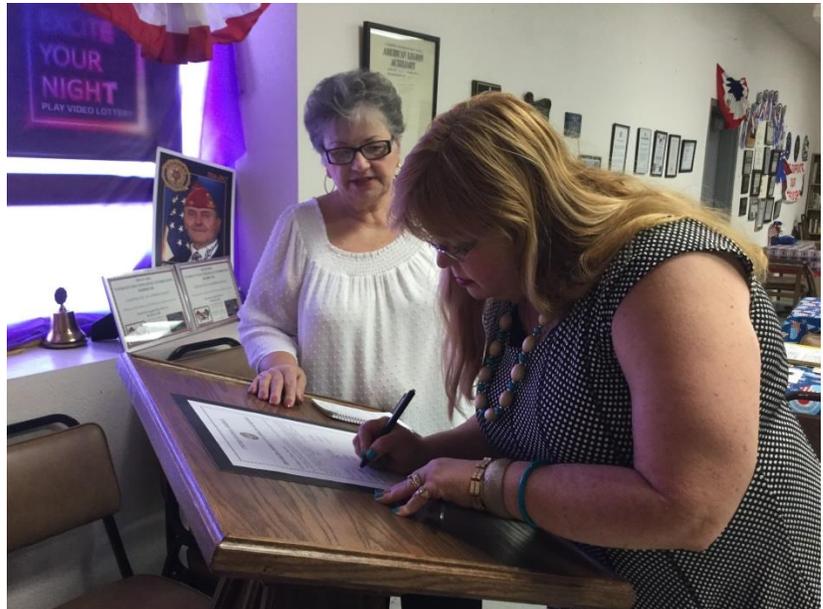
It has been a wild, crazy & unforgettable August. Starting with our National Convention to the official opening of a new unit and all the things in between.

Going to New Orleans was really an adventure. From all the things I saw, to all the new things I learned and lots of new faces and wonderful new friendships that got started. I was able to connect with everyone in our district and am looking forward to meeting with them at the end of the month to talk about communication and team work. Then I spent time at A&W celebrating National Root Beer Float day as they were honoring DAV/DAV Auxiliary. I then took a brief break to help my mother as she fell and broke her leg and arm. She had 2 surgeries, but is stable and getting around her house well with a wheel chair. So after the short break it was off to Medford where I got a very warm welcome. (thanks to chapter #8 for the wonderful dinner and great conversation) The opening ceremony and training went very well. Thanks to our State Adjutant Jenny Clark for all her hard work getting all the information together for the new unit members. I was also very happy to see the amount of support from the other units and chapters. It was a good to see everyone coming together as a team. Now, last but not least, at this time we are waiting for the official word from National on a new VAVS Rep. in Roseburg. All in All, up and down, it's been a great month. I'm looking forward to all I will get to report next month. Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns I'm just a call away.

Blessings and Hugs

Vickie Partridge  
DAV Auxiliary State  
Commander

Pictures of the New Unit 8 Installation



### **DAVA Adjutant**

Wow! I blinked and summer is over.... On a good note, it's time to get back to meetings and taking care of our veterans. I want to let everyone know that we have a brand new Unit! Jackson County Unit #8 in Medford. Welcome to a fantastic group of people! We had a great time getting acquainted and teaching them about our Auxiliary. They are so very excited to figure things out and be a part of us! Please reach out and welcome them!

We are getting ready for our mid-year conference. We really want this to be a school of instruction. If you have any ideas or suggestions of things you want to know about, please reach out to me. I want to make sure we cover as much as we can to help make our state better! It's all about communication and sharing!

Don't forget... I am still suggesting that everyone reach out and find a new member that could someday be your replacement! I will be seeing you all very soon!!

Jenny  
Jenny Clark  
Adjutant  
DAV Auxilliary  
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**DAVA Senior Vice Commander – No input**

**DAVA UNITS Reports –**

Unit #1 -

I hope you enjoyed our department newsletter. If you have any suggestions or contribution to the newsletter please contact Brigitte Marker at [Markermb@gmail.com](mailto:Markermb@gmail.com) . For anything you want added to the next newsletter please have the information to me by the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Chapter Meetings: September 2017 Special Chapter Events will be in RED Unit will be in Blue

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 CHPT 6- 1000 CHPT 23 - 1400
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 CHPT 11 – 1300 Unit 8 - 1200 Unit 11- 1200 CHPT 38- 1400
10	11	12 CHPT 8 – 1200 CHPT 17- 1300 CHPT 39- 1400 CHPT 42- 1900	13 CHPT 12-1800 CHPT 7 – 1800 CHPT 18- 1800 CHPT 5 – 1900 Unit 5 -1830	14	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 CHPT 14 – 1830 Unit 14 -1830	25	26 CHPT 20- 1000 CHPT 25- 1100 CHPT 4 - 1400 Unit 25-1430
27	28	29	30 CHPT 1 - 1900 Unit 1-1900	31		

## Chapter Meeting INFO:

Chapter 1 --DAV Bingo Hall	8725 NE Sandy BLVD, Portland , OR 97220	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7pm
Chapter 4- Gladstone Community Club	255 E Exter Street, Gladstone, OR 97027	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	10am
Chapter 5-	126 Atlantic NE, McMinnville, OR 97128	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7pm
Chapter 6- WestCare Home for Heroes	2933-B Center St NE, Salem, OR 9730	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	10am
Chapter 7- American Legion Post #6	285 W. Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 8-	100 E Jackson, Medford, OR 97504	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	12pm
Chapter 11- Fruitdale Grange #39	1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass, OR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	1pm
Chapter 12- DAV Hall	2809 Avalon Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 14- VFW Hall	1503 NE 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Bend, OR 97701	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	630pm
Chapter 17-	1469 Timber St SE, Albany, OR 97322	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	1pm
Chapter 18	254 West 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Ontario, OR 97914	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 20- Brookings Public Library	405 Alder Street, Brookings, OR 97415	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	10am
Chapter 23-	1715 21 <sup>st</sup> Street, Florence, OR 97439	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	2pm
Chapter 25- Elise J. Stuhr Senior Center	5550 SW Hall BLVD, Beaverton, OR 97005	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	11am
Chapter 38	1402 Airport Way, North Bend, OR 97459	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	1pm
Chapter 39- American Legion Hall	424 NE 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Milton Freewater, OR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	2pm
Chapter 42	344 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, OR 97477	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7pm

## Auxiliary Unit Meeting Information

Unit 1- DAV HALL	8725 NE Sandy BLVD, Portland, OR 97220	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7pm
Unit 5--	126 Atlantic NE, McMinnville, OR 97128	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7pm
Unit 8-	100 E Jackson, Medford, OR 97504	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	12pm
Unit 11- Fruitdale Grange #39	1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass, OR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	12pm
Unit 14- VFW Hall	1503 NE 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Bend, OR 97701	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	630pm
Unit 25- Elise J. Stuhr Senior Center	5550 SW Hall BLVD, Beaverton, OR 97005	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	230pm