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## *Employ the Physically Handicapped Week Set For October 5 to 11*

National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week is observed annually. President Truman on Wednesday, August 27, asked federal, state and local officials to cooperate in a "sustained program" aimed at employment of physically handicapped persons.

He signed a proclamation designating October 5 to 11 of this year as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." It declared that the Nation has an "unused reservoir of skills and strength" in thousands of physically handicapped persons.

There are today some 40,000 fewer handicapped veterans out of jobs than was the case a year ago. Of the 2,500,000 unemployed persons today, 130,000 are disabled veterans as compared to 170,000 a year ago.

No single agency can claim the "lion's share" of credit for this showing. On the contrary, each of the civic and veterans organizations, service, business and labor groups, and federal, state and local agencies that had a shoulder to the wheel during the past year is deserving of much credit.

Placements of handicapped persons by the local OSES offices during NEPH Week, October 6 to 12, 1946, increased 58 per cent over that of the previous month. This is a real target for all to shoot at in 1947. The planning already done, if vigorously carried out, should bring results equal to or better than those of a year ago. The long range planning is to make NEPH Week the spearhead for a permanent year round campaign.

James B. Moss, assistant state veterans employment representative, 812 South Boston, Tulsa, most earnestly solicits your cooperation and assistance in promoting the interest of employers in employing disabled veterans.—see related story "State Insurance Fund on page 3.

## GOOD GOING TO FRANK CRAWLEY, SOL DEGAN FOR SPLENDID SERVICE

### Service Officer Now Located In American Legion Hut

By GREGG CHANDLER, Editorial Staff

In these days of various investigating committees, senate and otherwise, I wish that it could have been possible for every veteran to have been in investigating committee of one to personally investigate our local veteran's service center during its operation. I am sure that anyone investigating would find, as I have found, that it was conducted with but one aim—an all-out effort to serve the veteran without regard to the amount of time or work required to solve his problem. I have had the opportunity to be visiting Frank Crawley at the center when several veterans have come in with their myriad and complicated problems. Frankly, I have almost been tempted to reach for an aspirin while listening to them describe their worries at length to Frank. What did "Iron-Nerve Frank" do? He simply handed them form FOB8457TS and said confidently: "Let me handle this. I'll call you when we get it straightened out." And by gosh, he did get it straightened out! How do I know? Well, I've seen the records.

### OPEN LETTER

Mr. Albert Edward Galloway,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Comrade:

At a meeting of the Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 on the 23rd of September, 1947, your letter of resignation was read to the members and said resignation was voted accepted by the membership.

Also in the same motion which passed unanimously, the members wished to state to you in the letter their sincere appreciation for all the considerate effort and co-operation the Post has received from you in the several years of publication of the Carson-Wilson Post News.

Your resignation was accepted with regret and the Post appreciated the good wishes for the continuing success of the publication which you extended them.

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,  
HARRY L. S. HALLEY  
Commander  
Carson-Wilson Post No. 1

Let's take terminal leave, for example (which, by the way, was handled almost exclusively by the American Legion). The record shows that the service center handled 22,478 applications and now have in their permanent files at the Legion Hut, carbon copies of all of these applications for future reference. In one day alone, 1,127 applications of this nature passed through the center, not to mention many other veteran claims for pensions, insurance, loans and many others, too numerous to mention.

Last year, by the way, the center handled 728 veteran's claims regarding pensions and hospitalization. This year, up until the time of their closing, 428 were serviced.

I wish that it were possible for me to tell you more of the work done at the center, but frankly, the problems involved are just too numerous and complicated for me to understand. The important thing that counts is that the work was handled by competent and hard-working men.

Sol Degan, former manager of the  
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8 p. m. Visiting Legionnaires Welcome

**GOOD GOING TO FRANK**

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Veteran's Service Center, has done a magnificent job of coordinating this highly technical and meticulous work. He, like Frank Crawley, has not heard of the word "quit." These men have devoted many, many nights, when the occasion demanded, to clear off their desks to be ready for another tough day ahead.

We are all proud of our Post, Department and National Leaders. We are certainly proud of the noteworthy way in which the American Legion has pioneered veteran's legislation. I think that now that the veterans center has completed its work, it is time that we express our appreciation to these "men behind the desks" who have upheld the American Legion's aim of service to the veteran . . . who have followed through in practice, the legislation which the American Legion so fervently pioneered.

To these men, Frank Crawley and Sol Degan, we of the publications committee, say "Thanks a million."

**- AUXILIARY NEWS -****MRS. H. E. GLASER**

Publicity Chairman

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the American Legion Hut Tuesday night, October 7th, at 8:00 p. m. At this time the Junior American Legion Auxiliary officers will be installed for the year 1947-1948. Mrs. E. B. Benton will be the installing officer. The officers to be installed are:

President \_\_\_\_\_ Barbara Mae Burns  
1st Vice Pres. \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry Rogers  
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Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_ Gracia Shannon  
Sgt.-at-Arms \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Jane Herrin  
Historian \_\_\_\_\_ Evelyn Peacher

Those eligible for and desiring membership in the Junior American Legion Auxiliary should call Mrs. L. A. Burns, 2-3980, or Mrs. Eddie Gambill, 4-3069, Junior Activity Chairmen from the Senior organization.

All eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary are hereby cordially solicited and invited to join. Mrs. J. B. Allred, unit president, 310 N. Santa Fe, phone 3-7408, Mrs. H. A. Pope, 227 E. Seminole Place, phone 2-1280 or Mrs. Eddie Gambill, 36 E. 16th, phone 4-3069,

will be glad to receive the dues, \$2.50, including the "National News, of all old and new members.

Mrs. H. Blair Lacy was elected president of the American Legion Auxiliary Past President's Parley at the annual meeting held in the Lacy home last week.

Other officers elected were Mrs. L. J. Mangan, vice president; Mrs. J. T. Turner, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Elmer Orr, parliamentarian.

Harry Pope, C. C. Johnston and Bob Brown accompanied Tulsa County Commander Floyd A. Long to install the officers in Tulsa Post No. 140 last week and they stated, "we had a good time and are looking forward to paying them another visit soon."

Department Commander Brad Risenenger was accompanied by Harry Pope and Floyd A. Long to Sapulpa to install their officers recently. They say hot dogs and beer were served after the meeting and that they were so warmly greeted that they intend making a return visit.

Only 88 Civil War veterans remain on the government pension rolls, according to the VA.

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All Members: Carson-Wilson Post 1

**Tulsa County Commander Announces Appointments**

A partial list of new appointments to the Tulsa County American Legion was released this week by its Commander, Floyd A. Long. The appointments are:

Clinton Bohannon, adjutant; Frank Crawley, service officer; Harry L. S. Halley, judge; Harry Pope, historian; C. M. Johnston, chaplain, and Ray Hillman, musician.

Other appointments will be made in the near future.

**THE STATE INSURANCE FUND**

W. G. TWYMAN, Commissioner  
 State Capitol  
 Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma  
 TO: All Policy Holders of the State Insurance Fund  
 SUBJECT: Employment of Physically Handicapped Veterans and Non-Veterans.

As one of our assured you have complied with the Workmen's Compensation Law.

Under the Act of a few years back you would be heavily penalized if you injured a physically handicapped employee. Therefore you hesitated to give such people employment. However, in 1943 the Legislature passed the Special Indemnity Fund Law or "Second Injury Fund Law" as it is sometimes called.

Under this Act you are protected from any excess loss for injury to a physically handicapped employee. In fact, your loss, which we assume and pay under terms of our policy, is limited to the cost of the last injury and any additional loss is paid by the Special Indemnity Fund.

The reason back of the passage of this law was to encourage you to give physically handicapped individuals a chance to earn their living and become independent and self-supporting citizens.

It has been definitely established that many physically handicapped individuals make most substantial and dependable employees.

**GIVE THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS A CHANCE WHENEVER POSSIBLE**

/s/ W. G. TWYMAN,  
 Commissioner.  
 State Insurance Group.

**First District Post Officers To Collinsville Conference**

The First District Post Officers Conference will be held on Monday, October 13, in the Legion Hut of Post No. 2 at Collinsville, it was announced by District Commander Milton Patrick. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of the First District Post Officers Conference is for all post officials and post committee chairmen to meet and exchange views on the procedures to follow in carrying on the Legion work, at the Post level, for 1948. The Post officers and committee chairmen of every Post in the First District should be present for this meeting. Department officials will be present to coordinate the work of all groups and to point out the goals of the Department for this year.

Post commanders and Post adjutants should put forth every effort to have a good representation from their respective Posts at this Conference. Be sure to keep in mind that this is not a District Convention, but a District Post Officers Conference. Programs and outlines will be furnished you at a later date.

The success of the work in our Post will depend, to a considerable degree, on the attendance that our Post has at this Conference. Department Commander Risinger and District Commander Patrick are exceedingly anxious that all Post officials and committee chairmen attend this meeting.

Twenty-five of the 58 departments of The American Legion established all-time high membership records during 1947.

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## Veterans Administration Reduces Tulsa Staff

A net Tulsa office loss of five employes in the nation-wide Veterans Administration retrenchment inaugurated in August was reported by John G. Lovejoy, branch chief. Service, he stressed, will not be impaired.

Lovejoy also got a new title with the October 1 changes. He's now "officer in charge" instead of "contact representative in charge."

Also, it's now plain Tulsa VA office instead of "sub-regional" office, as designated heretofore.

The Tulsa office now has 38 employes, including four at the Tulsa university guidance center and six in the state accrediting agency.

Principal losses were from the vocational rehabilitation-educational center. George B. Nelson recently was transferred here from the Muskogee regional office. Two contact representatives joined private concerns.

VA office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., week days, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Government insurance premiums are not accepted on Saturdays because of deposit problems.

## SIMPSON HONORED

Mr. Harry L. S. Halley, Commander, American Legion Post No. 1, 1120 East Eighth Street, Tulsa 5, Oklahoma.

Dear Commander:

Each year the National Commander of The American Legion presents cards of appreciation to the officers of Posts which attain or surpass the previous four year average of membership.

Although your Post did not reach that goal for 1947, one of your members made an outstanding record in membership, and in recognition of his service, National Commander Griffith has issued an appreciation card to J. Earl Simpson.

On behalf of Past Commander Griffith and Past Department Commander Chas. B. Duffy, I am asking that you present this card to Earl in appropriate ceremony before your entire Post, with the thanks and congratulations of National and Department for a job well done.

Very truly yours,  
ELMER L. FRAKER,  
Department Adjutant.

## Legion Party Touring France

PARIS, France. (ALPA) — Members of The American Legion party touring France have registered surprise over scenes of war devastation that greet them at every turn.

The American Legion party, led by Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith, made a three-day trip through Normandy beachheads, battlefields, battered towns and cemeteries. They were impressed by the fact that little restoration in the war swept localities has been accomplished. This was especially true at St. Lo and other points.

Highlighting the tour of the invasion beaches was the inauguration by the French Government of the first milestone of "Liberty Highway," marking the route of the late General George Patton's 3rd American Army's dash across France in freeing the country from Nazi occupation.

Following a whirl of receptions and other functions in Paris, The American Legion party left on a tour of World War I battlefields.

## Key Legion Meetings Set for Late October

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The working program of The American Legion for 1948 based on resolutions adopted by the 29th national convention in New York City will be mapped out during the national conferences of key Legionnaires here October 26 to November 1.

The conferences will bring hundreds of American Legion leaders from all over the nation and from outlying departments to national headquarters here.

First to meet will be the state commanders and adjutants whose sessions are scheduled for October

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## Guard - Reserve Merger Urged

Giving voice to opinions of many military observers in the Tulsa area Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, aide to President Truman and co-ordinator of veterans affairs, urged creation of a unified "citizen army" by merger of the national guard and organized reserve corps.

In an article in the current issue of the Reserve Officer, monthly magazine of the Reserve Officers Association, Gen. Vaughan said the nation should give her military leaders "the chance to do their best work by rejecting the principle of divided authority."

He sees the merger as the only logical sequence to recent so-called unification of the armed forces, but insisted that it must be solved separately.

"There are some," he pointed out, "who will say the citizen components cannot be merged. They cite the constitution to support this opinion because it permits the states to have a militia. The states do have that right but the constitution imposes no obligation upon the federal government to support or federalize such a militia."

Vaughan's plan would not affect naval and marine reserves since they have no state force counterpart. He declares the merger would be the second step in applying business organization to the military forces.

Many Tulsa military figures for some time have observed the theoretically parallel program of the guard and the army reserve and wondered when such a step might be taken.

The guard trains enlisted men as well as officers. The reserve is supposed to do the same but an enlisted program at this time appears distant. The guard could ably fill that need and at the same time would compensate the citizen soldier for his weekly drill time, an advantage not now available to reservists.

26, 27 and 28.

Most of the major national commissions, committees and boards of The American Legion will meet October 29 with some meetings starting on the 28th and others ending on the 30th.

The national executive committee will deliberate October 30, 31 and November 1.