

Howdy Friends,

This year 2020 is finally coming to an end. It has damaged so many lives in Southern Oregon. We hope and pray that 2021 will be better for all. We are putting out the newsletter in a different form as we have a new Web Page. I hope all will take the time to go online and check it out.

VFW stuff has been few and far between. Due to the Governor here in Oregon, we have been shut down for months. Everyone is getting really tired of it. We are unable to get together without masks or being 6 feet apart. We enjoy shaking hands and patting backs. This is part of who we are. Coming up we had the Christmas Party and had to cancel it due to the Covid-19. We have a Mid-Year meeting coming up in Eugene at the Valley River Inn. Unsure if they will allow that to happen or not. More coming on that.

We also have a District Meeting coming up on January 23, 2021. This will also be at the Governor's discretion. Honor Flight will not happen until this Pandemic slows a bit. More to come on that. Comrade Frank Sobotka was to put together the Voice of Democracy and the Patriot Pen. He was not able to get out and do that as per the Covid-19.

We had the VFW Post 1833 monthly meeting for the officers on Dec. 15, 2020. We went over some of the more important issues, like why the heater was not working and who was going to call the repairman. We were told by the businesses that we usually frequent that they can not let us set up Buddy Poppies outside their business due to the Pandemic.

We did vote to contribute donations to some of the Veteran Homes and to the National Home for Children. This is what the Veterans of Foreign War is all about "Taking care of Veterans and their Families". We will be sending out a receipt requested with this newsletter so we can tell who would like to have the Newsletter and who would not.

Representing the VFW Post 1833, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God bless you and yours and our Free Country,

Ralph Groover

Commander, Post 1833





MEMBER STATUS UPDATES:

New Members: No new names

Deceased Members: No new names.

OFFICER'S MEETING & POST GENERAL MEETING:

Officer's Meeting:

- Date: 15 December 2020
- Time: 1730 (5:30 pm)

General Meeting: will follow at 1830 (6:30 p.m.)

*Officers will call any members that regularly attend the meeting if this changes. The Officer's Meeting and General Post Meeting are open to any Post Comrade with a current VFW membership card who wishes to attend.

BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Old Business:

- Christmas Dinner was not held this year due to COVID-19.
- Honor Flight will not be scheduled until further notice.

New Business:

Frank Sobotka was unable to be at the meeting and did not update the post on the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the year.

- Comrade Pringle made a motion to send out the Christmas donations as we did last year and was seconded by Sam Hibbard. Recipients included: Lebanon Vets Home, Hood River Vets Home, VFW National Home for Children, VA SORCC, and Columbia Care.
- A motion was made to decline further sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 103 due to Post 1833 being responsible for maintaining an adult leader for the troop.
- District Meeting is supposed to be held at the Moose meeting room on **January 23, 2021**. Date and time to be announced.
- Check out our new Web Page! vfw1833.org This is where you will find everything about VFW Post 1833. We are still constructing, and this will be a living document as it will reflect the past, present, and future of the Post. Please feel free to submit photos and information to the Website Admin (contact info at bottom of page).



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