



Department of Oregon

District 5

May Update 2019

DISTRICT 5 CAUCUSES SET FOR MAY 4 IN WARM SPRINGS

Be sure to come for lunch, as we will have a rare treat with Indian tacos, featuring fry bread “shells” and chili, and paper products being provided by Unit 48.

The “fixings” are potluck, and attendees are asked to bring one of the following: shredded lettuce, cabbage or cheese, chopped tomatoes, guacamole, salsa, or chips, etc. Donations for the fry bread and chili will also be appreciated.

Caucuses will be the business at hand for both the Legion and the Auxiliary, so if you want to run for District 5 office, come prepared with a letter of endorsement. Dept. officer nominations will also be discussed as well as any resolutions that will be brought up at Dept. Convention in June.

Location: Warm Springs Presbyterian Church,
1141 Warm Springs Street, Warm Springs, OR.

11:30 a.m. - Lunch

1 p.m. - Legion and Auxiliary meetings

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I am sure that all the Posts have received their packets from Department containing the Annual Report forms, the Convention Registration forms and the trophies and awards booklet. Post Commanders and Adjutants please note the dates that these forms need to be received by Department and try and complete these forms and send them in. One form, **The Annual Post Data Report** needed to be received by Department by **April 15, 2019**. This report is one of the most important forms as it contains information about the Post dues for the 2019-2020 membership year as well as the address the renewal notices need to be mailed to. A number of Posts have the renewals sent to a Post Officer that is no longer active in the Post. The renewals are no longer forwarded to the Post, resulting in memberships not being renewed. You can see the problems this can cause. Please update and return this form to Department as soon as possible.

Another form, the **Confidential List Report** is used to compile and update information in the Confiden-

tial List with Post contact information of the Post Commander and Adjutant and Post. Without this information Department has no way of being certain that information is being received by the Post. Please complete this form even if you have the same Officers and contact information by **May 15, 2019**.

Most Posts are currently having Post elections of Officers and even if you retain the same **Officers the Post Officers Installation & Certification of Service Record of American Legion Officials form must be completed**. Please note that DD214 forms must be sent to Department as required by National. Note that Installations must be done by a Past or Present District Commander or Department Officer. I am available to do this ceremony or if someone in your Post can do this, that works too. If you have someone else, please send me a copy of the installation form.

Upcoming events in District 5:

Eugene “Cougar” Greene, Sr. (Warm Springs) Post 48 will be having their 4th Annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade and Expo April 27, 2019 in Warm Springs, OR. For more Information Contact: www.WSala48.org or call 541 460-8212.

District 5 American Legion and American Legion Auxilliary District Meeting/Caucus May 4, 2019 will be hosted by Eugene “Cougar” Greene, Sr. (Warm Springs) Post and Unit 48. Meeting will be held at: Warm Springs Presbyterian Church, 1141 Warm Springs St., Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. Lunch will be at 11:30 and meetings will begin at 1:00 PM.

Thank you for your Service.

Greg Marvin, District5 Commander

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I can't believe how fast this year has flown by, and we are nearing our last District meetings with Department Convention is just around the corner!

Remember all your **supplemental reports** and entries for various awards are due to the Dept. Committee Chairman by **May 1, 2019**. Reporting doesn't have to be fancy, just submitted. A quick email to the Chairman will suffice. Each unit received all the bulletins for the programs, and the emails for the chairmen is found on each bulletin.

Even if your Unit did not do a program, please report that to the Chairman as well. These ladies have given of their time and energy to support our programs, and they very much need and appreciate your input.

Be sure to **write your Unit history** for 2018-19 year, which is very important for those members who follow you in the years to come. While you're at it, send a copy to the Department Historian, Phyllis McDaniel by May 1.

I promised at the last District 5 meeting to inform you of my project this year. Homelessness for veterans is a tough life during our cold winter months, and **Central Oregon Veterans Outreach**, located in Bend, offers the most assistance for our homeless veterans living in camps, bringing them food, clothing, blankets, tents, tarps, propane, and many other items to keep them safe and warm despite the elements.

I thank Hood River Unit #22 for their donation given at the last District 5 meeting.

Yvonne Drury, District 5 President

NOTES FROM DEC MEETING

Hosted earlier this month by LaPine Post and Unit #45, the meetings were well attended, the food was good, and the company was excellent!

Auxiliary workshops on Saturday included a discussion on the possibility of adjusting the "objectives" for membership of each Unit. With the current numbers being impossible to attain, the Units become discouraged.

Membership Chairman, Gea Clausier, explained the importance all applications and transmittals for all new members and renewals being complete, to prevent delay at Dept. in processing. Always enter all Unit information on the transmittal. Applications need complete name and address, and if illegible, add notes to ensure correct spelling. Payment must be included, and a Legion officer **MUST** sign the application.

Turn in applications and transmittals as they come in or at least weekly, rather than bunching them and saving them for a later date.

Bonding at \$5.50 per Unit must be paid to Department annually. I have contacted those Units not in compliance at this time.

COLLEGE SET FOR JULY

American Legion, ALA, and SAL will hold a joint College July 13-14 in Canby, to present programs of each group for better understanding between the groups. A video of the event will be available through Department after the event. More information to come.



DISTRICT 5, UNIT 4 HOST NATIONAL ALA PRESIDENT (l. to r.) PDP/District 5 VP Louise Carter, District 5 Chaplain Susan Guerin, District 5 President Yvonne Drury, Unit 48 member Aurolyn Stwyer, Unit 4 President Katie Terry, Nat'l ALA President Kathy Dungan and Department President Krisann Owens

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