



# THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



## Department of Oregon District 5 September Update 2019

### ***DISTRICT 5 CELEBRATES MEMBER OF THE YEAR***

Every year at the Department Convention, a Member of the Year is selected; someone who has held no office above Unit President, but is a dedicated worker for her Unit.

2019 Member of the Year is Edna Redhead, a member of Crook County Unit #29. Edna has worked tirelessly on projects and her Unit is very proud of her, as are we of District 5.



### ***COMMANDER'S MESSAGE***

Greetings Legion Family:

Here we are a new Legion year has begun. I am honored to be the new (again) District 5 Commander, thank you all for your support.

I have talked with the District President Yvonne Drury, and I have been approached by Legion Auxiliary members in regards the Winter District meeting usually held in January or the first of February. The discussion being not having winter District 5 meeting because of the unknown weather conditions during that time of the year.

So here is our District 5 meeting schedule:

October 12, 2019 - Ray Johnson Post #44, Redmond

March 21 or 28, 2020 - Crook County Round Up

May 2, 2020 - Location TBD

All meetings will start at 1300 hrs with lunch being served at 11:30 by the auxiliary. A donation for the meal will be appreciated.

As noted the locations for 10/12/19 and 05/02/20 are still to be decided. If you have a Post and Auxiliary that are interested in providing a place and meal for the District 5 meetings let either Yvonne Drury or myself know and we will be in touch and most

grateful.

I want all the Posts in District 5 to make sure that they let me know by the 25th of each month what their coming activities are for the following month are so I can put that information in the Legionnaire each month and make a report to the Department Commander on what our District is up to. I know all of the Posts are active and we want the entire State of Oregon to know that also.

The American Legion College held at Canby Post 122 was very well attended. I wish to express gratitude to all involved on putting the Collage together. The instructors, PDC's, the Auxiliary, Post 122, all helpers, it was one of the best Colleges that I have attended AND I LEARNED A FEW DOZEN DIFFERENT THINGS. THANKS TO ALL.

Our officers on the Post side this year are:

Side Carter, 1st Vice Commander of the South, (not sure), 1st Vice Commander of the North; Eva Summers, Adjutant; John Reich, Judge Advocate; Lance Trowbridge, Chaplain; Sergeant-at-Arms Phyllis York and Robert Huntington. Thank you for stepping up.

Time to start working on membership, POW/MIA Ceremony in September and start planning Veterans Day activities.

Speaking of Membership. Greg Marvin is the District Membership Chairman, so all will be hearing from him. Thank you for serving as District 5 Commander, Greg. You will be missed in the Commanders position by all.....till next time, be happy and well.

*Vandee Mauser, District 5 Commander*

### ***DEC AND DISTRICT 5 CALENDAR***

Oct. 5-6	Fall DEC meetings at Lebanon
Oct. 12	Fall District 5 meetings at Redmond
Nov. 30	Veteran Home Christmas Gift Shop
January	Winter DEC to be announced.
January	NO winter District 5 meetings
March	District 5 meeting at Crook County Round Up, date to be announced

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Off and running for 2019-2020 year! We are excited with our new leadership in Department and a change at headquarters with Cindy Hillyard now full-time as Administrative Assistant.

The membership year is also upon us, so it is time to start asking for member renewals and looking for new members to make our 2019-2020 a rousing success! Plan some special events to focus on membership, or have special fun and rewards at meetings for early renewals.

Note, too, when you are working membership, that the male spouses of female veterans and service members are now eligible to join ALA. Do you have any dual members who have spouses that might want to join our mission to support our veterans?

Check the calendar on page 1 for dates of DEC's and District meetings. We like to make our District meetings fun and informative - worth your while to attend, so please plan on being there and bring some of your members who might enjoy sharing new ideas to keep our Unit meetings and events fresh. Who doesn't need some new ideas???

Dept. VP Kathi Karnowski, Dept. Treasurer Karen Banks and I met with The Dalles Unit #19 on Sept. 14, to offer our support at revitalization of their Unit. Happily, new officers were installed and they have some great ideas for future success of the Unit, together with their Post and SAL detachment.

If you have an Abby's Pizza in your area, ask them about their program to partner with non-profit organizations. They have a good program, and it is easy - just invite your members, friends and community to attend and raise funds for your Unit.

*Yvonne Drury, District 5 President*

## ***IF YOU MISSED IT ON DEPT OF OREGON ALA WEBPAGE:***

### **PDP Cheryl Park elected National Officer**

Past Department President Cheryl Park was elected and installed as Western Division National Vice President at the 2019 national convention.

### **Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary now open to male spouses of U.S. veterans and servicemembers—8/30/19—INDIANAPOLIS**

— The American Legion has voted to extend membership in the American Legion Auxiliary to male spouses of U.S. veterans and service members.

During The American Legion National Conven-

tion in Indianapolis in August, delegates of The American Legion voted to replace the word "wife" with "spouse" in their constitution and bylaws, opening up membership in the ALA.

## **DONT LIKE TO DRIVE IN THE SNOW?**

After a few concerns expressed by our District 5 officers and Unit Presidents who travel to District meetings, we at District 5 have opted to forego the January meetings. Weather in Central Oregon can be so "iffy" and slick, dangerous roads are a very big factor for us all.

So, in January, stay home, stay warm, and we will keep you updated via phone and email as issues of importance come to our attention.

We are here for you, so never hesitate to contact us!

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