



Department of Oregon

District 5

October Update 2018

Fall District 5 Meeting Slated for Saturday, October 6 in Bend

Stevens-Chute Post #4 and Auxiliary are hosting this meeting at The Collective building, 62070 SE 27th Street in Bend. (Just west of Wilco. Enter the building upstairs on the east side.)

Lunch will be provided by the Stevens-Chute Auxiliary with soups, sides and desserts being offered and requesting a \$5 donation.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 - 12:45, and meetings will begin at 1 p.m.

Legion Fall DEC Report

The Fall DEC meeting held Sept. 15-16 at Albany Post 10. The weekend consisted mostly of administrative tasks of updating and revising Codes of Procedures for the various Commissions and Committees that make up inner workings of the Department of Oregon and its programs and operations plus ratifying the changes and the Chair persons and members making up the Commissions and Committees. Not the most exciting tasks, but necessary never the less. One of the bright spots of the weekend was the reading of a resolution submitted by District 10 concerning the renaming of the VA Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC) in Bend, Oregon after World War II veteran and Medal of Honor recipient Robert D. Maxwell, a resident of the Bend area and a member of District 5, Stevens Chute (Bend) Post #4. Mr. Maxwell is America's oldest living Medal of Honor recipient. During the discussion of the resolution it was stated that Mr. Maxwell was not a resident of the State of Oregon when he was awarded the Medal, but it was pointed out that he has resided in Oregon since shortly after he was released from the Army. A vote on the resolution was taken by the Department Executive Committee and passed unanimously. The American Legion, Department of Oregon is directed to submit a letter of support to the Office of Oregon congressional representative, Greg Waldon in the renaming of the Bend CBOC.

I would like to point out that The Department of Oregon just made the September 12th 50% target date with a membership of 50.37%. District 5 came up a little short at 46.04%, putting us next to last in

the Department. The next target is 55%, due the 11th of October. If you have any membership that you haven't turned in, please get it in as soon as possible to make this target date goal. Remember it takes 8 business days for these members to show up when renewing on-line. That means they need to be sent No Later Than October 1st to be counted. If you have any renewals after this date, please mail them in to Department to have them counted.

Reminding you that October 6th is the District 5 meeting at Bend Post #4, 62070 SE 27th Street, Bend. Lunch, 11:30-12:30 and Meetings beginning @ 1:00 PM. Looking forward to seeing Legionnaires from all the District Posts attending. Thanks for all that you do.

Greg Marvin, District 5 Commander



Department Declares Viking Wars

Some of our Department of Oregon officers have close genealogical ties to Norway, so they have challenged the Legion and Auxiliary to wage Viking Wars for membership goals this year. The winning Commander or President will be treated to dinner at a fine Scandinavian restaurant and the loser will eat some lutefisk at convention...not a pleasant thought!

Auxiliary Fall DEC Doings

New Department President Krisann Owens delivered on her promise to look forward to a great year in ALA and to have some fun at the same time.

Saturday's sessions were full of good information, ideas and suggestions to help our Units be the best we can be.

Units were encouraged to have one member signed up on National ALA's site with ALAMIS, to know current membership records and contact information. The fee is \$10 per year.

Units should have updated their constitution and bylaws after massive changes at Dept. last year. All Units are asked to mail a copy of their constitution and bylaws to Dept. Parliamentarian Ardis Snyder at PO Box 93, Sherwood, OR 97140 for review.

Donations for Christmas Gift shop are needed NOW. Also "Christmas Cheer," and "Check a Month". Be sure to use donation forms for in-kind items to make sure credit is given to Unit and Dept. (VA Homes and Hospitals do not need knitted caps at this time.)

Housekeeping for our meetings was discussed:

*Check your agenda basics, ALA is for "God and Country"- prayer should be before the Pledge.

*In Preamble, it is the "accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the American Legion", not "accomplishmentS."

*Be careful with acronyms...ALA, TAL, SAL, VA&R., etc. Be sure to use them correctly and take a moment at meetings to explain them as newer members may not know what they mean.



Jean Barlow donated her husband's American Legion string tie, asking a minimum of \$40 for ALA. Dept. members in attendance called for the tie to be auctioned and the funds to go to The Dalles Christmas Gift Shop. Linda Hellickson bought it for \$80. Thank you, Jean and Linda!

What's Happening in District 5??!!

Unit #48 in Warm Springs has been raising funds and providing food stuffs for a local veteran whose home burned recently. They also gave info to veterans on Native American Veteran Home Loan Program.

Unit #29 in Prineville reports donating \$200 to the fire victim, \$300 in school supplies, purchased a microwave and small refrigerator to a veteran who rents a room with no access to a kitchen. They met with their Post for 2019 goal setting, and are holding their annual hotdog/bake sale fundraiser at the end of Sept.

Tentatively Scheduled DEC and District 5 Meetings

Following is the tentative schedule of the DEC meetings and our D5 meetings for the rest of the year, pending the setting of Department calendar.

Jan. 18-19	DEC - TBD
Feb. 2	Dist. 5 - John Sloss #125, Madras
Mar. 16???	Dist. 5 - Crook Co. Round UP, Prineville
Apr. 19-20	DEC - TBD
May 2	Dist. 5 - Eugene Green #48, Warm Sprgs

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Please see your Post Commander or Unit President for this information.

Please submit your pix and events for the next newsletter to Cdr. Greg or Pres. Yvonne!