

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE April 19, 2016	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Jackie Mickelson, Executive Assistant

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE: Proclamation Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

BACKGROUND:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary is conducting its 102nd year of volunteer service to America. The organization honors those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary supports the troops currently deployed overseas, and the members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom. Those volunteers have nearly one million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country. The organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism. The 2015-2016 National President, Francisca Guilford, is rallying VFW Auxiliary members behind her theme, "***Our Veterans – Now and Forever***", and she will be in Coos Bay on Thursday, April 28th. This will be a time to celebrate and honor National President Francisca Guilford and all members of the VFW Auxiliary for their outstanding volunteer services to veterans and their families.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the City Council, staff requests approval of the Veterans of Foreign Wars proclamation.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary is conducting its 102nd year of volunteer service to America,

WHEREAS, year after year the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth so that what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten,

WHEREAS, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary supports the troops currently deployed overseas,

WHEREAS, the 465,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom,

WHEREAS, members volunteer nearly 1 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country,

WHEREAS, the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism,

WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 National President, Francisca Guilford, is rallying VFW Auxiliary members behind her theme, "*Our Veterans – Now and Forever.*",

AND WHEREAS, Thursday, April 28th will be a time to celebrate her visit to Coos Bay, Oregon,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Crystal Shoji, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, hereby declare April 28th as

Our Veterans – Now and Forever Day

in Coos Bay, in honor of the National President Francisca Guilford and all members of the VFW Auxiliary for their outstanding volunteer services to veterans and their families.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 19th day of April 2016.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor