



Welcome to our very first online edition of the State News Letter called the Veterans News This will be a quarterly newsletter just one more tool to help keep you informed of what is happening in your Department. First, I want to take the time wish everyone a Very Happy Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year. This is a definite time of reflection for the things we have accomplished over this last year, both personally and professionally and together as a department we are working for all veterans and their families.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Spokane at the Mid-Winter Conference January 19-20, 2018, so that we all can welcome Our Voice of Democracy Students who have put so much work in their Speeches. They have presented to both your Post, Districts and finally to the Department to move forward to the National level. Also, I am Looking forward to meeting the Teachers for the Teacher of Year Awards who help inspire the students and prepare our future leaders.

Let's keep working membership to help us all grow in numbers so that we all can achieve our goals which should be 100% and don't forget the recruiting incentives that are in place with drawing to a 2-night stay for either Shilo Ocean Shores or The Coachman Inn Oak Harbor. 1 ticket for every 5 new or reinstated members.

I am pleased to announce that John Kiser, has also donated a fishing trip during the fall Salmon Season for 2 through his foundation Outdoor venture out of Astoria OR. I will use the same criteria that is in place for the hotels. Also, for the top recruiter hotel accommodations paid for at the State Convention in Bremerton. Once again thank you for all your hard work that you continue to do.

John Bradburn
State Commander