



What's Happening

APRIL 2020

Monthly Newsletter

It's hard to believe how fast our world has changed in just a few weeks and continues to change daily. I hope this finds you and your families well and in good health. These are very trying times for everyone.

Let's make sure that we are reaching out to our members to make sure they are ok and if they might be in need to some help.

APRIL – Children and Youth Month. The Children & youth Program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of Veterans and Military families, and their families. April is the month of the military child. April 15th is wear Purple in honor of Purple up for Military kids. Reminder that your year end report is due to Bobbi Pebbler by May 1st.

Officer Elections – Unfortunately due to the current circumstances Round-up had to be canceled. This year we have the following positions up for election. President, Vice Pres., NEC and Alternate NEC. If you are interested in running, for one of these positions, you will need to be endorsed and an endorsement letter needs to be sent to Department Headquarter, Department Officers and District Presidents. Remember, you can not endorse a candidate without their consent.

DEPARTMENT Reminders:

Email addresses for Department – If you are using the officemanager@alaoregon.org email address, it is no longer being monitored. PLEASE use one of the following alamembership@alaoregon.org or alaor@alaoregon.org.

Unit Elections – Things are a little more challenging this year. Units can elect to do a mail in ballot vote as an option. Some may decide to postpone until May or June. Please keep your District President and Department informed of what is happening. When you do hold your elections, please be sure to send the new officer installation report into Department either by email or mail. If you are not changing officers, still be sure to send in the form. If you need someone to do your installation, contact your District President or Department.

Unit Data Forms – Unit data forms were due April 1st. If your unit still has not completed the form, please do this ASAP and get this submitted to Department. If I do not hear from you by end of day this Friday, you can expect to get a call from myself or your District President. The report is for what your unit dues will be for the 2021 membership year. Even if your unit is not changing the amount, this still needs to be completed and returned. We encourage units to have their dues mailed to the post mailing address whenever possible.

Membership – Department is well aware that Post are close at these point in time. Several of you have the membership sent directly to your residents. Some of you still have Post that are doing take out orders, which means there is still access to getting membership. Call and encourage your members to pay online. Please don't hold onto membership. If someone has paid their dues, be sure to get that sent into Department.

Girls State Applications – Currently Girls State has not been canceled. We should be making a decision

or have some options in the very near future. If you have any application, please let us know.

RAFFLES – We have three quilts that we will be raffling off at Department Convention. Tickets will soon be available from your District Presidents, at DEC and at Convention. Proceeds will go towards the Department President and Commander project of Children and Youth.

We also have ticket package to the St. Paul Rodeo. 4 tickets to the July 4th Patriots Night Performance. Proceeds with support our American Legion Auxiliary Programs.

DEC – April 4th -5th in LaPine

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 the DEC in LaPine has been canceled.

DISTRICT 1

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday May 2nd at Aloha Post 104.

DISTRICT 2

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Sunday April 26th at Carlton Post 173.

DISTRICT 3

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday May 9th at Eugene Post 3.

DISTRICT 4

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday April 18th at Grants Pass Post 28.

DISTRICT 5

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday May 2nd at Redmond 44.

DISTRICT 6

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday May 16th Ontario Post 67

Unit 24 – American Legion Auxiliary celebrating 100 years. Has moved the date from April 25th to June 20th at 5:30 at the American Legion Hall, 848 NE 8th Avenue, Milton-Freewater. Call (541) 234-4083 for more information or to reserve your spot.

DISTRICT 8

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday May 19th at Portland Post 1.

DISTRICT 9

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday June 9th at North Bend Post 34.

DISTRICT 10

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday May 16th Ontario Post 67

Caucus Dates – These dates are all tentative based on our current situation. As we have more information, we will be sure to share that with you.

VA Rose Festival - Rose Court Visit

The Portland Rose Festival has postponed the event until possibly August. We will update you as we have more information.

40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Portland July 3-8, 2020

The Wheelchair Games will be held during our National Commander's visit in July. Volunteers are welcome to sign up to help for the games.

To volunteer, email NVWG2020Volunteer@va.gov



Upcoming 2020 Dates:

May 11-13 – National President visit TBD

June 24-28 – State Convention at Seven Feathers

July 3-8 – National Veteran Wheelchair Games

Stay Safe, Stay Home, help save lives. Take time to call family, friends, neighbors, members and our Veterans. See if there is anything you can do to help them out.