

Letter of Introduction

Dear Miss Deedee Guyette, June 30, 2024

Congratulations on your appointment as National Legislative Ambassador for 2024-2025.

My name is Megan Elizabeth Malpass and I am the Legislative Chairman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Oregon. I am a life member of 9745 Amos R Osbourne Auxiliary in Winston under the sponsorship of my Husband (Iraq/Afghanistan 2002-2013) and Father (Vietnam 1968-69 Bronze Star); both US Army Combat Veterans. Also, my Paternal Grandfather enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in 1943 and retired as a Colonel from the Oregon Army National Guard in 1976. All three men served as Oregonians, my Husband and Grandfather career.

Winston is located along the Umpqua River, home of Umpqua Ice Cream, and is approximately 1.5 hours from Crater Lake National Park. Winston is famously known for our animal park, Wildlife Safari, which holds the record of for most successful Cheeta Breeding Center in the Western Hemisphere (second worldwide).

As you know, Legislative is the largest 'why' of what the VFW stands and advocates for. It is my goal to refresh the awareness and participation in the Legislative Program, with techniques to give greater volume to our voice. For the past two years I had the honor to serve as Department Hospital Chairman. One of the skills I gained was how to find effective communication styles, preferences and active points of contact per auxiliary.

I plan to streamline the information for all my fellow members by doing the research and creating a consolidated information page that can educate and accommodate more members. This will not only serve as a monthly article, but also as a sent auxiliary meeting communication with an empty report page attached to it (can be completed as a group then and there at that meeting).

During the week I have been practicing as a General Dentist for the past fourteen years and continue to do so three to four days a week as a contractor for Wolf Creek Job Corps and other practices/clinics. It is my goal to own and operate a practice in the county that I reside. I enjoy my time at home as a Masterpiece Theatre junkie, lover of my pups, tea, books, jigsaw puzzles and multiple small project crafts such as crochet, coloring, with some sewing and hand embroidery here and there.

I look forward to learning from and communicating with you this year.