

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Wow, just wow. August was a whirlwind of activity for the Department of Oregon VFW Auxiliary. Three Training Academies and a visit by the National President Carla Martinez.

A shiny new format was unveiled for the three Training Academies held in August. Rather than only learning about Programs, we had training on Roberts Rules of Order, Building on the Foundation, Standing Rules, Grants, the National website, Department of Oregon website, Malta, Online Academy, social media – Facebook and of course programs. Attendance was fantastic and information was shared, and questions were asked.

A special thank you to Let 'Er Buck #922 Pendleton, Three Rivers #1324 Oregon City and Amos R Osborne #9745 Winston for hosting the academies. The lunches were yummy. It takes a lot of time and energy to host a Training Academy. Program chairman took their programs seriously and shared how to make Oregon Shine while working our programs.

Carla Martinez, VFW Auxiliary National President came to Oregon on August 30th. An Aisle of Honor was held at the Warrenton Veterans Monument. There were over 20 participants in the Aisle. It was truly a site to see. We stayed at a beach house rental and Koski Hall on Camp Rilea. We had meals family style, and the participation from around the state was awesome. Carla chatted with everyone present, answered questions and gave members an opportunity to get to know her. In the evening we played games. Go to the website to see pictures of her visit.

September will be the start of my visits to Auxiliaries. The visits are not official visits, I am just coming to visit with your auxiliary and get to know your members. I am very excited to see everyone.

Remember – Department of Oregon is here for our Auxiliaries; we are here to help with problems and questions. I look forward to visiting with you in the coming months.

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